



## **First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs)– February 2, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- This week, FirstNet will be at the Tri-state Tribal Symposium (concurrent with Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians), the Wyoming Telecommunications Association Winter Meeting and at TESSCO Technologies Innovation Showcase.
- We completed the final January monthly SPOC/SWIC calls with regions 5 and 9 last week. A total of 46 states and 95 state team members participated in January's ten regional calls.
- We conducted the Kentucky initial consultation meeting on January 28. Nearly 50 public safety stakeholders attended the meeting, including representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Tennessee.
- Upcoming initial consultation meetings are: Texas (2/11-2/12), Delaware (2/19), Wyoming (2/25), Arkansas (3/4), Massachusetts (3/12), Nebraska (3/18-3/19), Washington DC (3/26), South Dakota (4/1), North Carolina (4/23) and South Carolina (4/29).
- To date, FirstNet has received completed consultation checklists from 46 of 56 states and territories: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Washington DC, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
- As discussed on the January 8th webinar, FirstNet sent out letters to 566 federally-recognized Indian Tribes on January 30, 2015, for the purposes of initiating formal government-to-government consultation, as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Under NHPA, FirstNet is required to consult with all tribes regarding any action or "undertaking" that may have the potential to impact present-day or historic tribal lands or resources; in this case, the undertaking is the design, construction, and deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network. This letter was sent to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) or tribal

leaders, as appropriate. The formal government-to-government consultation required under Section 106 of the NHPA is not intended to substitute for or replace consultation with the State Single Points of Contact required under FirstNet's statute; rather it is a parallel statutory obligation. ***We have attached a template letter for your reference, as well as a list of tribes that were contacted.***

- The next FirstNet Board and Committee meetings will be **March 24-25** at the Department of Commerce headquarters building in Washington DC. More information regarding registration and the agenda will be forthcoming.

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

- This week FirstNet will be at the Michigan Statewide Interoperability Communications Training Conference and the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association Leadership Summit.
- The PSAC is establishing two work groups to address its two recent assignments to provide advice and recommendations on priority and preemption and public safety grade.
- The PSAC will host its next meeting via webinar on February 17.

## **Media Watch**

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### *Traditional Media*

Media coverage was heavy on several different FirstNet-related topics, including Federal and State/territorial consultation; the BTOP projects; and the Colorado Demo LTE Safety Network for the Vail skiing event. In addition, we continue to work with the Daily Dispatch service to increase their inclusion of FirstNet news in their state clipping services. Key stories are listed below:

## **Cal OES Newsroom: FirstNet Outreach and Education Ongoing in the North State**

<https://caloesnewsroom.wordpress.com/2015/01/28/firstnet-outreach-and-education-continues-in-the-north-state/>

Technology is changing with the speed of light and much of this technology has been beneficial to consumers and businesses alike. Likewise, connecting all public safety personnel through FirstNet would be one of the most important advancements in public safety. That's why the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Public Safety Communications Department continues to hold town hall meetings across the state to explain what this nationwide, high-speed, wireless broadband network could mean to California and how it could benefit public safety stakeholders.

### **GCN: FirstNet Gives Responders Access To Commercial Technology**

<http://gcn.com/articles/2015/01/28/firstnet.aspx>

Imagine if a police officer could send the location of a fleeing suspect to other officers while perusing the suspect on foot. Or if medical personnel caring for a patient inside an ambulance could video conference with doctors in the emergency room en route to the hospital? Thanks to a new government network, these tasks are now within reach, according to a [blog](#) by TJ Kennedy, FirstNet's acting executive director.

### **GCN: Colorado to Demo LTE Safety Network**

<http://gcn.com/articles/2015/01/28/firstnet-colorado-demo.aspx>

FirstNet Colorado, along with public safety agencies in Vail and Eagle counties, will demo a dedicated wireless broadband data network for emergency response. The LTE Demonstration Network will be held during the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in early February, giving first responders the chance to use next generation LTE devices that will bring the power of broadband data to local, tribal, state and federal responders.

### **McClatchy DC: Faced with a Tech Tsunami, Motorola Fights to Preserve Cop-com Franchise**

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/static/features/Motorola/Index.html?brand=mcd>

As Chicago cops braced for protests in advance of the NATO and G-8 summits in 2012, hometown radio giant Motorola made what seemed like a grand gesture. Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper Calvin Robertson, MSWIN land mobile radio system at MHP Troop K headquarters on Wednesday Dec. 11, 2013. Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper Calvin

Robertson, MSWIN land mobile radio system at MHP Troop K headquarters on Wednesday Dec. 11, 2013. The company, which for years has used tenacious marketing and clout to reign over the emergency radio business, donated to the city \$1.8 million worth of telecom equipment that could beam data and videos to law enforcement officers shielding the world leaders.

### **Affigent GovTransformer: Is FirstNet Coming to Life?**

<http://govtransformer.us/2015/01/firstnet-coming-life/>

Signed into law in 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). The law gave FirstNet the mission to build, operate and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. While the project is in the process of developing a business plan and expanding its staff, it has been gaining tremendous traction these days.

### **Western Fire Chiefs Association Daily Dispatch: FirstNet Initial Consultation Meeting in Colorado**

<http://www.dailydispatch.com/StateNews/CO/2015/January/27/FirstNet.Initial.Consultation.Meeting.in.Colorado.aspx>

On January 14, members of the FirstNet team met with numerous local, state, federal and tribal public safety practitioners – including those from law enforcement, fire, and EMS – about planning for the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) in Colorado. Overall, more than 120 representatives from the state’s public safety and private sector communities participated in the initial consultation meeting – FirstNet’s 11th to date.

### *Social Media*

Social media discussions about FirstNet focused on outreach and consultation in the states and territories. The Information Sharing Environment (ISE) released its Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Final Report. You can read the entire report, introduced by a blog from PSAC Chairman Harlin McEwen, here: <http://ise.gov/blog/chief-harlin-r-mcewen/icam-summit-final-report-announcement>

We posted a number of blogs this past week detailing our outreach and consultation, including this blog from Vice Chair Jeff Johnson, who talked about his new role as VC and

his commitment to the public safety community:

<http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-vice-chair-focus-strategies-outreach>;

Additional blogs can be found here: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>; The FirstNet Twitter account has more than 1,578 followers; LinkedIn 490; Google+ 24; and YouTube has 84 subscribers.

Several videos were posted by FirstNet stakeholders on YouTube including one by National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), featuring NPSTC Vice Chair Andy Thiessen discussing FirstNet issues: <http://youtu.be/YTy8jJHTKN8>; Additionally, TJ Kennedy was featured in several short Washington OneNet videos on the Washington Office of the Chief of Information webpage. You can watch these videos here: <https://ocio.wa.gov/initiatives/washington-onenet-firstnet/videos>.