



Louisiana FirstNet

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FirstNet in Louisiana

- Louisiana applied for and received funding for State **planning, outreach** and **data collection** through the State + Local Grant Implementation Program (SLIGP)



Louisiana FirstNet/SLIGP Structure

- State Point of Contact (SPOC)
Col. Mike Edmonson
(Appointed by the Governor)
- SLIGP Grant Recipient
Office of State Police
- Grant Administrator
GOHSEP



Louisiana FirstNet/SLIGP Staffing

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- **Christina Dayries:** Grant Administration
- **Allison McLeary:** Program Manager
- **Jeya Selvaratnam:** Technology Consultant
- **Brad Smith:** Outreach Coordinator
- **Travis Johnson:** Technology Specialist
- **Jeffrey Salter:** Technology Specialist



SLIGP Funding

- **\$135 million shared nationwide** through **SLIGP**
 - SLIGP efforts are funded through February, 2018
 - Outreach, education, and data collection activities are authorized





SLIGP Funding

- **GRANT: 80% Federal 20% State match**
 - Federal share: **\$1.9M**
 - State share: **\$480K**
 - Total: **\$2.4M**



Funding

- Funding is provided through the **spectrum auctions.**
- Implementation funds are available until **Sept. 30, 2022.**
- Network is to be **self sustaining** upon expending a total of over **\$7 billion.**



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Outreach

- Parish First Responder meetings
- Member Associations
- Group Conferences
- Tribal Meetings
- Website + Social Media



Outreach

- Committed to at LEAST one meeting in every parish before the end of 2015
- Most parishes will see multiple meetings throughout the course of the SLIGP effort



Outreach

- **January through May 1, 2015:**
 - 569 stakeholders reached in person
 - 10 parish meetings held, 36 more scheduled
 - 1 Tribal Meeting
 - 3 governance meetings, including 1 BBSC



Outreach

- **January through May 1, 2015:**
 - **OHSEP Director's Conference**
 - **GIS Council**
 - **Fire Council**
 - **La. APCO/NENA Annual Conference**
 - **Ambulance Alliance Quarterly Meeting**





Outreach

- **January through May 1, 2015:**
 - LSP Statewide Command Staff Meeting
 - Acadian Ambulance
 - NG-911 planners
 - Individual fire chiefs and sheriffs



Outreach

- **Represented Louisiana at:**
 - IWCE
 - Texas and New York state Initial Consultations
 - APCO Broadband Summit
 - SPOC meeting



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About FirstNet

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), is an independent organization created by Congress to cost-effectively create a nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. Using dedicated spectrum, when complete, the nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) will provide first responders and other public safety personnel a single interoperable platform for emergency and daily public safety communications.

Background

Following the tragic events on September 11, 2001, the 9/11 Commission recommended the establishment of a nationwide, interoperable public safety communications network to resolve communications challenges faced by emergency responders. They found that during emergencies, public safety personnel need access to a robust network able to freely share information between different groups of public safety entities with priority over civilian users of that network.

Authorities

To address these issues, when Congress passed the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, it included provisions to allocate critical radio spectrum to public safety and to create both:

- Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)
- First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet).

The NPSBN will be the first nationwide, high-speed broadband network dedicated to public safety.

FirstNet is responsible for the development, deployment and maintenance of the NPSBN. Using nationwide 700 MHz spectrum, FirstNet will end decades-long interoperability and communications challenges, helping to keep our communities and emergency responders safer.

Congress also dedicated up to \$7 billion construction of the FirstNet network.

Federal Govern

FirstNet is an independent authority of Commerce (DOC), organized under Telecommunications and Informatics. It has a mandate to provide services for public safety.

FirstNet is governed by a 15-member Board of Representatives from public safety, local and the wireless industry. Members list commitment to serving public safety.



State Governan

Louisiana FirstNet is under the general Statewide Interoperability Executive Broadband Subcommittee - composed of professionals and the Louisiana FirstNet.

Created by the Louisiana Homeland Security and Disaster Relief Act, Louisiana Disaster Relief Act to design, construct, administer and maintain a communications system with capacity to support full response to statewide and local needs are identified and shared with stakeholders in Louisiana and to interface with the national network of both voice and data.

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The State single point of contact (SPOC) is Colonel Michael Edmonson, Superintendent – Louisiana State Police and Deputy Secretary – Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services.



