



## News Release

### **AT&T Invests Nearly \$350 Million Over 3-Year Period to Boost Local Networks in Puerto Rico**

SAN JUAN, PR, June 17, 2019 — At [AT&T](#)<sup>1</sup>, we've invested nearly \$350 million in our Puerto Rico wireless and wired networks during 2016-2018. These investments boost reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. We've also improved critical services that support Public Safety and first responders using the FirstNet communications platform.

This investment has helped AT&T rank 1<sup>st</sup> place as fastest and most Reliable network in Puerto Rico according to the most recent GWS benchmarking drive test completed in April 2019.

In 2018, AT&T made more than 600 wireless network upgrades in Puerto Rico. We added more capacity and bandwidth to hundreds of cell sites to increase speeds and boost performance. We also recovered cell sites damaged during the 2017 hurricane season.

"We're always looking for new opportunities to enhance coverage for our customers and FirstNet subscribers," said Alexandra Verdiales Costa, AT&T regional vice president. "This investment will also pave the path to 5G mobile services in the years ahead."

"For Puerto Rico to continue to thrive and attract new jobs and innovation, sustained investment by the private sector is crucial," said Honorable Manuel Laboy, Secretary of Economic Development and Commerce of Puerto Rico. "By continuing to build state-of-the-art infrastructure in Puerto Rico, AT&T is making business growth possible and assuring that our residents have the tools to stay connected and entertained."

The AT&T LTE network covers more than 400 million people in North America. By building out our 4G LTE network, we're boosting network speeds and capacity, as we continue to expand the availability of our network and upgrade our technology.

Additionally, for the 5th consecutive year we've landed on *Fortune* magazine's list of the "World's Most Admired" companies. It's also the 6th year in a row we've appeared on the Global Top 50 list – no other telecom company made the Top 50.

#### **Transforming Public Safety Communications**

FirstNet is Public Safety's dedicated, nationwide communications platform. It is for all first responders – career and volunteer, urban, or rural. It's bringing public safety communications into the 21st century with new, innovative capabilities, helping first responders connect to the critical information they need – every day and in every emergency.



Building upon our current and planned investments in Puerto Rico, we continue to extend the reach and increase the capacity of the FirstNet communications platform:

- First responders in Puerto Rico enjoy the fastest overall experience on FirstNet, compared to any commercial network in the nation, thanks to the specialized capabilities enabled by the physically separate and dedicated FirstNet network core, like always-on priority and preemption.<sup>2</sup>
- Public safety agencies subscribed to FirstNet have 24/7 [access](#) to a nationwide fleet of 75 deployable network assets. These assets can either be deployed for planned events or called upon in emergencies to help first responders stay connected and operate faster, safer and more effectively when lives are on the line.

FirstNet is built with AT&T in a public-private partnership with the [First Responder Network Authority](#) – an independent agency within the federal government. This helps ensure that the FirstNet communications platform and service offerings meet the short- and long-term needs of the public safety community.

To learn more about our wireless coverage in Puerto Rico or anywhere in the U.S., go to the [AT&T Coverage Viewer](#). For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please go to the [AT&T network news page](#).

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We help family, friends and neighbors connect in meaningful ways every day. From the first phone call 140+ years ago to mobile video streaming, we innovate to improve lives. We have the nation's fastest wireless network.\*\* And according to America's biggest test, we have the nation's best wireless network.\*\*\* We're building [FirstNet](#) just for first responders and creating next-generation mobile 5G. With [DIRECTV](#), [DIRECTV NOW](#) and [WatchTV](#), we deliver entertainment people love to talk about. Our smart, highly secure solutions serve nearly 3 million global businesses – nearly all of the Fortune 1000. And worldwide, our spirit of service drives employees to give back to their communities.

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\*\*\*According to America's biggest test as announced by Global Wireless Solutions last fall.

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