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Power of FirstNet

The first nationwide network dedicated to public safety is ready to help law enforcement, fire service, and EMS do their jobs safely and effectively.

For Public Safety... By Public Safety

Due to communications challenges during the response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the 9/11 Commission recommended the establishment of a single, interoperable network for public safety. For years, public safety organizations lobbied Congress to make this recommendation a reality. Therefore, when Congress established the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) in 2012, it based its mission on public safety's express concerns and desires.

To truly design the FirstNet network for public safety by public safety – a distinction that makes it unique in American telecommunications history – FirstNet continuously consults with local, state/territory, tribal and federal public safety agencies across the country.

Over the past several years, FirstNet has collaborated with public safety stakeholders and leadership from each state and territory. Never before has the public safety community had the opportunity to provide input towards the creation of a nationwide broadband network tailored specifically to meet their needs as they save lives and protect communities across the nation.



- Provide a more reliable and interoperable network
- Connect and help protect first responders in rural America
- Enhance awareness in emergencies
- Offer priority and preemption capabilities
- Deliver readily available capacity during large events
- Create an innovative ecosystem of apps and devices
- Provide reliability and security when disaster strikes
- Ensure a coordinated response to human-caused disasters
- Drive innovation in life-saving, public safety technology
- Deploy the broadband network first responders need

