



## Media Mentions

July 27, 2023, thru August 9, 2023

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### National

#### [Congress and the Administration](#)

07.27.2023 | (Telecommunications Reports - Powered by Dow Jones)

The number of connections on the nationwide public safety broadband network that AT&T, Inc., is building for the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) has passed 5 million, AT&T said July 26 in reporting its second-quarter financial results.

#### [AT&T Business Solutions Q2 revenues dip on legacy declines as wireless advances](#)

07.27.2023 | (Lightwave)

“What we've accomplished with FirstNet is truly remarkable,” Desroches said. “Not long ago, this was an under-penetrated segment of our customer base. But by committing to delivering a best-in-class network and tailored solutions for first responders, we've become the unquestioned industry leader by exclusively serving the public safety community with five million FirstNet connections in just five years.”

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### Regional

#### [Soldotna approves capital budget](#)

07.27.2023 | (Peninsula Clarion)

“They are now antiquated and no longer supported to the degree that we need them to,” Kornelis said of the cameras. “This would enable us to implement the purchase of those new body-worn cameras as well as the connectivity through FirstNet.” said Soldotna Public Works Director Kyle Kornelis.

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### National

#### [FDIC International 2023 Attendees Experience the Fire Rescue Station of the Future](#)

07.31.2023 | (Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment Magazine)

FirstNet®, Built with AT&T—the only network built with and for America’s first responders, provides public safety with reliable connectivity and innovative capabilities to strengthen their incident response. Burgeoning technologies like 5G, AI, drones, robotics, and solutions like Z-Axis will provide firefighters with increased situational awareness (on the ground and in the sky) to stabilize incidents, conserve property, and—most importantly—help ensure the safety of those on scene.

### [The power of curiosity](#)

07.31.2023 | (FireRescue1)

T.J. Martin served as a public information officer, technology coordinator and radio coordinator for the City of Parma Fire Department in Ohio. Martin worked with Cleveland Communications, L3Harris and AT&T FirstNet to deploy the first Inter-RF subsystem interface (ISSI) to connect with FirstNet's push-to-talk service. This enabled interoperation between P25 land mobile radios and AT&T's FirstNet LTE network, giving the department the ability to use the speed and bandwidth of the LTE network with their radios.

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## National

### [AT&T to buy more spectrum across Oklahoma](#)

08.1.2023 | (Light Reading)

AT&T appears to be in the early stages of improving its 5G network across parts of Oklahoma. AT&T has been working to expand its coverage area in part to support the US government's FirstNet program for first responders in rural areas.

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## Regional

### [Silent Push to 911: AT&T launches new school safety solution](#)

08.1.2023 | (KCTV-TV)

A new safety solution is making its way to schools across the country as students prepare for the new year. AT&T is teaming up with FirstNet and Intrado to help school districts better protect their students and faculty in the event of an emergency.

### [Fox 59 News: Live @ Five](#)

08.1.2023 | (WXIN-IN (FOX))

AT&T has partnered with FirstNet to create safety shields in schools. The device is a wearable panic button for teachers and staff that will instantly alert 9-1-1.

### [AT&T, FirstNet partner to champion 'Safety Shield' in effort to help protect students, teachers](#)

08.1.2023 | (WFAA-TV)

AT&T and FirstNet partner to champion 'Safety Shield' in an effort to help protect students and teachers. It works like the Life Alert program. An app offers a panic button that instantly alert 9-1-1 and sound a campus-wide silent alarm.

### [New wearable tech empowers San Antonio educators with instant 911 access](#)

08.1.2023 | (KABB-TV)

A new wearable technology is available to local educators that will allow them to reach 911 with just a push of a button. FirstNet is a wearable panic button that is the size of an ID badge. And it's lightweight, so it won't interfere with your daily activities.

### [FOX 31 Morning News at 9:00am](#)

08.1.2023 | (KDVR-DEN (FOX))

A new school safety solution is being released today. It allows schools to use a silent panic button that would immediately notify first responders of an emergency. AT&T paired with a public safety network FirstNet to create the app and the wearable panic button.

### [Nueva Herramienta de Seguridad en Escuelas](#)

08.1.2023 | (Telemundo Chicago)

Today, AT&T launched "Security Shield" to keep students and teachers safer and better connected during the school day. In a statement, they said this tool provides a portable panic button for teachers and administrators that instantly alerts 9-1-1 while simultaneously sounding a campus-wide silent alarm for staff. It was created in collaboration with FirstNet.

## **National**

### [AT&T Safety System for K-12 Connects Schools to FirstNet](#)

08.2.2023 | (Government Technology)

The FirstNet school safety system, to launch at the start of the 2023-2024 academic year, will allow school personnel to silently contact emergency responders by mobile app or wearable panic buttons.

