



## Media Mentions

May 10, 2023 thru June 5, 2023

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### National

#### [LAPD Installs New Hi-Tech Cameras In Police Cars To Capture Every Moment In HD](#)

05.9.2023 | (Carscoops)

With the installation of new routers from Cradlepoint, videos from the Fleet 3 and the bodycams can be instantly uploaded to the system's cloud for review by commanders. The routers use both FirstNet and Verizon Wireless networks to ensure connectivity.

#### [FirstNet Honors Law Enforcement](#)

05.10.2023 | (Officer.com - OFFICER Magazine)

In this video, FirstNet is honored to support our nation's Law Enforcement officers.

#### [Google Pixel 7a announced, and AT&T already has some deals](#)

05.10.2023 | (TechAeris)

AT&T is excited to introduce a unique, customer-centered offer encompassing the entire Google Pixel family beginning on May 12. We understand customers often forgo trading in their old devices for a number of reasons, which is why we created a flexible offer that meets their needs at a great value! It's simple. Everyone—including public safety on FirstNet—gets our best deal on any Google Pixel—no trade-in required.

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### National

#### [Here is how Fresno police can grow beyond the traumatic events they experience | Opinion](#)

05.11.2023 | (AOL News)

Anna Fitch Courie is a registered nurse with a doctor of nursing practice degree. She is the director of responder wellness in the FirstNet Program at AT&T.

#### [AT&T claims satellite-direct-to-phone deal with AST SpaceMobile in FCC waiver filing - Urgent Comms](#)

05.12.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

AT&T has been conducting tests with AST SpaceMobile that include utilization of the 700 MHz Band 14 airwaves licensed to the FirstNet Authority, which contracted AT&T to build and maintain a nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) as part of a 25-year deal signed in March 2017.

### [AT&T Offers Best Deals on Any Google Pixel Device](#)

05.11.2023 | (Telecom Ramblings)

Since the Google Pixel 7a is FirstNet Ready®, public safety subscribers will have truly dedicated coverage and capacity when they need it and unique benefits like always-on priority and preemption – helping them save lives and protect their communities no matter the emergency. And first responder agencies on FirstNet can soon get the Google Pixel 7a for free for their agency-paid users with a FirstNet smartphone unlimited plan.

## **National**

### [Public Trust Goes Hand In Hand with Modern Tech](#)

05.12.2023 | (The Stream: AFCEA International)

Ultimately, speakers agreed that new and modern technologies should be leveraged to protect the American public. And though there will be a shift in the workforce, a human will still remain in the loop, according to Perese. The event was concluded by First Responder Network (FirstNet) Authority CEO Joe Wassel, who reminded the audience that the goal for the first responder community is "Operation Come Home for Dinner."

### [Unhappy Trails for Some Chino Hills Residents](#)

05.12.2023 | (Inside Towers)

AT&T supports FirstNet emergency services, which would benefit from more reliable service in the Chino Hills area, according to Champion News. Jermaine Taylor, speaking on behalf of SmartLink, pointed out that "ninety percent of the people in this room have cell phones." He added that while he understood that not everyone appreciates the presence of a cell tower, unproven health concerns were unlikely to override the nationwide push for better connectivity and safety. However, if at least two members of the Planning Council request it, the project can be re-reviewed.

### [Verizon kickstarts 5G network expansion effort](#)

05.12.2023 | (Light Reading)

AT&T, for example, has been expanding its network into new locations in part due to its work with FirstNet. AT&T began offering services to first responders under a partnership with the government's FirstNet effort roughly six years ago. AT&T recently announced it finished its buildout of FirstNet's Band 14 700MHz network.

### [Klamath Basin News, Friday, 5/12/23 – Mother's Day Weekend; Warm Weather; Dancing With the Local Stars at Ragland, Dog Fanciers Dog Show at Fairgrounds](#)

05.12.2023 | (Basin Life)

According to the report, the county is receiving help from several different organizations from across the state and the country including the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Department of Administrative Services, the Information Technology Disaster Resource Center, FirstNet, Microsoft, the Brookings Police Department, Josephine County, Coos County and Lane County.

