Tribal/Interior Budget Council

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FirstNet’s Journey

9/11 Attack
- 2001
  • Radio communication challenges impact responding law enforcement, fire, EMS

FirstNet Created
- 2012
  • Independent agency to deploy Public Safety Broadband Network

Consultation
- 2015-16
  • Consultation in all 56 states/territories
  • FirstNet works with states to collect and validate users and coverage data

Deployment
- 2018 -22
  • Nationwide expansion and buildout of Band 14 for the Public Safety Broadband Network

9/11 Commission
- 2004
  • Recommends national radio spectrum for public safety purposes
  • Public safety unites to advocate for broadband network

Outreach
- 2012-15
  • Outreach to the public safety community
  • Governors identify single points of contact (SPOC) for FirstNet

Partnership & Plans
- 2016-17
  • Network RFP
  • Partnership Award to AT&T
  • Delivery of State Plans
  • Governor’s decision
Innovative Public-Private Partnership

Creating an infrastructure dedicated to public safety

FirstNet
- Customer experience
- 20MHz Spectrum
- $180B Infrastructure

AT&T
- Public safety
- Program management
- Telecom Expertise
- Technology & Innovation
- Secured Network

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Innovative public-private partnership

First Responder Network Authority

• Partner Oversight and Support
• Public Safety Advocate
• Technical Expertise
• Innovation Strategy and Investment

AT&T

• Nationwide Core
• RAN Build-out
• Adoption and Customer Care (24x7x365)
• Security Operations Center
• Mission-Critical Services
• App and Device Ecosystems
The Advocacy team will have a positive impact on the adoption and use of FirstNet by engaging users and potential users of the network, and by promoting innovation in public safety communications technology.
Eligibility

**Primary**

Those Public Safety Entities (which may be individuals, agencies, or organizations) that act as first responders whose primary mission and job function is to provide services to the public in the areas of law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical services (EMS), Emergency Management, and Public Safety Communications (Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and Dispatch).

**Extended Primary**

Those Public Safety Entities (which may be individuals, agencies, or organizations) that are not Primary Users, but who may be called upon to support Primary Users with the mitigation, remediation, overhaul, clean up, restoration, or provision of other such services that are required during the time of crisis or post crisis. Extended primary users may be called on a temporary or on-going basis.
Deployables

• **First 24** of 72 FirstNet-dedicated SatCOLT deployables available from Q2 2018

• **“Lending library”** approach: Subscribing agencies can request at **no cost** to support various scenarios, from disasters, to critical incidents, to planned events

• **Service included**: All the underlying expenses directly associated with the FirstNet deployables (i.e., fueling, staffing, backhaul charges, etc.) are included, meaning the deployables are available at **no cost** to public safety
Security

- Dedicated Security Operations Center (SOC) comes on-line at the end of March 2018
- Co-located with AT&T’s Global Network Operations Center (GNOC)
- 24x7x365 Situational Awareness
Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)
Tribal Working Group (TWG)
TWG Overview

- 12 sitting delegates, three vacancies
- 15 organizations represented
- 10 monthly teleconferences (yearly)
- Two in-person meetings (yearly)

Membership

- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) – Brian Howard, Chair
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) – Vacant
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) – Gerad Godfrey
- Alaska Inter-Tribal Council (AITC) – Heather Hudson, PhD
- American Public Health Association (APHA), American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Caucus – Michael Bird
- Indian Country Intelligence Network (ICIN) – Nathan Nixon
- International Association of Emergency Management (IAEM), Tribal Affairs Caucus – Raymond Kennedy
- National Native American Fire Chiefs Association (NNAFCA) – Mark Openshaw
- National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) – Robert DesRosier
- Navajo Nation – Teresa Hopkins
- NW Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC) – Richard Flores
- Southern CA Tribal Chairmen’s Association (SCTCA) – Robert Clark
- United South and Eastern Tribe (USET) – April Sells
Current Discussion Topics

- Procurement
- Contracting
- Rights of Way

- Identifying Dedicated Towers
- Tribe-Specific Policies and Procedures
- Cybersecurity
FirstNet Consultation

FirstNet respects the nation-to-nation relationship that exists between federally recognized Indian tribes and the United States government. In partnership with the Public Safety Advisory Committee’s Tribal Working Group, FirstNet adopted this tribal consultation policy to establish a foundation for honoring tribal sovereignty, accompanied by productive communications, consultation, and engagement with tribal governments surrounding the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN).

This policy is independent of and implemented separately from FirstNet’s consultation requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (“NHPA”), as amended. The NHPA and its implementing regulations require federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on resources of historical significance, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance to Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and Native Hawaiian organizations, and prescribes a specific consultation process for those purposes.
Consultation Process

- **Tribal governments** submit Delegation of Authority form and request for consultation to tribal.consultation@firstnet.gov

- **Support team** determines who consultation request is for, tracks requests and Delegation of Authority Form submission daily, and sends updates to FirstNet team

- **FirstNet team** responds to tribe with standard email within 24 hours

- If needed, a **subject matter expert** attends consultation discussion to provide information

- Once consultation is scheduled, **FirstNet Tribal Liaison** determines resources needed (SMEs, Support Team for notes) based on discussion topics or tribes’ specific requests

- **FirstNet team** follows up with Tribal Government Representative to discuss scheduling and discussion topics

- **Summary** of discussion, highlighting action items, follow-up, and items for leadership attention

- **Discussion with leadership** as appropriate
Represents the First Responder Network Authority organization

- Established to deliver the nation’s public safety broadband network
- Oversees the Network contract with AT&T, consults with the public safety community to ensure its voice and needs are heard, drives public safety innovation for the Network
- Learn more at FirstNet.gov

Represents the FirstNet network and services, built with AT&T

- Nationwide network created for public safety, with public safety
- Key features include dedicated connection with priority and preemption over a secure, reliable network
- See this logo on FirstNet services, devices and products
- Learn more at FirstNet.com
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FirstNet Authority: Government-to-Government relationships

- Standards
- International
- Tribal
- Federal Partners
FirstNet Federal Consultation

About FirstNet and Federal Users

Federal departments and agencies that conduct and deliver public safety services can subscribe to FirstNet as primary users. For example, agency components conducting missions such as law enforcement, homeland security, border security and disaster response operations are integral parts of the public safety community and can subscribe to FirstNet.

FirstNet provides public safety officials with streamlined and interoperable communications to execute their missions while working with other public safety officials at all levels of government. FirstNet offers priority and preemption capabilities and coverage solutions for public safety communications, allowing public safety officials to avoid network congestion that occurs during emergencies. Public safety organizations have local control of all the users registered under their FirstNet subscription, which means they are able to control the mobile device management, onboarding, off-boarding, and prioritization of individual users. Additionally, during periods of high activity, incident commanders will also have the ability to adjust groups of people and applications as needed; FirstNet supports the National Response Framework (NRF), National Incident
US Department of the Interior Engagement

- Office of the Chief Information Officer
- Information Management and Technology Leadership Team Principals/ Deputies Operations Team
- NIFC/ Wildland Fire
- Agency Point of Contact Monthly Call
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