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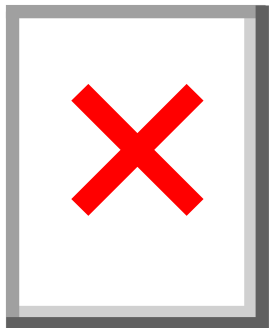


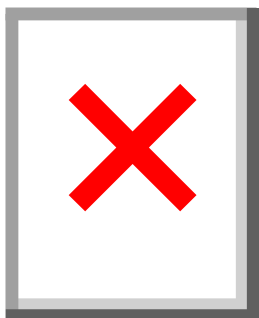
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How 5G Is Shaping the Future of Public Safety Technology for First Responders

The world is moving headlong into 5G wireless broadband communications, and public safety is joining this advance. “We’re entering a new era for first responders defined by connectivity and intelligence,” said James Mitchell. He is Managing Director of Obelisk Associates and former Chief of Staff for the FirstNet Authority.

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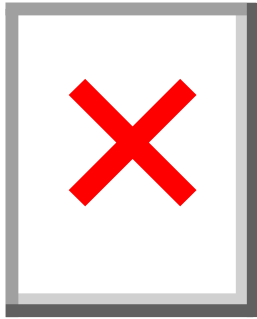
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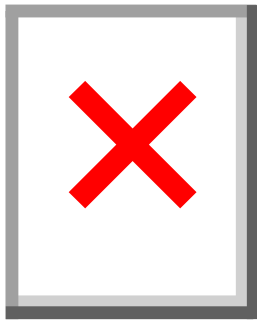
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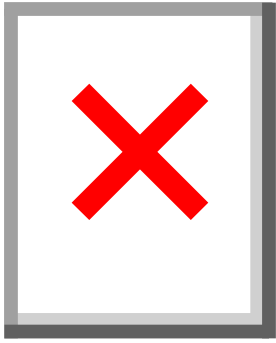
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FirstNet and the 4.9 GHz Spectrum.

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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