### [Penn Entertainment rolls out indoor neutral-host 5G DAS infrastructure](#)

05.12.2023 | (RCR Wireless News)

TDC firm designs, leases, and sells in-building networks to network operators, real estate owners, and enterprise customers. TGH claims to have "developed" over 6,000 cell towers in 20 countries, worth \$5 billion in capital outlay; it works with sundry tier-one mobile operators. TDC is using an LTE/5G

DAS platform from US outfit Solid ('SOLID'); the new neutral host network infrastructure will support all operators as well as FirstNet.

## **Regional**

### **[FirstNet celebrating 6th anniversary](#)**

05.12.2023 | (WSAZ-TV)

From extreme weather to car accidents – when an emergency arises, you need to be able to reach first responders. First responders need to be able to communicate with each other. That's why AT&T built FirstNet – to keep emergency personnel connected when it matters most. Matt Walsh from AT&T joined Susan and Taylor on Studio 3 to tell viewers more about FirstNet and why it's so important.

### **[AT&T boosts network speeds for Hampton](#)**

05.14.2023 | (hometownsource.com)

AT&T 5G brings fast, reliable and secure connectivity to more than 290 million people in over 24,000 cities and towns nationwide, which includes the Hampton, Farmington and Vermillion areas, the company said. These enhancements also bring Band 14 spectrum to the area. Band 14 is nationwide, high-quality spectrum set aside by the government specifically for FirstNet. AT&T said Band 14 is public safety's VIP lane. In an emergency, this band can be cleared and locked just for FirstNet subscribers. When not in use by FirstNet subscribers, AT&T customers can use Band 14's added coverage and capacity.

### **[Chino Hills decides to rehear AT&T tower proposal](#)**

05.13.2023 | (Chino Hills Champion)

So far, three cell towers are certain in open space: one was recently approved for the Soquel Canyon/Butterfield Trail to be designed as a weathered water tank, one is under construction at the top of Butterfield Trail on the Adobe Loop along Sunny Meadow Lane off Butterfield Ranch Road. AT&T spokespersons have told the city that the company has built a nationwide communications platform called FirstNet for first responders. FirstNet depends on major wireless facilities to operate and expand the reach of its service, they said. The Chino Hills Police Department and Chino Valley Fire District use FirstNet.

### **[Opinion – Rep. Baginski: Supporting our First Responders](#)**

05.12.2023 | (What's Up Newp)

Thankfully, the public safety community is self-aware, recognizing these challenges and the need for increased wellness services. A survey and analysis done by the FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition found that both male and female first responders see an opportunity to engage in addressing their health and wellness risk factors.

### **[Revolution Boston 1510 \(Radio\) at May 11th 2023 6:26 PM](#)**

05.11.2023 | (Revolution Boston 1510 (Radio))

All the major responder organizations they're all very invested in wellness now and their programs are around the country. You may hear sponsors like FirstNet or Motorola are all sponsoring wellness programs and events to help first-responders understand trauma and understand their emotions and it's not just trauma to it's the day-to-day stress of just being a human being.

## National

### [The Sunday Brief: First quarter earnings in five words or less \(Part 2\)](#)

05.15.2023 | (RCR Wireless News)

In wireless, our greatest concern remains AT&T. As we discussed in last week's Brief, they have no bundle partner (that may change with the launch of WarnerMedia Max this month) and stagnant operating margins. FirstNet continues to prop up business wireless performance, but T-Mobile is proving to be more of a competitor than many thought. It's possible but unlikely that either AT&T or Verizon will have the ability to meaningfully raise prices, and postpaid churn is slowly rising.

### [Parties Offer Diverse Views on FCC's SCS NPRM](#)

05.14.2023 | (TR Daily - Powered by Dow Jones)

As noted in the SCS NPRM and in furtherance of the Commission's goal to expand connectivity to unserved and underserved areas, SCS has the potential to 'create significant public safety benefits,' especially during emergency events and response. In particular, utilizing Band 14 to provide SCS for FirstNet users may present an opportunity to better support first responders and the communities they serve nationwide. Accordingly, the FirstNet Authority encourages the Commission to authorize SCS on Band 14 to preserve that possibility," said the First Responder Network Authority.

