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FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

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[Five things every emergency manager should know about FirstNet](#)

FirstNet is an important resource for emergency managers, whether during disasters, everyday operations, or large planned events. FirstNet's unique public safety features help emergency managers be more prepared, increase situational awareness, and better track assets and people. For better response and operations, emergency managers should know these five things about FirstNet.

JUNE 29, 2023

[FirstNet Authority awards inaugural Patriot Award for pioneering use of FirstNet](#)

The Patriot Award is a new award presented by the FirstNet Authority to individual first responders or public safety agencies that use FirstNet to make their communities safer. The inaugural award was presented to Chief Peter Burke of the Hyannis Fire Department in Massachusetts for contributions to advancing the operationalization of FirstNet and enhancing public safety in his community.

JUNE 29, 2023

[Former state, federal tech executive Teri Takai receives distinguished award for leadership in public safety communications](#)

JUNE 26, 2023

[The FirstNet Authority Roadmap: Planning the evolution of public safety communications](#)

The FirstNet Authority Roadmap guides programs, activities, and investments to enhance FirstNet. The 2023 update to the Roadmap was created with feedback from public safety and aligns the FirstNet Authority's efforts with the ongoing operational needs of responders.

JUNE 23, 2023

[NIST, FirstNet Authority explore incident command dashboards in latest prize challenge](#)

The CommandING Tech prize challenge explored ways to improve the quality of incident command dashboards. Participants worked to create a solution that would help commanding officers visualize actionable information, without overloading them with unnecessary data. The challenge—hosted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Public Safety Communications Research Division and judged by FirstNet Authority staff—produced four winning solutions.

JUNE 15, 2023

[9-1-1 Exec Renee Gordon Named Vice Chair of FirstNet Authority Board](#)

RESTON, Va. – The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) announced today that **Renee Gordon** has been named Vice Chair of the FirstNet Authority Board, effective immediately.

JUNE 14, 2023

[Top 5 at 5x5: What researchers won't want to miss at the summit](#)

Prepare to unlock the boundless potential of innovation and collaboration at the highly anticipated 5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit, presented by NIST PSCR and the FirstNet Authority. Immerse yourself in a dynamic program featuring thought leaders, captivating keynotes, hands-on demonstrations, and unparalleled networking opportunities. Researchers who are driving innovation and making a real impact in the emergency communications field won't want to skip 5x5.

JUNE 07, 2023

[Essential guide to public safety “don’t miss” sessions to boost your agency’s communications](#)

Want a sneak peek at five sessions public safety professionals won’t want to skip at 5x5: The Public Safety Innovative Summit? Join us in San Diego in June for a three-day event hosted by the FirstNet Authority and the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Public Safety Communications Research Division. If you’re interested in learning more about current and upcoming trends in public safety technology, then 5x5 is the place you need to be.

JUNE 06, 2023

[Tennessee leads nation in statewide adoption of FirstNet for 9-1-1](#)

Tennessee is upgrading its 9-1-1 network and leading the nation by instituting FirstNet as backup for every primary public safety answering point or PSAP. Curtis Sutton, Executive Director of the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board, discusses the lessons learned, the benefits of FirstNet, and the future of 9-1-1 in Tennessee.

Latest Podcasts:

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

When a rural fire in Brooks County, Texas engulfed 6,500 acres of land, the Falfurrias Fire Department faced significant communication and coordination challenges due to the remote location of the fire. FirstNet provided a solution to this problem with the deployment of a SatCOLT, a vehicle with its own cell site non-reliant on commercial power supplies, that provided crucial connectivity and support to over 40 agencies and public safety personnel. This subsequently enabled efficient mapping of the location, real-time weather updates, and seamless communication among first responders.

Featured FirstNet Authority Videos:

[Recognizing Exceptional Leadership in Public Safety Communications](#)

[5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit](#)

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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