



Media Mentions

June 27, 2023 thru July 11, 2023

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[FirstNet Authority releases technological Roadmap update](#)

06.27.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

FirstNet Authority officials yesterday released the 2023 update to the organization's Roadmap, which highlighted technological innovations associated with the nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) but repeatedly referenced first responders' need for reliable communications that "simply work" in even difficult environments.

[Updated FirstNet Road Map to Focus on Three Areas](#)

06.25.2023 | (TR Daily - Powered by Dow Jones)

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) today released an updated road map that identified three key focus areas to ensure a dependable network, connected responders, and the operationalization of advanced technologies. FirstNet "identified three overarching areas in which current and future efforts can ensure that solutions work for first responders: the continued evolution of a Dependable Network, which enables Connected Responders, and ultimately allows for Operationalizing Advanced Technologies."

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[Smarter, Faster, Farther, Safer – Upgrading the Network for Customers, Developers, and Everyone Else](#)

06.27.2023 | (Telecom Ramblings)

Perhaps nowhere is rock solid connectivity more important than our collaboration with the FirstNet Authority to deliver FirstNet to first responders. FirstNet supports 24,000 public-safety agencies as of 1Q2023. Delivering this dedicated Band 14 spectrum has proven immensely valuable in times when first responders need connectivity the most ... wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes and countless other natural disasters. It's inspiring to watch FirstNet grow over the years and continue to deliver this unique connectivity service to our first responder women and men serving our communities across the United States.

[CommScope \(COMM\) Unveils AI-Driven Converged Network Solutions](#)

06.27.2023 | (Yahoo! Finance)

With the enterprise market moving toward more cloud-based and hyperscale data centers, the company is actively in talks with numerous key customers. This augurs well for its long-term growth prospects. It continues to be one of the leading suppliers of intelligent antenna platforms for FirstNet deployments.

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[Emergency services back to normal in North Slope villages; Communications challenges remain after outages](#)

06.28.2023 | (The Arctic Sounder - Powered by Dow Jones)

The satellite backhaul network is up and running in all of the villages now so that the 911 dispatch is operational," Nagruk Harcharek, president of the Voice of the Arctic Inupiat, said. To help the communications at the North Slope Police Department and North Slope Search and Rescue, the borough also deployed a communications network for public safety, FirstNet, Harcharek said.

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[FirstNet Authority CEO Reflects on First 100 Days, Shares Vision for Future](#)

06.29.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

Kicking off 5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit, Wassel reiterated the key finding of the FirstNet Authority updated Roadmap that was released earlier this week. "Dependable network—it's just that simple," Wassel said. "The network's got to be up and running all the time, everywhere you go and in every condition you might be up against. We want a dependable network. A lot goes into those two simple words. "The bottom line is that things should just work."

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[Nationwide wireless broadband network helps Chatham County first responders, celebrates fifth year](#)

06.28.2023 | (Chatham News and Record)

Steve Newton, the emergency management director for Chatham County, said FirstNet is already in most of the county. "FirstNet, for us, is another carrier, another source," he said. "The advantage that we have with FirstNet is the way that their whole network is intentionally designed to be more robust, survivable and recoverable during a disaster. But really, they engineered it around the work that we do every day."

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[Takai Gets FirstNet Award](#)

06.28.2023 | (TR Daily - Powered by Dow Jones)

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) today gave its Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award to Teri Takai, an inaugural FirstNet board member,

[#TBT: Verizon focuses on LTE, preps for VoLTE; Sprint bids for Clearwire; LTE reaches more than 400 devices ... this week in 2013](#)

06.29.2023 | (RCR Wireless News)

FirstNet yesterday approved a spectrum lease with the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS), the first of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grantees to reach agreement with the board on the use of its 700 MHz spectrum for pilot projects that FirstNet plans to use as learning tools in developing its nationwide network for first responders.

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[FirstNet Hears First Responders Loud and Clear at Summit](#)

06.30.2023 | (Government Technology)

The FirstNet mission continues to grow and evolve along with the needs of the public safety, first responder, emergency management, health care and academic communities.

[5 things you absolutely need when disaster strikes](#)

06.30.2023 | (FireRescue1)

The faster information can get into the hands of decision makers, the increased potential for a successful outcome. Here are 5 things you absolutely need when disaster strikes: 1. Reliable communications, 2. Interoperability, 3. Situational awareness, 4. Portable cell sites to keep you connected, 5. A reliable network. FirstNet is the only network built with and for first responders with solutions to address your most critical needs.

