



## First Responder Network Authority Update November 7, 2022



### FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

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## [A View from Above: Increasing first responder situational awareness with drones](#)

- By First Responder Network Authority

When approaching an emergency or disaster, the more information public safety can gather, the safer and more efficient the response can be. In recent years, agencies have turned to drone technology to help piece together that vital [situational awareness](#) for major events. These “eyes in the sky” can provide a more complete picture of the situation and travel places where it may not be safe for humans to go.

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## [Honoring our nation’s first responders](#)

- By Chief Richard Carrizzo, Fire Chief for the Southern Platte Fire Protection District (Missouri) and Vice Chair of the First Responder Network Authority Board

*This blog is a repost from the [U.S Department of Commerce’s blog](#)(link is external), originally published on October 27, 2022.*

First responders are at the core of our communities. Emergency medical officials treat those in pain. Firefighters carry victims to safety. Emergency managers marshal resources. 9-1-1 call takers field distress calls day and night. Law enforcement officials make sure our neighborhoods remain safe.

On October 28, we recognize their sacrifices and contributions on *Honoring the Nation's First Responders Day*.

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## Device-focused research with public safety yields key insights

- By Travis Hull, User Experience Lead, Roadmap Domain Division, First Responder Network Authority

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) is dedicated to enhancing the FirstNet network and advancing public safety communications for first responders nationwide. To help guide our activities, investments, and resources, we developed a FirstNet Authority Roadmap ([Roadmap](#)) in 2019 that lays out six priority areas, or domains, that public safety identified as critical to the network's success.

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## Release 18 Moves Forward at 3GPP Plenary

- By Dean Prochaska, Senior Director of Standards, First Responder Network Authority

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## **FirstNet, Built with AT&T, Nearly Doubled Coverage Area in Arizona Connecting More First Responders to America's Public Safety Network**

- By First Responder Network Authority

**What's the news?** [AT&T](#)(link is external) is America's public safety communications partner. It's been more than 5 years since we were selected by the First Responder Network Authority ([FirstNet Authority](#)) to build and operate FirstNet, and we have [moved quickly](#)(link is external) to bring more coverage, boost capacity and drive new capabilities for Arizona first responders and the communities they serve – rural, urban and tribal.

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## **Appointment of Renee Gordon to serve on the Board of the First Responder Network Authority**

- By First Responder Network Authority

Today, Commerce Secretary Raimondo announced the appointment of Renee Gordon to serve on the Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority). The following statement is from FirstNet Authority Board Chairman Stephen Benjamin on the appointment:

**Latest Podcast: Under development!**

**Featured FirstNet Authority Video:** [FirstNet extended coverage brings critical connectivity to Tribal lands - YouTube](#)

### **2022 FirstNet Authority Combined Board and Committees Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Washington, DC / Virtual

**Until next month!**

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