



## **First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – October 14, 2014**

### **FirstNet News**

- The deadline to respond to both the [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) and the [Public Notice](#) has been extended to October 27.
- FirstNet conducted the third state consultation meeting in Oregon on October 8 with nearly 90 state and local public safety representatives from across the state, including Steve Noel, the Oregon SPOC. This meeting laid a strong foundation for a continued relationship with our public safety stakeholders in Oregon. The meeting included a robust dialog about FirstNet, our acquisition planning, and our consultation process. Read more on the FirstNet blog: <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-initial-consultation-meeting-oregon>
- The FirstNet CTO and Deputy CTO attended the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) National Strategy Summit on October 8-9.
- FirstNet presented at the West Virginia State Interoperable Radio (SIRN) conference on October 6 and at the Colorado APCO/NENA conference on October 9. FirstNet also visited with the project managers for the Adcom 911 BTOP project.
- The next consultation meetings will be October 16 in Washington; October 29 in Montana; November 6 in Utah; November 18 in Iowa; and December 12 in Florida.

### **From the States and PSAC Organizations**

- FirstNet is presenting at the Idaho Public Safety Technologies Summit in Boise, Idaho on October 14.

### **Media Watch**

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#### *Traditional Media*

This past week, we saw a blog published on Urgent Communications' website that references issues brought up in an article from McClatchy News several weeks ago. You can find the article on the Urgent Communication website:

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/firstnet-not-master-its-own-fate>

#### **FedScoop: FirstNet facing Commercial Device Reality, but Market and Security Concerns Persist (10/9/14)**

Most commercial smartphones don't allow users to access the public safety spectrum. The First Responder Network Authority, the independent federal organization tasked by Congress to build a nationwide public safety broadband network for first responders, may be leaning toward allowing commercial mobile devices on the network once it is built, FedScoop has learned. <http://fedscoop.com/firstnet-facing-commercial-device-reality-but-security-concerns-persist/>

#### **TR Daily (Summary): FirstNet Extends RFI Comment Deadline (10/8/14)**

The First Responder Network Authority has extended by 10 days the deadline for comments on a comprehensive network solution request for information (RFI). The new deadline is Oct. 27.

#### **California Newswire: California Bill to Facilitate Texting to 911, Modernize Emergency Communications Signed into Law – SB 1211 (10/8/14)**

Calif. Gov. Brown this past week signed Senate Bill 1211, authored by Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima). The bill moves California another step closer to enable citizens to text to 911 for emergency assistance by establishing a transparent and efficient process for funding essential upgrades to the state's 911 public safety communications systems. The bill goes into effect on January 1, 2015...The bill also helps California leverage the federal funds it has begun to receive for FirstNet, a new public safety broadband network that federal law directs should be integrated with the 911 system.

[http://californianewswire.com/2014/10/08/CNW21448\\_104119.php/california-bill-to-facilitate-texting-to-911-modernize-emergency-communications-signed-into-law-sb-1211/](http://californianewswire.com/2014/10/08/CNW21448_104119.php/california-bill-to-facilitate-texting-to-911-modernize-emergency-communications-signed-into-law-sb-1211/)

#### **Radio Resource Media Group: Q&A with FirstNet's Acting General Manager (10/7/14)**

TJ Kennedy, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) acting general manager, answers questions from MissionCritical Communications regarding FirstNet's latest data

[collection efforts](http://mccmag.com/onlyonline.cfm?OnlyOnlineID=483). Describe the SOO and its purpose. The draft statement of objectives (SOO) is a key part of the request for information (RFI). One of our goals within the RFI is to maximize transparency and share information with a prospective industry partner and the public. Publishing the SOO assists us in achieving that goal. The SOO provides the foundation for FirstNet's overall acquisitions approach. The detailed responses that we receive on the RFI and draft SOO will influence FirstNet's development of possible future RFPs. <http://mccmag.com/onlyonline.cfm?OnlyOnlineID=483>

### *Social Media*

The FirstNet Twitter account is now up to over 1,025 followers. It has been a great tool for the FirstNet team to use to assist with outreach, recruiting and more. The LinkedIn account has more than 270 followers. The FirstNet YouTube account <http://www.youtube.com/user/FirstNetGov> continues to grow its subscriber base, now at 66. Also this week we began posting to Google Plus: <https://plus.google.com/+FirstnetGov/posts>, The social network will assist with our search engine optimization efforts. Our blog posts from this week can be found at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.