[APCO Hires Public Safety Veteran to Lead Organization](#)

06.29.2023 | (TR Daily - Powered by Dow Jones)

Mr. Maier joined APCO in March 2022 (TR Daily, March 14, 2022). Previously, he was in law enforcement for 32 years, including 12 years at the Oakland County (Mich.) Sheriff's Office, where he retired as captain and chief of public safety communities, and 20 years at the Garden City, Mich., Police Department, where he retired as a lieutenant. Mr. Maier also previously was vice chair of the First Responder Network Authority's (FirstNet) Public Safety Advisory Committee and chair of SAFECOM's Funding and Sustainment Committee.

[3 potential applications of ambulance-based telemedicine](#)

06.30.2023 | (EMS1.com)

FirstNet connectivity and 4G LTE/5G communications can connect EMS to doctors and hospitals for transport guidance, and to activate stroke, trauma and other specialty teams

[Defense Watch: Tester Challenger, Army CIO, MQ-9A Disaster Response](#)

06.30.2023 | (Defense Daily)

The California Air National Guard (CA ANG), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and General Atomics conducted a demonstration of the Rosetta Echo Advanced Payloads (REAP) communications pod on an MQ-9A on May 25. The demonstration involved the REAP pod's bridging VHF/UHF networks, functioning as a P25 repeater, connecting mobile networks and providing FirstNet high-speed broadband wireless and emergency 911 cellular connection.

[GA-ASI, CAL FIRE and CA ANG Complete Flight Demo of REAP Pod on MQ-9A](#)

07.2.2023 | (Soldier Systems)

This flight demonstration, held on May 25, 2023, showcased bridged communications networks providing seamless connectivity between airborne and ground participants. The system showcased the ability to bridge VHF/UHF networks, function as a P25 repeater, connect geographically disparate mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs), and most importantly, provide both FirstNet and emergency 911 cellular capabilities.

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[Chino Hills council abruptly denies cell tower](#)

07.1.2023 | (Chino Hills Champion)

Residents who live in the Wandering Ridge and Rock Springs drives neighborhood celebrated the decision after telling the council that the 30-foot tower proposed on top of a slope above Wandering Ridge was too close to their homes and could expose them to electromagnetic fields (EMF). Jermaine Taylor with Smartlink, on behalf of AT&T, told the council that the tower was selected because of a coverage gap and poor signal strength in that area. He said AT&T has built a nationwide communications platform called FirstNet for first responders which depends on major wireless facilities to operate and expand the reach of its service, he said.

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[#MACoCon Solutions Showcase Features Leaders in Solar, Cyber, Resources, Risk...And More!](#)

07.3.2023 | (MD Counties)

MACo's Summer Conference Solutions Showcase will feature innovative and effective ways to address county governance challenges. When first responders, call takers, and emergency response personnel can carry out their missions, lives and property are saved. Each year, 9-1-1 centers in the US receive an estimated 240 million calls. Public safety needs to communicate just as easily. In this session, an expert panel will highlight actionable solutions and best practices to prioritize access for critical communications, applications, and systems when seconds matter.

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[e.Republic Senior Vice President Teri Takai Receives Public Safety Leadership Award](#)

07.5.2023 | (KFOR-TV)

The award was established to honor Chief McEwen's influential role in the creation of FirstNet, the nationwide public safety broadband network, and is given to an individual who demonstrates the spirit of service, commitment, and dedication to advancing communications for first responders.

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[Inaugural FirstNet Authority Board member receives communications award - Homeland Preparedness News](#)

07.3.2023 | (Homeland Preparedness News)

FirstNet Authority Board officials are commending a member of the inaugural Board for receiving a communications award for contributions to advancement of public safety broadband communications. Teri Takai received the Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award during 5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit, hosted by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) Division.

[Mel Maier named to succeed Derek Poarch as APCO executive director - Urgent Comms](#)

07.6.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

Maier previously served as vice chair of the FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and as chair of the Funding and Sustainment Committee at SAFECOM, according to the APCO press release. "I am privileged to have been a part of APCO International both as a member and as part of its professional staff, and I am humbled by the opportunity to serve our membership and elected leadership in this new role," Maier said in a prepared statement. "I am a passionate advocate for public-safety communications, and I will work tirelessly on behalf of our membership.

