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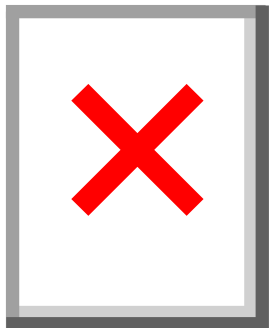


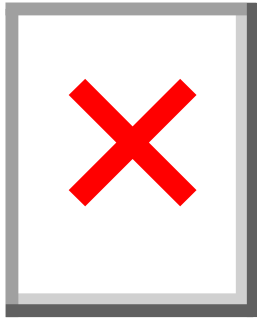
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How FirstNet Improves Firefighter Communication During Natural Disasters

Learn how FirstNet enhances firefighter communication during natural disasters and emergencies with priority access, deployables, and resilient broadband.



Enhancing Emergency Communications in South Dakota with Mission Critical Push-to-Talk

Our nation's emergency communications community is in pursuit of enhanced interoperability, coverage, reliability, and efficiency. Nobody understands this better than the dedicated professionals who maintain radio systems and manage communications...



Successful emergency response starts with reliable communications

I've been a paramedic and firefighter for more than 30 years, and I've seen firsthand how reliable communications impact response times and critical care. Now amid Florida's hurricane season, communication...



Tech Talk



AT&T claims first VoLTE call via satellite-direct-to-device technology

AT&T continues to make progress testing satellite-direct-to-device technology to fill terrestrial-network coverage gaps for public safety, including the execution of the first voice-over-LTE (VoLTE) call via satellite through the carrier's...



New Technology and Advancements in Fire Communication | PSBTA

Discover how FirstNet's innovations are transforming fire communication, enhancing safety and coordination for US firefighters.



Inflatable tower provides coverage-enhancement option to popular miniCRD deployables

AT&T's FirstNet unit recently announced the PERC-SKYMAST, an inflatable mobile cell tower that is designed to extend the effective range of a deployable miniCRD up to two miles by elevating...



FirstNet News



APCO, AT&T express support for FirstNet Authority reauthorization

Key officials for APCO and AT&T express each entity’s support for Congress reauthorizing the FirstNet Authority, allowing the organization to continue to oversee and upgrade the nationwide public-safety broadband network...



FirstNet exceeds 7.5 million connections as CEO Stankey praises telecom-policy environment

FirstNet has 7.5 million connections—gaining almost 400,000 connections during the second quarter—supporting more than 30,300 public-safety agencies, according to figures released today by AT&T, which is contracted by the FirstNet...



T-Mobile Uses Image of Ukrainian Firefighters To Trash Trump-Backed First Responder Network After Texas Floods

T-Mobile is facing heat after launching what some are calling an “out-of-touch” PR campaign, attacking FirstNet, the national emergency communications network that first responders in flood-ravaged Texas Hill Country are...



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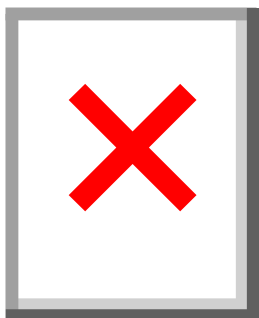
The Evolving Law Enforcement Landscape and the First Responders’ Mental Health Crisis

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Let Congress know how crucial FirstNet is to public safety.

Support the reauthorization of the FirstNet Authority to preserve public safety's network

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Webinars & Podcasts



WEBINAR

Optimizing the power of AI & FirstNet for public safety

Artificial Intelligence (AI) & FirstNet are changing the landscape of public safety communications. Working in concert, these tools will not only help first responders and the public safety community, but exponentially increase the efficiency and accuracy of mission-critical responses.

Join Michael Barnbeck, Deputy Executive Director of the PSBTA, and Stephen Devine, Chief Technology Officer of APCO International, as they delve into the wide world of AI. Specifically, they will discuss what is AI, how does AI integrate with public safety broadband, explore use cases where AI has been successful, and the importance of FirstNet reauthorization to the expansion and evolution of AI.

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WEBINAR

How FirstNet Deployables Can Help You During a Disaster

When a disaster hits, FirstNet helps your organization stay connected to ensure you have access to voice and data when it matters most. From Compact Rapid Deployables (CRDs) to Cells on Light Trucks (SatCOLTs) and Cells on Wheels (COWs), the FirstNet Response Operations Group (ROG) has more than 180 dedicated deployable network assets to assist public safety and communities.

Join Chief Jeff Johnson (Ret) and Fred Scalera, Director of Program Management and the Response Operations Group for the FirstNet Program at AT&T, as they discuss how to request assets, the capabilities of the various assets, suitability of deployables for incidents, and much more!

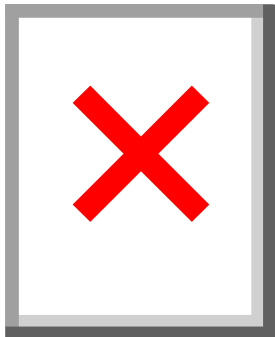
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PODCAST

FirstNet and the 4.9 GHz Spectrum.

This episode dives into the critical evolution of public safety communications, focusing on the recent FCC decision to establish a nationwide Band Manager framework for the 4.9 GHz spectrum, and discuss the evolution and deployment of the FirstNet System. Host Chris Tubbs interviews Chief Jeff Johnson, a leader in public safety technology and the development of FirstNet. Together, they explore the history, governance, and transformative potential of FirstNet and the 4.9 GHz spectrum in enhancing public safety operations with emerging technologies like AI, 5G, and augmented reality. The discussion emphasizes the importance of protecting and optimizing public safety spectrum, the lessons learned from past advocacy efforts, and a call to action for public safety leaders to remain engaged in ensuring the spectrum's effective use and governance.

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