



First Responder Network Authority Update State of California

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FirstNet BLOG

JULY 19, 2023 - JOE WASSEL

[100 Days at the FirstNet Authority: reflections, observations and discoveries](#)

In this first blog of a two-part series, Executive Director and CEO Joe Wassel reflects on his first 100 days at the FirstNet Authority. Following a coast-to-coast tour where he met with first responders, he shares his thoughts, insights, and vision for the future of public safety communications.

JULY 24, 2023 – JOE WASSEL

[100 Days at the FirstNet Authority: governance, engagement, and a look ahead](#)

In this second blog of a two-part series, Executive Director and CEO Joe Wassel offers his insights on his first 100 days at the FirstNet Authority. After immersing himself in public safety engagement, contract oversight, and program management efforts, Joe shares his insights on the importance of these critical functions to the success of FirstNet.

AUGUST 02, 2023

[PSAC Profile: National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators](#)

The National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) is comprised of state leaders from the 56 states and territories who work to advance communications resiliency and interoperability for emergency response providers across the nation. Through its participation on the Public Safety Advisory Committee, the NCSWIC has helped make FirstNet more accessible to responders while also improving their ability to collaborate and exchange information more efficiently.



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

JULY 25, 2023

[Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Transforms First Responder Communications with FirstNet](#)

In Wisconsin, Winnebago County has adopted FirstNet, a broadband communication network dedicated to first responder use. The FirstNet network will help improve the county's communication capabilities and public safety services across its departments, including the Sheriff's Office. With this initiative in place, the county is now equipped with cutting-edge tools, a secure network, and guaranteed priority access to help streamline their operations.

JUNE 29, 2023

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

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) awarded Teri Takai the prestigious Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award. Takai received this award for her remarkable leadership and significant contributions to the advancement of broadband communications for public safety. Chief (ret.) Harlin R. McEwen and FirstNet Authority leaders presented the award at the 5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit, hosted by the FirstNet Authority and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Public Safety Communications Research Division.

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.

Latest Podcasts:

JULY 12, 2023

[Episode 71: Emergency Planning for Natural Disasters: Redefining Readiness in Macon-Bibb, Georgia](#)

Macon Bibb County, Georgia is redefining the way it prepares for disasters and major events each day. Spencer Hawkins, Emergency Management Director for the Macon-Bibb County government discusses the county's plans for facing all types of issues including hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other major weather events. The Emergency Management team also works tirelessly to ensure all stakeholders in the area work on integrated communications when

they approach disasters including local law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and secondary users like public works.

JULY 27, 2023

[Episode 72: University of Virginia enhances patient care with FirstNet](#)

The University of Virginia (UVA) Health system uses nearly 4,000 mobile devices, powered by FirstNet, to enhance care for patients. The leader of UVA Health's Mobile Device Technologies program, Anthony Thompson, discusses the impact of FirstNet in healthcare and how it's supporting telemedicine capabilities, translation services, and rural healthcare.

Featured FirstNet Authority Videos: Under Development

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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