Creating America’s Public Safety Broadband Network

FIRSTNET TIMELINE

9/11 Terrorist Attacks
After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States witnessed a shift towards national focus on public safety communications. The FirstNet Authority was established by Congress with the bipartisan Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act to build and manage a nationwide network dedicated to public safety.

Every State Says “Yes” to FirstNet
In January 2016, the FirstNet Authority issued an RFP (Request for Proposal) seeking proposals to build a nationwide public safety broadband network. All 50 states responded with “yes,” indicating their commitment to their public safety community.

Building a Network with First Responders
In 2018, the FirstNet Authority launched with a team of former first responders dedicated to working with public safety and technology executives across the country. The public safety community came together to call on Congress to pass the bipartisan Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act.

Connecting Rural and Remote Areas of America
FirstNet is designed to connect first responders to essential services wherever they are, whether in urban centers or remote rural areas. The network is built on AT&T's existing infrastructure, which covers 99% of the U.S. population.

Bridging a Gap in Critical 911 and 911 Service
FirstNet is the only wireless network designed specifically for first responders. It provides advanced communications capabilities that are essential for disaster response, including interoperability with existing systems.

Making First Responder Health & Wellness a Top Priority
Wellness is a top priority for FirstNet. AT&T established the Wellness Coalition to address the mental and physical health of first responders. ROG the Dog, a humanoid robot, has been deployed to support first responders on the frontlines of wildfires across the West.

Covering More First Responders Than Any Other Network
Since its launch, FirstNet has expanded its coverage to more than 23,000 agencies and organizations across the U.S., connecting more than 4 million connections. With 150+ dedicated deployable assets, FirstNet strategically deploys SatCOLTs and MegaRange to boost cellular transmission strength, enabling first responders to operate farther away from the edge of their footprint.

Upgrading Existing Technologies
FirstNet upholds the highest standards for interoperability and is a network for first responders that can’t get anywhere else. Now, public safety officials can take advantage of unique innovations and 5G technologies, including Pro—an enterprise-grade mini cell tower that can be deployed in seconds—9/11 Terrorist Attacks.

Bringing a One-of-a-Kind 5G Solution to Maryland
FirstNet 5G+, which includes Mid-Band 5G+ and Low-Band 5G, ensures that FirstNet can now enhance their in-building wireless connectivity. 5G technology provides faster, more reliable wireless access to mission-critical apps.

A Network Built for Tomorrow
FirstNet is a next-generation, end-to-end solution that is distinct from commercial network assets. It is a nationwide, wireless broadband network designed for public safety that will provide mission-critical communications in disasters.

Evolution of Public Safety’s Call for Wireless Communications
Public safety first responders never know exactly when and where disaster might strike, but they need to be ready. Devices like the Pro can be deployed in seconds, ensuring critical connectivity to help meet the urgent needs of public safety officials.

Every FirstNet solution is designed for public safety and is interoperable with existing systems. The network is not a commercial network. AT&T is committed to continuously evolving and innovating to meet public safety's ongoing needs.

FIRSTNET BUILDING BLOCKS

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A Network for the Evolving Safety Marketplace
FirstNet is driving an ecosystem of innovation. FirstNet's unique market structure enables stakeholders to connect with public safety and public safety communications companies to evolve new solutions and products.

A Network for First Responders and Emergency Personnel
FirstNet is a secure, dedicated, physically separate system that is distinct from commercial network assets. It is designed to handle high-bandwidth, real-time data and voice communications for public safety.

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