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## National

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05.16.2023 | (Wireless Estimator)

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## Regional

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05.17.2023 | (The Cranston Herald)

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## Regional

### [Spring Floods Update: State Emergency Operation Center Activation Level 3 – Ongoing Response](#)

05.17.2023 | (KIFW-AM)

Alaska Energy Authority is deploying SEOC emergency generators and an electrician to Circle to restore limited power. FirstNet has deployed a temporary cell tower to augment communication. Fort Yukon - Flooding around public buildings and some homes flooded. River Watch – Upper Yukon River Watch Division demobilized last night. Middle Yukon Division, based out of Galena, deploying today and will assess river and ice conditions in and around Tanana, Galena, and Buckland.

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## National

### [FirstNet Reauthorization Bill Reintroduced](#)

05.18.2023 | (TR Daily - Powered by Dow Jones)

Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D., Tex.) has reintroduced legislation to permanently reauthorize the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). The FirstNet Reauthorization Act (HR 3366) is one of the bills to be reviewed at a hearing next Tuesday before the House communications and technology subcommittee. The hearing will focus on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, where FirstNet is housed.

### [CommScope \(COMM\) Unveils New Fiber Gateways to Boost Connectivity](#)

05.19.2023 | (Zacks Investment Research)

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

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## Regional

### [Why Congress must reauthorize the FirstNet communications system? It saves lives | Column](#)

05.22.2023 | (Tampa Bay Times)

FirstNet isn't only good in theory — in the years since its launch, the network has demonstrated that it works as intended time and time again. In our state, it has proven to be a crucial tool that assists first responders in the aftermath of hurricanes. Last year, following the catastrophic Hurricane Ian that hit Southwest Florida, some communications networks were down, but public safety agencies in Fort Myers were able to make the switch to FirstNet to reestablish a reliable connection that allowed them to continue their important rescue and recovery work unimpeded.

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## National

### [2023 Safer Buildings Coalition Wireless Tech & Policy Summit](#)

05.22.2023 | (Connected Real Estate Magazine)

The Safer Buildings Coalition will host the 2023 Wireless Tech & Policy Summit at Washington DC's National Housing Center on Wednesday, May 24th. The one-day event brings together Industry Tech

Leaders and Policy Leaders to talk about the opportunities and challenges found at the intersection of wireless policy and wireless technology. Headlined by keynotes from FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr and Jim Bugel, President, FirstNet Built with AT&T, the Summit allows participants to really delve into the topics that impact the present and future of wireless communication and public safety.

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## Regional

### [AT&T Discusses Ways to Stay Safe During Severe Weather](#)

05.22.2023 | (Myhighplains)

When it comes to technology to have handy, make sure you have a mobile charger, and a water-resistant case. As for AT&T, Cory Cullers tells us they start working well before the storm hits, they deploy disaster response teams close to the area that could receive damage. They also have their FirstNet network that's dedicated to first responders and they can launch mobile cell sites if one of their towers goes down.

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## National

### [SAFECOM Nationwide Survey Data Provides Real-World Insights to Improve Emergency Communications Preparedness](#)

05.23.2023 | (Homeland Security Today)

"The SNS data helped our organization identify a capability gap and support our purchasing decision," Mr. Burnette said. "We've helped agencies and jurisdictions across the state and are now working collaboratively with FirstNet on an exercise to pinpoint areas with poor cell coverage to determine in advance the additional resources necessary to address this potential lack of operability and interoperability." The SNS provides valuable insights on the emergency communications ecosystem that can help public safety organizations enhance their programs and processes and make more informed decisions to address capability gaps.

### [Biden nominates Anna Gomez for fifth FCC spot, renominates Carr, Starks - Urgent Comms](#)

05.24.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

Prior to joining the State Department, Gomez was a partner at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Wiley Rein from May 2013 to June 2022. Before that, Gomez was deputy administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) from 2009 to 2013, serving as a key figure in the initial establishment of the FirstNet Authority. She also worked at the FCC for more than a decade in various roles, including as senior legal advisor to William Kennard, who was FCC at the time.