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[From Arctic Sea Ice to Tornadoes and Typhoons, AT&T's FirstNet is Mission Ready](#)

07.6.2023 | (Middle Georgia CEO)

We look at FirstNet as the most important wireless network in the country. From Mother Nature's heaviest blows to man-made disasters like the recent train derailment in Montana, no matter where disasters strike, FirstNet is designed to be second-to-none in an emergency. And as public safety's partner, we're committed to helping keep every area of the United States safe and connected.

[Wednesday Afternoon Storm Causes Damage In Hopkinsville \(w/PHOTOS\)](#)

07.5.2023 | (WKDZ-FM)

Graham added that Hopkinsville Electric System reported up to 3,000 customers were without power following the storm and that AT&T's FirstNet, phone service for first responders, was also down.

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[Baltimore Campus Taps FirstNet for Critical Communications](#)

07.7.2023 | (Government Technology)

Recognizing the need for operable communications within the campus and interoperable communications with Baltimore police and fire, UMB has deployed devices from the FirstNet broadband network for its public safety communication needs to ensure reliability. That UMB sits within Baltimore makes collaboration and communication with Baltimore police and fire all the more important during an incident, but also, as a research institution with critical resources located on campus, it is important to have a reliable network that stays online when other means of communication go down.

[General Atomics Unit Demonstrates Unmanned Aircraft Pod for Emergency Comms Support](#)

07.7.2023 | (ExecutiveBiz)

GA-ASI and Ultra Intelligence & Communications jointly developed the system to operate with first responder technologies such as the AT&T-built FirstNet public safety broadband platform, P25 mobile radios, line-of-sight very and ultra high-frequency equipment and mobile ad hoc networks. General Atomics noted the partnership aims to deploy an operational pod to help the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard prepare for the military agencies' potential implementation in the MQ-9A and MQ-1C Gray Eagle, respectively.

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07.9.2023 | (Quest (KTBU))

Luis Silva, vice president and general manager of south Texas at AT&T speaks about FirstNet. "FirstNet is an exclusive network, just created for first responders. Right? So, we have this product called FirstNet in which people are connected to those lines. But are exclusive for firefighters, for first responders, emergency teams, and as soon as something happens, we clear those lines just for the first responders so they can communicate and attend to any type of emergency that we might have. So, when weather you have a weather emergency, you know, like a hurricane or something happening around the town, that you need those first responders to have access to communication, it's not only voice, voice, but also data."

[Dupuis soars to Eagle Scout](#)

07.7.2023 | (Lewistown Sentinel)

The Mifflin County Commissioners approved a Sub-Participating Agreement allowing Mifflin County to engage with FirstNet (AT&T Wireless) under the State of Utah Master Agreement.

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[Williamson County, TN Takes Citizen Safety to the Next Level](#)

07.11.2023 | (Inside Towers)

The MITT 2.0 can also provide phone system capabilities. For example, if the mayor's office lost phone service, the trailer could be pulled up to the mayor's office and fiber could be run inside to their existing switches to quickly get it back up and functional. For radio system backhaul and internet access, it uses an IPaccess Satellite solution, Redphone VoIP encryption, eight SIPs phone lines, two Sierra MG90 routers, and four SIMs for terrestrial — Verizon and FirstNet.

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[AT&T holds ribbon-cutting for new 5G cell tower in West Feliciana Parish](#)

07.11.2023 | (Capital City Press LLC)

Area elected officials, community leaders and representatives from AT&T gathered July 7 for a ribbon-cutting. The new cell site improves mobile internet and wireless communications in West Feliciana Parish. The new site, at 10812 Whitstown Road, St. Francisville, also enhances Band 14 coverage for area first responders who use FirstNet.

[City approves liquor store plan](#)

07.10.2023 | (The Daily Corinthian - Powered by Dow Jones)

In other zoning matters, the board gave approval to AT&T's request for a special exception to erect a monopole cellular tower in a Mixed Residential zone to be located on a 9.7-acre site off Highway 72 between Stanford Road and Wegman Road in an area described as behind the Bull Market. Other service providers will also be able to utilize the tower, said Andy Rotenstreich, and it will be a site for FirstNet, the national first responders network.



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