



## News Release

### **AT&T Invests Nearly \$30 Million Over 3-Year Period to Enhance Local Networks in Rhode Island**

PROVIDENCE, R.I., May 25, 2017 — At [AT&T](#)<sup>1</sup>, we've invested nearly \$30 million in our Rhode Island wireless and wired networks during 2014-2016. These investments drive a wide range of upgrades to reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. They also improve critical services that support public safety and first responders.

In 2016, AT&T made more than 130 wireless network upgrades across Rhode Island, including building new cell sites, adding network capacity to existing sites and improving our high-speed Internet connections.

"We're investing to provide faster, more reliable, highly secure connectivity. We want customers to have internet access at any moment, from almost any device—anywhere," said Patricia Jacobs, president, AT&T New England. "These continued investments bring local residents and businesses a host of new opportunities."

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) recently chose AT&T to build a nationwide public safety broadband network. The network will be dedicated to America's police, firefighters, EMS personnel and other first responders when they need it. Should Rhode Island opt-in to the FirstNet network, we will build upon our current and planned investments with a dedicated focus on the state's first responders.

And we would expect to make a significant investment to upgrade and maintain Rhode Island's FirstNet network over the next 25 years, bringing your first responders the coverage, value and experience they expect.

For the third year in a row, FORTUNE magazine recognized AT&T as the Most Admired Telecommunications Company in the world in 2017. We also No. 37 among the Top 50 World's Most Admired companies.

AT&T is the only telecommunications company on the list. We ranked No. 1 in all 9 attributes. This included innovation, financial soundness and quality of products/services.

We continue to expand the scope of our ultra-fast internet powered by [AT&T Fiber](#).

We have the largest fiber network within our 21-state wireline footprint.<sup>2</sup> We also now market a 1 gigabit connection<sup>3</sup> on our 100% fiber network to 4.6 million locations across 52



major metro areas. We plan to reach at least 75 major metros overall. We expect to add 2 million locations in 2017, and we plan to reach at least 12.5 million locations by mid-2019.

We have an extensive Wi-Fi network with more than 40,000 AT&T Wi-Fi hotspots at popular restaurants, hotels, bookstores and retailers. And we provide access to Wi-Fi at more than 1 million locations around the world. Most AT&T smartphone and home internet customers get access to the entire national AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spot network.<sup>4</sup> at no additional cost. Wi-Fi usage doesn't count against customers' monthly wireless data plans.

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

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<sup>2</sup> Based on publicly available data for the top fiber providers in the AT&T operating footprint.

<sup>3</sup> Actual customer speeds may vary. Download speeds are typically up to 940Mbps due to overhead capacity reserved to deliver the data.

<sup>4</sup> Wi-Fi enabled device required. Other restrictions apply. See [www.attwifi.com](http://www.attwifi.com) for details and locations

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