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## Regional

### [Shreveport firefighters updating technology to streamline duties](#)

05.23.2023 | (KTBS-TV)

The Shreveport Fire Department has implemented updated technology equipment to assist with reports and data collection. These new iPad 10th Generation tablets, powered by AT&T FirstNet, will

allow SFD to perform services more efficiently while keeping up with the trends of progressive emergency agencies. These new devices will allow for a more streamlined process for completing fire and emergency medical incidents and updating/collecting other data such as preplans, staffing, training, event scheduling, and other various services performed by SFD personnel.

### [ANDRO receives \\$50K FuzeHub grant for wireless project](#)

05.23.2023 | (The Central New York Business Journal)

ANDRO will use the grant to conduct a pilot of “2nd Net,” a wireless rapid alert and intelligent emergency-management system for mitigating active threats in schools and public spaces. “We already have a nationwide broadband emergency-management system called FirstNet operated by AT&T,” ANDRO President Andrew Drozd said in a press release. “The 2nd Net provides a secondary safety net, an extra layer of protection. With the exponential rise in school violence and active-shooter threats, an urgent need exists for reliable personal communication devices that provide real-time situational awareness during crisis situations.”

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## National

### [PCTEL Adds 4G/LTE and 5G-NR Network Monitoring Capabilities to the SeeHawk Monitor System](#)

05.25.2023 | (Everything RF)

“SeeHawk Monitor makes it easy to quickly identify interference and other issues that impact the reliability of critical communications coverage, including in public safety radio and broadband networks such as FirstNet,” said James Zik, PCTEL’s Vice President, Test and Measurement Product Management.

### [Siyata Mobile Announces First Quarter 2023 Financial Results](#)

05.24.2023 | (Tekno Holic News)

Seelenfreund continued, “Our distribution network includes well-established relationships with leading North American cellular carriers, including AT&T, FirstNet, T-Mobile, Verizon, Bell and US Cellular, and we recently added KPN Royal Dutch Telecom to the lineup, which our reach in Europe. The push-to-talk cellular market represents a multi-billion opportunity worldwide.1 We are building out a global channel strategy that we believe will enable us to capture a meaningful share of this massive opportunity to capture.”

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## Regional

### [Rome company awarded \\$50K grant to fund pilot system for wireless rapid alert program](#)

05.24.2023 | (The Rome Sentinel)

NDRO has access to a network of industry partners to help test, validate, and field prototype capabilities for a variety of military and commercial customers. “We already have a nationwide broadband emergency management system called FirstNet operated by AT&T. The 2ndNet provides a secondary safety net, an extra layer of protection,” Drozd stated.

### [Youturn Health Earns FirstNet Verified™ Designation](#)

05.24.2023 | (The Galveston County Daily News)



"Through our work with first responders, we heard their need for innovative applications to assist with their lifesaving missions. FirstNet is helping to address these needs, and we are pleased to welcome Youturn Health to the FirstNet App Catalog," said Jeff Bratcher, Chief Network and Technology Officer, First Responder Network Authority.

## **National**

### **[Training seeks to ease mental health crisis among first responders](#)**

05.25.2023 | (MSNBC)

Dr. Anna Courie and Col. Jeffrey Katz join Morning Joe to discuss mental health awareness for first responders and the Struggle Well training for first responders.

### **[FirstNet Makes America More Secure in an Insecure World](#)**

05.25.2023 | (Next TV)

At the recent 10-year anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing, FirstNet was on-scene at the race, providing a Cell on Wheels (think portable cell tower) to increase the capacity for communications among first responders. A critical pillar for homeland security and emergency preparedness, it enabled the location identification of all medical personnel in the area, bolstered redundancy and resiliency for emergency communications, and helped establish a common operating picture.

