



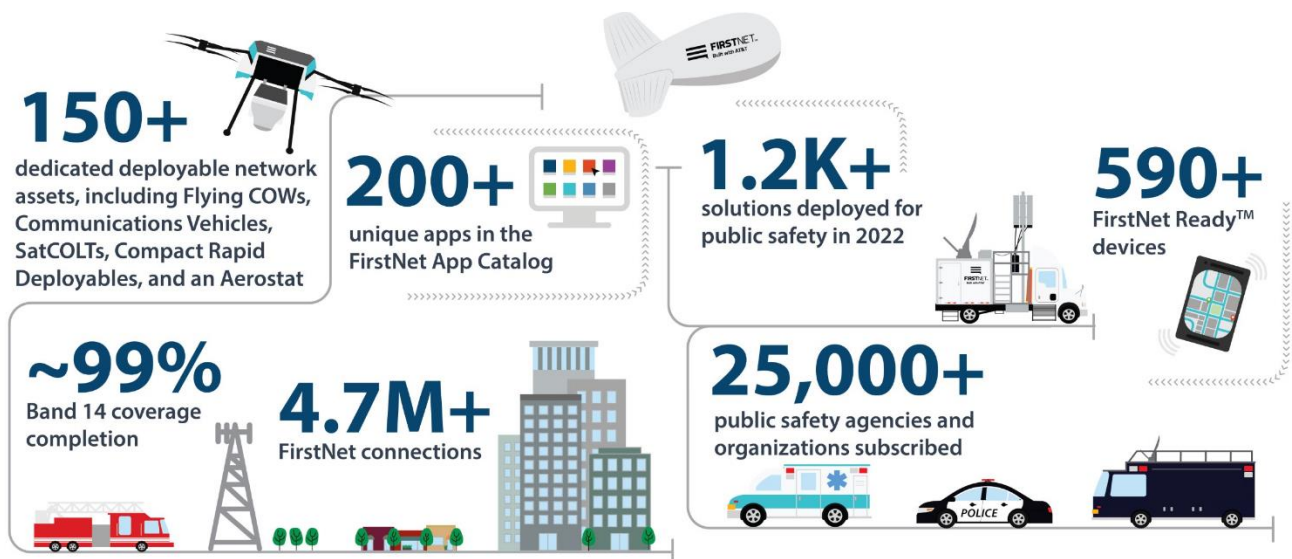
First Responder Network Authority Update State of California

May 9, 2023

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FirstNet Authority Combined Board and Board Committees Meeting, May 2023 | First Responder Network Authority Including Agenda & Board Presentation

FirstNet Momentum



5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit



5x5—the confirmation of a strong and clear signal. In 2023, it will also be a gathering place to **make your voice heard and drive public safety communications forward**.

NIST PSCR and the [First Responder Network Authority](#) are excited to host **5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit**. This event will bring together public safety, academia, government, and industry leaders to discuss the current state of public safety communications technology and drive advancements in research, development, and deployment.

Join us in San Diego, California, from June 28-30, 2023 to build the future of responder communications technology.

5x5 will feature:

- The latest innovations in public safety communications technology.
- Presentations, panel discussions, and campfire-style sessions on the latest innovations in public safety communications technology
- Technology demonstrations from PSCR and FirstNet Authority staff, award recipients, and external partners.
- A half-day program for technology roadmapping workshops.
- Opportunities for collaboration and engagement with leaders in public safety communications technology research, development, deployment, and usage.

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FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

MAY 02, 2023

[Fire on the mountain: FirstNet connects responders during Colorado wildfire](#)

The NCAR Fire, named for its proximity to the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Facility, broke out near Boulder, Colorado in March 2022. The fire prompted the evacuation of 19,000 people and burned 190 acres. Public safety relied on FirstNet deployables, including a Compact Rapid Deployable, to connect their devices and communicate efficiently while managing the evacuations and battling the blaze.

APRIL 28, 2023

[As 3GPP Release 18 advances, planning starts for Release 19](#)

The 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Plenary e-meetings concluded in March 2023. The meetings focused on the feature progress and schedule for Release 18 (R18) and included the initial discussions of Release 19 planning. The remaining stage 2 architectural work in R18 is advancing well and is expected to complete in June 2023, as scheduled, allowing the R18 stage 3 protocol work to proceed.

APRIL 27, 2023

[Chief Carrizzo Appointed Chair of FirstNet Authority Board](#)

RESTON, Va. - Today, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo [announced](#) the appointment of Chief [Richard Carrizzo](#) to be Chair of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) Board.

Chief Carrizzo has been in the fire and emergency service for nearly 40 years and is currently the Fire Chief for the Southern Platte Fire Protection District (MO). He was appointed to the FirstNet Authority Board in 2018 and has served as Vice Chair since 2020.

"I am honored to be named Chair of the FirstNet Authority Board and thank Secretary Raimondo for the appointment," said **Chief Richard Carrizzo**. "As a first responder myself, I have been so proud to see what the FirstNet Authority has accomplished for our nation's public safety community. The FirstNet Authority has brought the nation's only public safety broadband network to life in just a few short years. As we look to the future of FirstNet, I am excited to step into this role and work with my colleagues on the Board, the FirstNet Authority team, and the public safety community to deliver critical communications for America's first responders."

APRIL 18, 2023

[When law enforcement needs help—elevating extended primary users on FirstNet](#)

Law enforcement officers are among the most important users of the FirstNet network, along with other public safety agencies like EMS, fire services, 9-1-1, and emergency management. When help is needed from the wider community, public safety can temporarily give other subscribing organizations elevated access to the network. This keeps everyone connected and communicating when it matters most.

APRIL 11, 2023

[FirstNet Authority Board member Renee Gordon examines the intersection of FirstNet and 9-1-1](#)

A prominent leader in the 9-1-1 community—Renee Gordon, Director of the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) in the City of Alexandria, Virginia—recently joined the FirstNet Authority Board. Renee has led some particularly innovative efforts in remote 9-1-1 operations

and in regionalizing ECCs. We asked Renee about the current and future state of 9-1-1, the role of FirstNet in the ECC, and her priorities while serving on the FirstNet Authority Board.

Latest Podcasts:

[Episode 70: Fighting wildfires in Southern Texas with FirstNet](#)

Featured FirstNet Authority Video: [Meet the Fire Services SME Gary McCarraher](#)

2023 FirstNet Authority Combined Board and Committees Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Seattle, WA, 10AM, Pacific Time Zone

Thursday, November 02, 2023, Washington, DC, 10AM, Eastern Time Zone

Until next month! [Kevin Nida | First Responder Network Authority \(firstnet.gov\)](#)

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