



## First Responder Network Authority Update State of Iowa

September 7, 2022



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

01SEP2022

### [FirstNet Authority's Broadband Integration Guide, Collaboration with Indian Gaming Association](#)

- By Jacque Waring, National Tribal Government Liaison, FirstNet Authority

*This blog is a repost from [TribalNet Magazine](#)(link is external), originally published in the Fall 2022 edition. The article can be accessed on page 35.*

### The Latest with FirstNet

The First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet Authority, and our contractor AT&T have been working steadily to build out [FirstNet](#), the nationwide public safety broadband network. Through ongoing consultation with public safety and infrastructure investments, the network supports more than 21,500 public safety agencies and organizations with [coverage reaching more than 99% of the U.S. population across 2.81 million square miles](#). While these milestones are significant, our work is not done.

29 AUG 2022

## **Thunderbird and Whale: First-ever national exercise led by tribal nations tests communications capabilities**

- By Bruce Fitzgerald, Senior Public Safety Advisor, First Responder Network Authority

Thunderbird and Whale was the first-ever national-level exercise fully planned and executed by tribal nations. **Lynda Zambrano**, Executive Director of the National Tribal Emergency Management Council, recounts her team's approach to the exercise and how they maximized resources to benefit tribal communities in the Pacific Northwest.

25 AUG 2022

## **Remote Work Opens New Possibilities for 9-1-1: The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated how dispatchers work from home**

- By John, Hunt, Senior Public Safety Advisor, First Responder Network Authority

*This blog is a repost from **MissionCritical Communications magazine**([link is external](#)), originally published in the Summer/Fall 2022 edition.*

A few years ago, remote 9-1-1 seemed like a remote possibility — an interesting concept but challenging to implement with the technology and resources available. Then the pandemic hit, and the public-safety community had to re-think how it approached in-person work.

24 AUG 2022

## **FirstNet and the five E's of community risk reduction**

- By Gary McCarraher, Senior Public Safety Advisor, First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority)

FirstNet is an important tool for firefighters as they battle a fire. Outside the blazes, the network can also enhance the fire service's community risk reduction efforts. At the FirstNet Authority, we are engaging with the fire community on how FirstNet can support the "five E's" of risk reduction: enforcement, engineering, education, emergency response, and economic incentives.

24AUG2022

## [FirstNet Network Expands in Oneida County to Advance Public Safety Communications Capabilities in New York](#)

- By First Responder Network Authority

### What's the news?

Oneida County's first responders are getting a major boost in their wireless communications thanks to the [FirstNet\(link is external\)](#)® network expansion currently underway by [AT&T\(link is external\)](#)\*. New [purpose-built cell site\(link is external\)](#)s have been added in Oneida County – **one in the City of Rome, another by Hinckley Reservoir on the Herkimer County border**. These new sites are giving first responders on FirstNet – America's public safety network – access to *always-on*, 24-hours-a-day priority and preemption across voice and data. Today, AT&T significantly covers Oneida County and New York with [FirstNet, Built with AT&T\(link is external\)](#) – helping to connect public safety agencies and organizations in more than 340 communities across the state.

17AUG2022

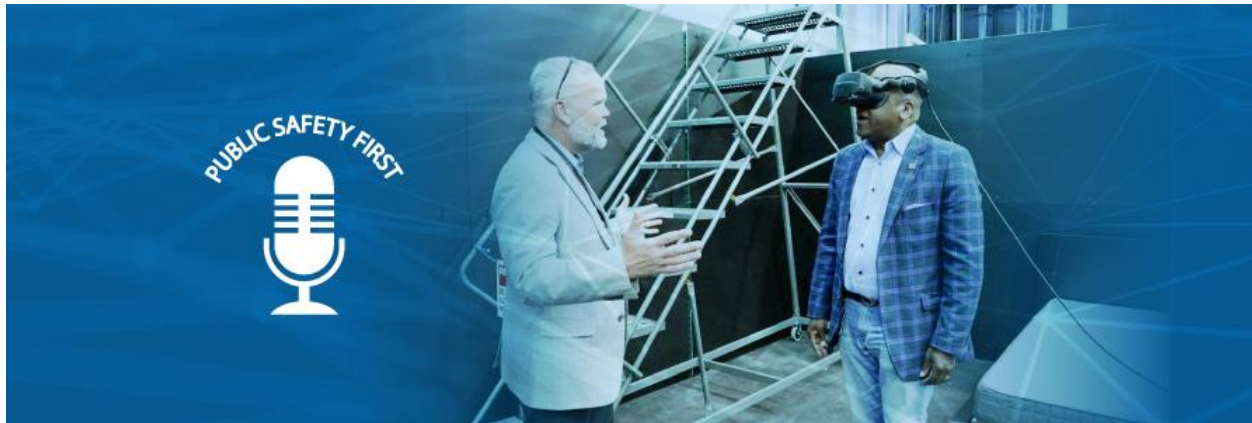
## [FirstNet Authority Board Approves FY23 Budget For Agency Operations, Network Investments](#)

- By First Responder Network Authority

LOS ANGELES, CA – The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) Board today approved a \$358 million budget package to fund the agency's operations and potential network investments in Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). Meeting today in Los Angeles, the Board allocated the majority of the FY23 budget for enhancements and upgrades to [FirstNet\(link is external\)](#), the nationwide public safety broadband network.

**Latest Podcast:**

## **Episode 64: Introducing the Public Safety Immersive Test Center: A VR Experience**



The Public Safety Immersive Test Center is a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide responders, researchers, and developers a virtual environment to develop, test, and evaluate public safety technologies. FirstNet Authority Chief Network Technology Officer Jeff Bratcher and Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) Division Chief Dereck Orr discuss the launch of the Test Center and the history of partnership between the FirstNet Authority and PSCR.

**Featured FirstNet Authority Video:** [Meet the Expert: Jon Olson - YouTube](#)

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

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

**Until next month!**

**Jonathan Olson, Senior Public Safety Advisor – EMS SME**  
**First Responder Network Authority - Public Safety Advocacy Division**  
[jon.olson@FirstNet.gov](mailto:jon.olson@FirstNet.gov) - Mobile: 240-474-8954

**Contract Management, Oversight and Public Safety Advocacy**