



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact - July 13, 2015

FirstNet News

- We held the quarterly SPOC webinar on 7/9, with topics of discussion including updates on our acquisition process and roadmap milestones, an overview of the second and third notices for public comment, and data collection/consultation planning and milestones. Participants included representatives from forty-one states and territories. The presentation deck is available on the [FirstNet website](#).
- Last week, FirstNet conducted the North Dakota and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) initial consultation meetings. We also attended and presented at the FEMA Region 4 – Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group meeting and at the Oregon City/County Management Association (OCCMA) Summer Conference.
- This week, FirstNet will attend and present at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference.
- FirstNet will be in Illinois on 7/14 and Alabama on 7/15 for initial state consultation meetings. Thirty-eight consultation meetings have been held to date involving more than 2,200 public safety representatives. There are 14 additional initial state consultation meetings scheduled for later this year: Georgia (7/21), Tennessee (7/23), California (7/28-30), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1), New Jersey (9/3), Alaska (9/9), Arizona (9/15), Oklahoma (10/7), CNMI (10/20), and Guam (10/22). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- Last week, conference calls were held with the PSAC Executive Committee and the Tribal Working Group (TWG). This week, the Early Builder Working Group (EBWG) will have a conference call.
- FirstNet presented to the Board of Advisors of the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) in Bismarck, North Dakota on 7/10. The chairmen and chairwoman of six of the seven tribes located in the state were present. Earlier in the week, a number of meetings with different divisions of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe were held.

- The July monthly regional calls are being replaced by individual calls with all fifty-six states and territories focused on specifics about data collection progress and outreach. Our goal is to obtain a better understanding of the efforts in each state and territory, answer questions, identify potential issues, and continue towards our goals of folding stakeholder user data into our upcoming RFP and the state plans that will follow.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

There was steady media coverage this week of FirstNet and some state and local activities related to planning for the NPSBN.

Urgent Communications: FirstNet responses to draft-RFP queries provide some insight into potential plans, leave many questions unanswered

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnet-responses-draft-rfp-queries-provide-some-insight-potential-plans-leave-many-qu>

FirstNet releases 217 pages of responses to 666 questions associated with its draft RFP documents, largely reiterating its openness to myriad approaches that would address the organization's public-safety broadband mission, while acknowledging that decisions have not yet been made in several key areas that could impact the economics of potential bids.

Law Officer: Next Generation Interoperability with LA-RICS

<http://www.lawofficer.com/articles/print/volume-11/issue-60/features/next-generation-interoperability-with-la-rics.html>

Could FirstNet smartphones replace MDCs under LA-RICS? A new public safety broadband data network is poised to dramatically enhance law enforcement communications and radically improve policing overall.

FirstNet NC Blog: NC APCO President Ellis Frazier on FirstNet in the PSAP

<http://fnnc.weskingnc.com/nc-apco-president-ellis-frazier-on-firstnet-in-the-psap/>

This blog post is part of a new series where we discuss some of the specifics of FirstNet and how data connectivity is going to affect the way that emergency responders save and protect lives. Ellis Frazier is the president of NC APCO and has been with the organization for 13 years. He also has had a 24 year career as a communicator. Currently, he is the ENP Communications Director for Yadkin County.

Web and Social Media

The FirstNet social media communications channels continue to grow steadily. The FirstNet Twitter account continues to expand rapidly, this week gaining more than 40 new followers for a total of 2,415; LinkedIn 808 users; Google+ 49 users; and YouTube 129 subscribers. The North Dakota consultation received considerable attention over twitter, as did state planning activities in Maryland and Maine.

FirstNet published several blog posts this week including the state consultation report from New York. The prior week's blog post by Jeff Bratcher, FirstNet Acting Chief Technology Officer, about Indoor Location Technologies, continued to receive many views and discussion over social media . All blog posts can be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.