SIEC Membership

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) membership is composed of all appropriate first responder and support organizations and includes:

Neal Underwood
Louisiana Division of Administration

Major Alan Dunn
Louisiana National Guard

Sheriff Ricky Edwards (Retired)
Louisiana Sheriff's Association

Mike Knaps
Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police

Chief Robert Benoit
Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association

Richard "Dick" Grenville
Regional Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Directors Committee

Lieutenant Colonel Adam White
Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services

Vacant Position
Louisiana Governor's Office of Internal Affairs

Bill Vincent
Louisiana Association of Public Safety Communications Officials

John Taylor
Louisiana Ambulance Alliance

Aaron Miller
Region 1

Billie Girard
Region 2



Chair - Christopher Guilbeaux
Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.



William "Wes" Edge
Region 7



Sean Christian
Region 8



Merrick Tassin
Region 9



Chair - Lieutenant Colonel Adam White
Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services

Broadband Subcommittee

Aaron Miller
City of New Orleans

William Daniel
City/Parish of East Baton Rouge

Chief Robert Benoit
Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association

Christina Daynes
Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Neal Underwood
Louisiana Division of Administration

What Can Data Do?

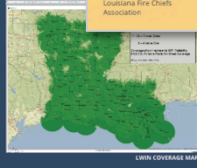


Building a dedicated public safety broadband network across the Nation.

Louisiana is already half way there.

Louisiana is on the leading edge of emergency and disaster response communications. We have ALREADY invested heavily in voice technology through the creation of the Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN). The National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) provides us an opportunity to also provide seamless and dedicated data sharing, including high-speed video, location data, telemedicine, document sharing and applications during an emergency or disaster.

We will be fully prepared to provide the latest technologies to public safety agencies and organizations across the State by adding seamless data communications to work alongside our existing LWIN systems.



News + Events

Look for announcements regarding outreach activities and events. As they are scheduled, activities and events will be posted to the calendar on firstnet.louisiana.gov. There will also be other ways to participate through survey tools and data-collection initiatives.

To stay up-to-date on FirstNet activities, public safety personnel can also track progress at firstnet.gov and the Louisiana FirstNet site firstnet.louisiana.gov.





Outreach

- **January through May 1, 2015:**
- **Follow us! @LAFirstNet**
 - 165 Tweets
 - 108 Followers





Twitter interface for Louisiana FirstNet. The header features the "FirstNet" logo and a blue banner with various icons (cross, gear, music, Aa, camera, mail, globe, Wi-Fi) and a smartphone. The profile information includes the Louisiana state map logo and the text "LOUISIANA FirstNet".

Statistics: TWEETS 149, FOLLOWING 97, FOLLOWERS 101, FAVORITES 3, LISTS 2. A "Follow" button is present.

Navigation tabs: Tweets, Tweets & replies, Photos & videos.

Recent tweets:

- Retweeted by Louisiana FirstNet: **NOPD @NOPDNews** · Apr 25
 .@KeithUrban at @jazzfest: "The police are doing a great job!" #NOPD #GetBehindTheBadge
 Includes a video from Keith Urban @KeithUrban: ".@jazzfest you guys are always AMAZING to us down here! - KU #JazzFest2015 amp.twimg.com/v/008a6e3b-f38..."
- Retweeted by Louisiana FirstNet: **APCO Gov't Relations @GRO_APCO** · Apr 24
 View @FirstNetGov presentation on proposed acquisition approach here: firstnet.gov/sites/default/...; draft RFP to be issued Monday
- Retweeted by Louisiana FirstNet: **FirstNet @FirstNetGov** · Apr 24
 #FirstNet Board Approves Release of Draft RFP documents. Third Public

Bottom section: "Don't miss any updates from Louisiana FirstNet" with a text input field for "Full name".



Outreach

- **January through May 1, 2015:**
 - **FirstNet.Louisiana.gov**
 - **Launched a website, which continues to be developed**
 - **Includes event calendar**
 - **Request a speaker**



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State Decision Process

FirstNet will collaborate with state to develop a RAN plan that meets their needs

Consultation

- Regional Workshops
- State Visits
- Ongoing Dialogue

Accept FirstNet Plan

FirstNet builds the RAN

RFP Process

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RFP Process

NTIA and the



Accept FirstNet Plan

FirstNet builds the RAN

Opt Out

State seeks approval to construct its own RAN

State Requirements:

- Submit alternate plan to FCC and gain FCC approval
- Complete an RFP
- May apply for grant funding from NTIA

- Must apply to NTIA to lease FirstNet spectrum
- State RAN must connect to the FirstNet Core
- State must pay user fees to FirstNet



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