U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHARTER OF THE

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Committee's Official Designation (Title)

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

2. Authority

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) established the Public Safety Advisory Committee under the authority of Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Tax Relief Act), Pub. L. No. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156, § 6205(a)(1) (47 U.S.C. § 1425(a)(1)), and in accordance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. § 1534(b).

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities

The PSAC provides advice and recommendations to FirstNet. The objective of the PSAC is to assist the FirstNet in carrying out its duties to design, construct, and deploy the nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network (public safety network). The PSAC will assist FirstNet in maintaining the crucial dialogue with state, local, and tribal government and first responder leaders. The PSAC will also enable FirstNet to receive feedback from and exchange ideas with a wide swath of important stakeholders. Thus, the PSAC will support FirstNet in more effectively reaching its goals of building a nationwide public safety network and providing the best possible service to the public safety community. The scope of the PSAC's activities will be limited to matters involving shared intergovernmental responsibilities or administration.

4. Description of Duties

FirstNet intends to seek the advice of the PSAC on a wide variety of matters involving shared intergovernmental responsibilities or administration, including without limitation advice on aspects of outreach, state consultation and state plans. FirstNet will issue written requests for these and other matters in the order FirstNet deems most helpful in consultation with the PSAC, and the PSAC will provide advice and recommendations to FirstNet in response to such requests. The PSAC may request additional assignments, modification of assignments and seek authorization to advise FirstNet on matters not currently assigned. The PSAC will assist FirstNet by representing the consensus views of the public safety community to FirstNet. It may also provide a forum for public safety stakeholders to present current and emerging issues in public safety network management, policy, reform, and technology.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The PSAC will report and provide advice to the FirstNet Board through the Designated FirstNet Liaison. The Designated FirstNet Liaison will also communicate work assignments, priorities, and work plans to the PSAC on FirstNet's behalf.

6. Support

FirstNet will provide staff and resources to support the committee.

7. Designated FirstNet Liaison

The Chair of the FirstNet Board will select a FirstNet official, who is either the General Manager or Deputy General Manager of FirstNet, to serve as the Designated FirstNet Liaison to the PSAC. In performing these duties, the Designated FirstNet Liaison will coordinate with the FirstNet User Advocacy Officer as appropriate.

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

It is anticipated that the PSAC will meet in person approximately two times a year, as determined by the PSAC Chair and subject to the call of the Designated FirstNet Liaison. The PSAC may hold additional telephonic meetings, as determined by the PSAC Chair and subject to the call of the Designated FirstNet Liaison. FirstNet staff shall take the official minutes of all meetings.

9. Membership and Designation

The PSAC shall be comprised of no more than 45 members who represent state, local, and tribal public safety organizations and shall also include a federal member.

Consistent with 41 C.F.R. §102-3.40(g), the federal member shall be a full-time or permanent part-time officer or employee of FirstNet appointed by the FirstNet Chair. The federal member will serve as a non-voting member of the PSAC, but is authorized to represent the FirstNet Board in the PSAC's deliberations to provide consensus advice in support of shared intergovernmental responsibilities or administration for the public safety network.

Non-federal members must be elected or designated officials of state, local, or tribal governments serving in their official capacities, which includes the Washington representatives of such organizations. A list of such organizations is set forth at appendix A. Such members shall be recommended by their respective organizations, but must be appointed by the Chairperson of the FirstNet Board. Non-federal members of such organizations will serve for a term of two years, but may be reappointed for additional consecutive terms.

The PSAC shall be headed by a Chair and an Executive Committee, consisting of five members (including the Chair) appointed by the Chairperson of the FirstNet Board. The PSAC Chair shall serve a one-year term, but may be reappointed for two additional consecutive terms. Subsequent appointments (beyond the three years) of the PSAC Chair may be approved by the Board.

The Executive Committee shall assist the Chair in operating the PSAC and coordinating with the full PSAC membership. Each member of the Executive Committee shall serve a one-year term, but may be reappointed for additional consecutive terms. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote.

No member of the PSAC or its subgroups shall be a registered lobbyist under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 1601 *et seq.*, in accordance with the President's Memorandum on

Lobbyists, Memorandum for the Heads of Agency Boards and Commissions: Lobbyists on Agency Boards and Commissions (June 18, 2010), http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-memorandum-lobbyists-agency-boards-and-commissions.

10. Subcommittees

FirstNet may create subcommittees, working groups, standing committees, ad hoc groups, task groups, or other subgroups as it considers necessary for the performance of the PSAC's functions. Like the full committee, PSAC subgroups may meet solely for the purpose of discussing shared intergovernmental responsibilities or administration. Any subgroup established will report to the Executive Committee and must not provide advice or work products directly to FirstNet.

11. Duration/Termination

The PSAC is a standing committee. This charter will remain in effect until 2027 and may be amended from time to time by FirstNet.

Dated: 6/3/14

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Chairwoman of the Board,
First Responder Network Authority

Appendix A

1. American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials
2. Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International
3. American Public Works Association
4. Forestry Conservation Communications Association
5. Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council
6. Interagency Board
7. International Association of Chiefs of Police
8. International Association of Emergency Managers
9. International Association of Fire Chiefs
10. International City/County Management Association
11. International Municipal Signal Association
12. Major Cities (Police) Chiefs Association
13. Major County Sheriffs' Association
14. Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
15. National Association of Counties
16. National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians
17. National Association of Regional Councils
18. National Association of State Chief Information Officers
19. National Association of State EMS Officials
20. National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators
21. National Association of State Technology Directors
22. National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors
23. National Congress of American Indians
24. National Criminal Justice Association
25. National Conference of State Legislatures
26. National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators
27. National Emergency Management Association
28. National EMS Management Association
29. National Emergency Number Association
30. National Governors Association
31. National League of Cities
32. National Public Safety Telecommunications Council
33. National Sheriffs' Association
34. National Consortium of Justice Information Statistics
35. U.S. Conference of Mayors
36. SAFECOM Executive Committee (At Large)
37. Fire Non-Management First Line Responder (At Large)
38. Police Non-Management First Line Responder (At Large)
39. Police Non-Management First Line Responder (At Large)
40. FirstNet (Federal Member)