### **[New FirstNet Cell Sites in the Black Hills Support First Responders](#)**

05.25.2023 | (Firefighter Nation)

These new FirstNet sites provide critical wireless coverage in areas of South Dakota, including the Black Hills, with limited to no coverage previously – areas identified by the South Dakota Public Safety Broadband Council as a top priority. FirstNet sites have also focused on or near tribal lands in South Dakota, including the Lower Brule, Pine Ridge, Yankton, Cheyenne River, Lake Traverse and Standing Rock Reservations. Building out FirstNet is one way we've increased coverage by more than 40% on federally recognized tribal lands in the last 2 years (2020 – 2022).

### **[Nextivity Supports FCC's Proposed Rule on FirstNet Supplemental Coverage from Space.](#)**

05.26.2023 | (The Free Library)

Nextivity agrees with AT&T and AST SpaceMobile that the public interest is served by providing FirstNet coverage from space to uncovered US areas, and that enabling this potential coverage solution is critical to fulfilling the fundamental vision of FirstNet to close terrestrial service gaps.

### **[Best phone carriers of 2023](#)**

05.25.2023 | (Android Police)

Finally, FirstNet and Family is a program that gives first responders and their family members access to discounted service that's also prioritized over other network traffic. That means that even if the network is struggling during an emergency, your phone gets first priority.

### **[Siyata Mobile Inc. \(SYTA\) Q1 2023 Earnings Call Transcript](#)**

05.25.2023 | (Seeking Alpha)

In April 2023, FirstNet announced it supports more than 4.7 million connections to more than 25,000 public safety agencies, a gain of about 1,000 agencies during the first quarter of 2023 from the figures released in the end of 2022. During the first quarter of 2023, FirstNet added 300,000 connections. Siyata works closely with FirstNet, which is the leading PTT provider currently in the U.S. and their

growth is evidence that the customers are moving towards push-to-talk over cellular solutions in the U.S.

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## National

### [FCC grants 700 MHz Band 14 license renewal to FirstNet Authority - Urgent Comms](#)

05.30.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

An FCC bureau yesterday renewed the FirstNet Authority's spectrum license into at least 2027, allowing the nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) to continue operating over the 700 MHz Band 14 airwaves—a key component of the FirstNet Authority's 25-year agreement with contractor AT&T.

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## Regional

### [AT&T touts its billion-dollar investment in network infrastructure](#)

05.30.2023 | (ROI-NJ)

“As America's public safety communications partner, we're giving more of the public safety community access to their network,” he said. “With FirstNet, we're helping to connect public safety agencies and organizations in communities across the state.” FirstNet, he said, includes unique benefits such as always-on priority and, for first responders, preemption, high-quality Band 14 spectrum and a one-of-a-kind 5G experience to keep public safety mission-ready.

## National

### [NTIA Head Davidson Calls FirstNet a 'Success Story,' Supports Reauthorization Before 2027 Sunset](#)

05.31.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

Davidson made the comments last week during a hearing of the House communications and technology subcommittee, noting the dramatic transformation that the FirstNet Authority and its FirstNet nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) have undergone during the past seven years. “I served in the Commerce Department previously, and when I was serving in 2015 and 2016, FirstNet was just a PowerPoint presentation—it was an idea,” Davidson said during the hearing. “To come back now and see a network that is supporting over 4.7 million first responders around the country [and] over 25,000 public-safety agencies—fire departments, ... police departments, EMTs who are relying on the FirstNet network to make sure that they have connectivity on a bad day, in case of emergency.

### [FCC Reauthorizes FirstNet Spectrum Use](#)

05.30.2023 | (RCR Wireless News)

A Federal Communications Commission bureau has reauthorized Firstnet's use of its Band 14 700 MHz spectrum, while a pending bill in the U.S. House of Representatives would make the agency's statutory authority permanent.

### [FCC Renews FirstNet Spectrum License For 10 Years](#)

05.30.2023 | (Law360)

The FCC on Friday handed down the order that the extended spectrum authorization for the First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet, the independent authority in charge of the band, for another 10 years, subject to conditions. Those conditions are that FirstNet implements all the recommendations made by an inspector general report.

