



First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – October 6, 2014

FirstNet News

- FirstNet conducted the fourth and final SPOC webinar for 2014 on October 1, 2014. It was a productive dialogue among FirstNet leadership and state and territorial representatives on a number of pressing topics – including the Request for Information (RFI) with draft statement of objectives (SOO), the Public Notice and Comment that the Board approved last month, updates from the Chief Technical Office, state consultation, and outreach. If you missed the webinar, [read TJ's blog](#) and review the presentation at <http://www.firstnet.gov/sites/default/files/oct-spoc-webinar.pdf>.
- The next consultation meetings will be October 8 in Oregon; October 16 in Washington; October 29 in Montana; November 6 in Utah; November 18 in Iowa; and December 12 in Florida.
- To date, FirstNet has received completed state consultation checklists from 28 states and territories: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Guam, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Washington, Washington DC, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
- Last week FirstNet staff conducted outreach presentations in Santa Ana, CA and Moore, OK on September 30 and at the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) Annual Conference in St. Paul, MN; FirstNet also presented at the Big City Emergency Managers semi-annual meeting in Chicago, IL on October 1.
- FirstNet conducted a webinar for federal partners to review the RFI and Public Notice processes on October 2. Plans are underway for a similar webinar for tribal stakeholders on October 10. The format for each was/will be similar to that used for the SPOCs and PSAC members.

From the States and PSAC Organizations

- FirstNet will join the Colorado FirstNet team on October 9 for a presentation at the Colorado APCO/NENA state conference, <https://apco-co.org/State-Conference.html>.

- Georgia is pleased to announce that they have launched their FirstNet Georgia website, <http://firstnet.gema.ga.gov>.
- Minnesota released a Power Point presentation with its Initial Consultation preliminary findings, recommendations and questions which is available at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ecn/Documents/mn-firstnet-presentation.pdf>

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

This past week, we saw several articles recapping some of our outreach efforts such as the Minnesota State Consultation meeting and the California Town Halls.

Radio Resource Media Group: FirstNet Conducts State Consultation Meeting with Minnesota

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) conducted its initial state consultation meeting with Minnesota. This was FirstNet's second state consultation meeting, following a July meeting with Maryland. The Minnesota meeting included key public-safety leaders from across the state, including Commissioner Mona Dohman of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, who also serves as the state's single point of contact (SPOC) for FirstNet. Dozens of state and local public-safety representatives from across the state also attended. See more at: http://www.rrmediagroup.com/newsArticle.cfm?news_id=11223

Urgent Communications: Missing FirstNet Question May Shed Light on Organization's Early Hiring Practices

Whether the hiring practices for consultants/contractors during FirstNet's early days were appropriate may depend largely on your interpretation of FirstNet's status as an "independent authority" under the law approved by Congress in 2012. FirstNet recently released two key documents: (1) a comprehensive RFI that is designed to be a precursor to its procurement process, and (2) a public notice of preliminary legal interpretations of some key gray areas included in the 2012 law that established FirstNet. In my initial

review, both documents generally seem to be thorough and ask the right questions for their particular purposes. See more at: <http://urgentcomm.com/blog/missing-firstnet-question-may-shed-light-organization-s-early-hiring-practices>

Communications Daily (Summary): FirstNet Not Worried About States That Haven't Returned Checklists

First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) officials are not worried about states that have yet to return initial consultation checklists, Amanda Hilliard, FirstNet's outreach director, said today. Ms. Hilliard said that officials are not concerned because they are in regular contact with states, including state points of contact (SPOCs). During a webinar this afternoon sponsored by IWCE's "Urgent Communications," Ms. Hilliard noted that 27 states have returned the initial consultation checklists. She also pointed out that FirstNet officials have held initial consultation meetings with Maryland and Minnesota and have the following six more scheduled for 2014: Oregon (Oct. 8), Washington (Oct. 16), Montana (Oct. 29), Utah (Nov. 6), Iowa (Nov. 18), and Florida (Dec. 12). She said the meetings with the first eight states will help FirstNet "beta test" the initial consultation process, providing learnings for meetings with other states.

Social Media

The FirstNet Twitter account now has more than 989 followers, and the LinkedIn account has more than 261 followers. The [FirstNet YouTube account](#) continues to gain an increased numbers of views, with the FirstNet and NG911 video generating the most interest at 534 views <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wa4otGMKvJ0>. Our blog posts from this week can be found at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>