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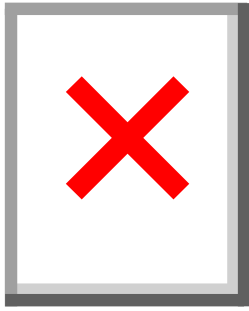


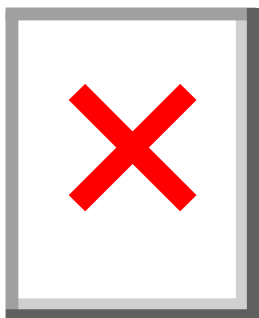
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Why WPS (Wireless Priority Service) Isn't Enough for First Responders

There's been a lot of talk lately about Wireless Priority Service (WPS) and whether this cellular telephone service is good enough for first responders to rely on. The short answer: WPS isn't enough for first responders. That's because Wireless Priority Service was never designed to support public safety.

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Why WPS (Wireless Priority Service) Isn't Enough for First Responders

Discover why WPS isn't enough for first responders. See how FirstNet outperforms with superior reliability, security, and dedicated bandwidth in emergencies.



FirstNet deployables provide on-demand coverage for public safety

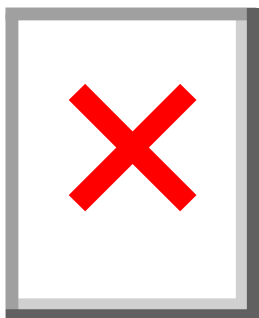
In emergencies, communication is more than just a convenience — it's a lifeline. When disaster strikes in remote regions or terrestrial communication networks fail, gaps in coverage can delay critical...



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FirstNet gives EMS best-in-class communications for worst-case scenarios

EMS personnel must be able to rely on their communications — especially during worst-case scenarios. In this dire situation, every member of the crew began handing over their personal cell...



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Discover how FirstNet reinvestment enhances communication for first responders with expanded coverage, 5G advancements, and mission-critical technology...



FirstNet News



Mike Cannon Named FirstNet Authority Executive Director and CEO

Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced that Mike Cannon has been named the Executive Director and CEO...



The FirstNet Authority Leadership Changes

Many sources have reported that Joe Wassel, the CEO of FirstNet, is retiring. “On behalf of the Public Safety Spectrum Alliance, (PSSA) we...



FirstNet Expands Public Safety’s Dedicated Connectivity with 1,000 New Sites Nationwide

With a commitment unlike any other carrier, AT&T delivered these sites across 46 states and D.C., 9 months ahead of schedule Key Takeaways: AT&T, in partnership with the First Responder...





FirstNet Coverage Survey

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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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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!

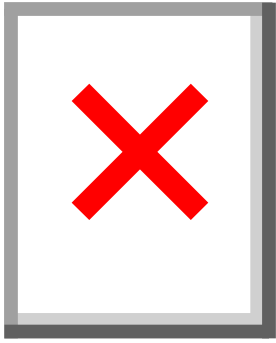
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PODCAST

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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