### [FCC Map Update, FCC Renews FirstNet Spectrum Authority, NTIA Warns EU Over Big Tech Proposal](#)

05.30.2023 | (BroadbandBreakfast)

The Federal Communications Commission renewed FirstNet Authority's license to operate in the 700 MHz public safety band Friday. "In sum, based on the totality of the record, we conclude that FirstNet has sufficiently demonstrated compliance with the requirements of the Spectrum Act to warrant renewal of its license," read an FCC statement.

### [Siyata Mobile : Q4 2022 and Q1 2023 Earnings Call - Form 6-K](#)

05.30.2023 | (MarketScreener)

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## National

### [FirstNet Band 14 Spectrum Secures Reauthorization From FCC](#)

05.31.2023 | (ExecutiveGov)

According to the independent authority, the reauthorization will provide public safety organizations with uninterrupted access to advanced broadband services to better serve their communities. "The FirstNet Authority will continue to work diligently to further innovate and grow the network to ensure it consistently meets public safety's needs."

### [FCC Reauthorizes FirstNet's Use of Band 14](#)

05.31.2023 | (FierceWireless)

U.S. Rep. Lizzie Fletcher, D-Texas, recently reintroduced the FirstNet Reauthorization Act. The original legislation that created FirstNet included a sunset provision to terminate the program 15 years after its enactment. Fletcher is proposing legislation that reauthorizes FirstNet by striking the original sunset provision and making FirstNet permanent. During a hearing last week, NTIA Administrator Alan Davidson said FirstNet in many ways has been "an amazing success story" of a public/private partnership. AT&T won the 25-year FirstNet contract in 2017.

### [FCC Renews FirstNet's 700 MHz Band License](#)

06.1.2023 | (Inside Towers)

The FCC renewed FirstNet's 700 MHz band license for another ten years from the expiration of its initial license, or for the remaining period of its authorization from Congress, whichever is sooner. The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau concluded that FirstNet satisfied the renewal standard by demonstrating it met the duties stated in the Spectrum Act.

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## Regional

### [AT&T 5G Network Expanding to Lower Paxton Township](#)

05.31.2023 | (WHTM-TV - Daybreak)

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## National

### [NTIA Administrator Alan Davidson Backs Reauthorization of FirstNet Authority Ahead of 2027 Sunset](#)

06.1.2023 | (ExecutiveGov)

Alan Davidson, administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, said Congress should pass a bill that reauthorizes the FirstNet Authority as the entity in charge of a nationwide public safety broadband network before the 2027 end date of its initial authorization, Urgent Communications reported Tuesday. Davidson said FirstNet has been a "success story" and has made strides since it was created in 2012 as an independent authority under NTIA.

### [Panel at SBC Event Examines Significant Economic, Policy Challenges Facing In-Building Communications](#)

06.2.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

Doug McElroy of AT&T said the carrier giant—the contractor building and maintaining the FirstNet public-safety broadband network—is working to develop effective solutions that are affordable to building owners. "I think what we're looking at is that we've got a long history of LMR, and it's been very successful," McElroy said. "Now, we're going to bring LTE into that mix; it gives us a whole host of capabilities that we don't have today. We'll make sure this happens and that it happens quickly.

## Regional

### [WREG News Channel 3 @ 4.30p](#)

05.31.2023 | (WREG-MEM (CBS))

Network expansion is coming to Fayette County giving residents the option for better access to mobile internet. AT&T customers and FirstNet subscribers in the area will see a big boost in their connectivity a new cell tower is enhancing areas. Coverage can drive in surrounding areas just east of Somerville. AT&T has invested nearly 1.4 billion dollars into wireless and wireline networks across Tennessee to connect more people to greater possibility.

### [Summer #MACoCon Titles Are Here – Check Out the Line-Up](#)

06.2.2023 | (MD Counties)

Maryland Association of Counties' Summer Conference brings together approximately 3,000 leaders from all levels of government and the private sector. With four days of educational sessions, along with 2 exhibit shows (over 350 vendors!), and numerous briefings, meetings, and opportunities to connect with counties, this conference is a can't-miss event for anyone involved in Maryland's local government interests. Solutions Showcase Sessions: FirstNet and NG9-1-1: The Future of End-to-End Public Safety Communications.



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