



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – February 16, 2016

FirstNet News

- Mark your calendars for the Spring 2016 SPOC Meeting on April 12-13, 2016, at the Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner in McLean, VA. A detailed agenda and registration information is coming soon. Please hold off in making hotel arrangements until we provide room block information.
- Last week, FirstNet released a [video](#) outlining its plans and priorities for the consultation program in 2016. It was developed to assist states and territories with their outreach efforts around FirstNet consultation.
- The User Advocacy team continued SPOC kick-off meetings last week to align state/territory and FirstNet priorities for consultation and outreach in 2016. The team held SPOC kick-off meetings with Oregon, Tennessee, the Northern Mariana Islands and Pennsylvania and held discussions with state representatives in Arizona, California, Georgia, Iowa and Delaware. This week, the team will meet with Illinois, Guam, Maine, New Jersey, American Samoa, South Dakota, Nebraska and Vermont.
- Last week, FirstNet posted two new entries on its blog: [FirstNet Staff attends training at Center for Domestic Preparedness](#) and [Tech Talk: FirstNet's Focus on Standards Development](#). All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.
- This week, FirstNet is speaking at the North Country Interoperability Consortium meeting in Falls, Vermont; the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) 2016 Federal Network Conference in Tysons, Virginia; the Nebraska Governance meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska; the 2016 State EMS Association Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; the National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Conference in Washington, DC; and the National Association of Counties (NACO) 2016 Legislative conference also in Washington, DC.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- Last week, Senior 9-1-1 Advisor Bill Hinkle facilitated a number of in-person meetings in Washington, DC with 9-1-1 stakeholders, including: the National Emergency Number Association (NENA); the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau; the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; the National 911 Program Office and the NG9-1-1 Institute. The engagements resulted in strengthened relationships with these

organizations' leadership and mutual interests in promoting interconnectivity between the FirstNet network and NG9-1-1.

- The PSAC continues weekly conference call meetings with the ICAM and Local Control Task Teams.

Media Watch

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RCR Wireless News: Super Bowl gives public safety a glimpse of FirstNet

<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20160209/network-infrastructure/lte/super-bowl-gives-public-safety-glimpse-of-firstnet-tag6>

FirstNet's LTE network for public safety is getting some early use at major sporting events, with small-scale temporary deployments that are giving first responders a taste of what it's like to have their own cellular network amid heavy traffic on commercial carriers.

Urgent Communications: Federal lawmakers highlight FirstNet's cybersecurity needs during hearing

<http://urgentcomm.com/cybersecurity/federal-lawmakers-highlight-firstnet-s-cybersecurity-needs-during-hearing>

FirstNet should take measures to ensure that its nationwide public-safety broadband network is not victimized by the kind of data breaches and cyberattacks that have plagued other federal-government entities, several members of a House subcommittee said during a hearing.

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: Super Bowl City Hosts Live Public-Safety LTE Demo Network

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13910>

A 700 MHz band 14 supplier deployed a live public-safety Long Term Evolution (LTE) network for Super Bowl City, an area in San Francisco hosting exhibits, concerts and public entertainment. Parallel Wireless received a special temporary authority (STA) from the FCC and the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to deploy the network, which connects to the evolved packet core (EPC) in Harris County, Texas.

Urgent Communications: Mexico seeks bids for nationwide 700 MHz wholesale LTE network to serve competitive market, public safety

<http://urgentcomm.com/long-term-evolution/mexico-seeks-bids-nationwide-700-mhz-wholesale-lte-network-serve-competitive-mar>

Add Mexico to the list of countries that soon could leverage LTE technology to meet the communication needs of its public-safety entities, although first responders are just one of many groups to be served under the new Red Compartida tender for a wholesale LTE network operated on 90 MHz of spectrum in the 700 MHz band...Rivada Networks CEO

Declan Ganley said that Mexico's wholesale buildout and open-access market structure is "right up our alley," as the model fits his company's dynamic spectrum arbitrage technology and business model. Rivada Networks intends to bid for Red Compartida, as well as the public-safety-oriented FirstNet request for proposal (RFP) in the U.S., the RFP recently released by the state of New Hampshire and other LTE initiatives around the world that may overlap.

Homeland Security Today: FirstNet Achieves Major Milestone towards Nationwide Network for First Responders

<http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/firstnet-achieves-major-milestone-towards-nationwide-network-for-first-responders/a661e13f6a0b205ee76ab313b7047895.html>

House lawmakers held a hearing earlier this week to discuss the First Responder Network Authority's (FirstNet) progress in the deployment of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) in light of its recent Request for Proposal (RFP), which marked a major step forward in FirstNet's efforts to modernize communications for first responders.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media accounts were steadily active this week. Twitter now has 3,198 followers; LinkedIn jumped to 1,388 followers; YouTube has 220 subscribers; and Google+ has 64 users.