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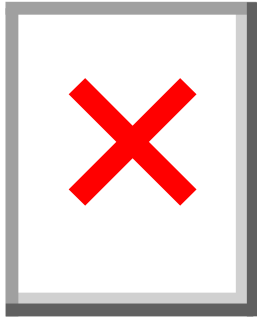


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IAFC warns of risk to emergency networks if sunset remains

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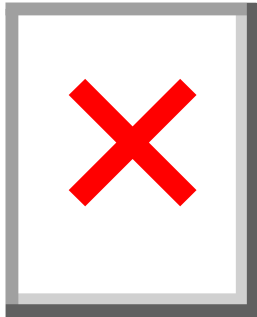
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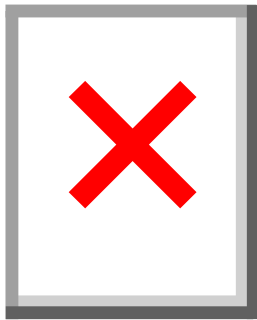
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Join Chief Jeff Johnson (Ret) and Fred Scalera, Director of Program Management and the Response Operations Group for the FirstNet Program at AT&T, as they discuss how to request assets, the capabilities of the various assets, suitability of deployables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

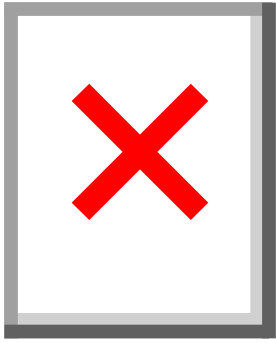
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This episode dives into the critical evolution of public safety communications, focusing on the recent FCC decision to establish a nationwide Band Manager framework for the 4.9 GHz spectrum, and discuss the evolution and deployment of the FirstNet 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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