



# LOUISIANA FirstNet

Building a **dedicated public safety broadband network** across the nation.

# What Can Data Do?

## SPOC Update

Hurricane Katrina is a name that will always be a part of our Louisiana history. With the commemoration of its 10-year anniversary, we are ever mindful that **in times of emergency**, the mission of public safety and first responders takes on a **heightened level of importance**, as they rely on **critical information and communications** to safeguard life and property. I am proud to represent Louisiana as FirstNet prepares to provide a **nationwide dedicated public safety broadband network** that will serve our first responders for years to come.



## Did you know?

The Broadband Working Group was created by LA FirstNet to help identify **coverage priorities** and provide **input** into **capacity planning** for the phased buildout of the NPSBN.

Members include representatives from police, ambulance/emergency medical services providers, parish GIS experts, deputy sheriffs, IT professionals, and emergency managers.

The working group has identified coverage priorities that include: **evacuation routes, crash locations, shelter locations, hospitals, correctional facilities, navigable waterways, ports, hazardous materials routes**, among **MANY others**.

What are your priorities? **Let us know today!**

## What's NEW with



**Your voice is being heard!** Thank you to the **97 agencies** who have completed a FirstNet survey as of the date of this newsletter. If your agency has not filled out a survey yet – **DO SO TODAY!** Make sure FirstNet has the most **up to date information** about your agency so they can plan for the buildout of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). Access the **survey** here: <http://firstnet.louisiana.gov/survey/>

Instructions are available at this [link](#) and will guide you through the short process. The survey takes **less than 10 minutes** to complete and the instructions provide a step-by-step process to gather information.



[Click to download](#) the MDST job aid.

**Step 1:** Download the survey and gather the **information** you will need to complete it.

**Step 2:** With the information you gather in hand, proceed to the MDST and **complete** the survey.

**Step 3:** If you need **assistance** contact us at [firstnet@la.gov](mailto:firstnet@la.gov) or call us at 225-925-7500



## What's New with



The FirstNet Board announced the **restructuring** of its senior management positions to more closely align with its mission and operating model by **creating** the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** and **President** titles and appointing technology executive and former police captain **Michael Poth** as the new **CEO** of FirstNet. **TJ Kennedy**, who as Acting Executive Director has been successfully leading FirstNet during its startup phase, is functioning in the role of **President**.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker named four leading experts on public safety, wireless broadband communications, and state and local government to serve three-year terms on the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Board. **Kevin McGinnis** and **Annise Parker** were both reappointed to the Board and the Board welcomed new members, **Neil Cox** and **Edward Horowitz**.

## Coming NEXT!

West Baton Rouge Parish Outreach Meeting:  
**September 9, 2015**

Iberville Parish Outreach Meeting:  
**September 24, 2015**

FirstNet Board Meeting, Reston, Virginia:  
**October 1 and 2, 2015**

State Point of Contact Meeting, Denver, Colorado:  
**October 6 thru 8, 2015**

FirstNet Board Meeting, Houston, Texas:  
**December 8 and 9, 2015**



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