### [DeWi player World Mobile leases spectrum, eyes blimps](#)

08.2.2023 | (Light Reading)

World Mobile recently inked a four-year lease agreement with ATN International to obtain the rights to spectrum licenses covering parts of California, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico. And based on the company's website, it appears to be planning to cover rural areas in those states with cell sites deployed on blimps. It's not a new idea. Other companies that have discussed similar plans include Airbus, Facebook, Intelsat, BT, SoftBank, Elefante, Google and Altaeros. AT&T first used a blimp for its FirstNet service in 2020.

### [Happy Birthday: AT&T celebrates 147 years – AT&T Newsroom](#)

08.2.2023 | (LatestFinance.News)

We continued to strengthen our commitment to public safety by working with the federal government to deploy FirstNet® – the only nationwide wireless network built with and for America's first responders and the wider public safety community. This gives law enforcement, firefighters, emergency services (EMS) and more a complete ecosystem of mission-focused apps and solutions, as well as dedicated connectivity when they need it.

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## **National**

### [FirstNet's Silent Alarm Connects Schools, First Responders](#)

08.3.2023 | (Government Technology)

This year, as schools ready for the return of students this fall, some are already ordering a new tool from FirstNet, a wearable, silent panic button alarm system that, preloaded with key data, notifies the local PSAP and other personnel of an incident via text message or phone call. The alarm system was officially announced Aug. 1.

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## Regional

### [TECH BYTE: Tech for School Safety](#)

08.4.2023 | (WDEF-TV)

AT&T has teamed up with Intrado and FirstNet to launch a new school safety solution. One feature of this Safety Shield is a Wearable Panic Button. The Safety Shield is already available to order for this coming school year.

### [Reminder: it's Glenwood Canyon I-70 mudslide closure season](#)

08.2.2023 | (The Denver Gazette)

AT&T installed a specialized cellphone system in Glenwood Canyon that provides full coverage throughout the 17-mile canyon. It's dedicated primarily to emergency services, and special SIM cards issued to authorized users can access the AT&T FirstNet® nationwide communication system that leverages AT&T's existing cellphone network, giving emergency responders priority over all cellphone calls except 911 emergency calls.

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## National

### [AT&T, Intrado launch new school-safety solution - Urgent Comms](#)

08.7.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

AT&T and Intrado recently announced a new school-safety solution that is designed to let personnel alert 911 of an emergency with the push of a button on a wearable that leverages Intrado software and FirstNet connectivity from AT&T.

### [China's Plan to Rule the World Through Its Smart Devices, FCC Urged to Act](#)

08.8.2023 | (Newsweek)

The growing ubiquity of Chinese cellular connectivity modules in these and other devices in the so-called Internet of Things has prompted concerns in Congress. Officials from the FirstNet Authority, the federal agency that manages the emergency network, told Newsweek that Chinese modules are used in devices certified for their system, but said their testing and other measures keep them secure.

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## Regional

### [Opinion: Reauthorizing FirstNet must be a priority for Congress and public safety](#)

08.7.2023 | (Lowell Sun)

In order to maintain top-tier, uninterrupted communications, preserve the continuity of the network and strengthen this resource long-term, Congress should reauthorize FirstNet now.

### [Sunrise](#)

08.7.2023 | (WCBI (CBS))

FirstNet launched a new school safety solution. This is a tool for teachers, a tool for the school, and a tool for first responders. One feature of this safety shield is this wearable panic button to communicate directly with the 9-1-1 call taker, the 9-1-1 center.

### [KENS 5 News at 7am](#)

08.6.2023 | (KENS-SAT (CBS))

There's a new way to protect students and teachers on school campuses thanks to AT&T and FirstNet. It's called the safety shield. It's got an app with a panic button that instantly alerts 911 and sounds a campus wide silent alarm.

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## National

### [Public Safety's APCO 2023 Closes Today in Nashville](#)

08.9.2023 | (Inside Towers)

APCO 2023 closes today in Nashville after a four-day run of informative sessions and on-site displays by exhibitors. On Monday at the Opening General Session at Music City Center, hundreds of attendees heard about the association's progress and its work to elevate 911 professionals. During the General Session, the association announced the winners of its 2023 Public Safety Communications Awards and Technology Leadership Awards.

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### [Davis: Marathon bombing proves FirstNet needed](#)

08.8.2023 | (Boston Herald)

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### [Chinese-made tech could be used to spy on American communications, bipartisan congressional letter warns](#)

08.8.2023 | (WCHS-TV)

In a letter to FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, Reps. Mike Gallagher, R-Wis., and Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., warned of a potential security breach due to the increased prevalence of Chinese-made components in American technology. When used by first responders, the modules allow police, fire and other emergency workers to access FirstNet. These modules have the capability, the letter says, to send information to Chinese servers, giving them unrestricted access to crucial public safety information.



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