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State Consultation Update



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Agenda



- Maryland Initial Consultation Meeting Overview
- Consultation Process Lessons Learned
- Maryland Meeting Lessons Learned
- Next Steps

Maryland Initial Consultation Meeting Summary



- FirstNet held its initial state consultation meeting in Maryland on July 29, 2014
- Attendees:
 - Governor O'Malley and Component Heads
 - Maryland Broadband Team
 - Local Public Safety Representatives
 - State Agency Members
 - FirstNet Acting General Manager and Key Staff



Maryland Meeting Agenda



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8:30	Welcoming Remarks	Ray Lehr, Maryland SPOC and SWIC David Buchanan, FirstNet Director of State Consultation TJ Kennedy, FirstNet Acting General Manager
9:00	State Update	Ray Lehr, Maryland SPOC and SWIC
10:00	FirstNet Update and Consultation Process	TJ Kennedy, FirstNet Acting General Manager
1:00	Users and Coverage Outreach Wrap-up and Next Steps	Richard Reed, FirstNet Director of State Plans Amanda Hilliard, FirstNet Director of Outreach David Buchanan, FirstNet Director of State Consultation
4:30	Adjourn	

Maryland Observations



- Created opportunities for feedback from state team, as well as participants
- The 8 hour day became quickly filled by the agenda
- Agenda will be changed to have FirstNet frame the day's discussion before the state asks questions



Chief Pat Walsh BCFD describes how FirstNet would help at the Preakness by providing reliable data services for situational awareness, medic responses and more...

- Diversity in attendees is critical
 - States need to invite and bring local public safety officials
 - Is there discipline diversity (e.g., fire, law enforcement, EMS, 9-1-1)?
 - Is there geographic diversity (e.g., metro, rural, urban)?
 - Is there jurisdictional diversity (e.g., state, local, tribal, federal) ?

What Did We Learn About Maryland?



■ Coverage and Events

- Preakness Stakes provided unique backdrop to illustrate communications challenges

■ Users

- Incident-based eligible users should include fire, law enforcement, EMS, and emergency management
- Non-traditional public safety users need to be considered by FirstNet

■ Operations

- Local coordination is key for planned and unplanned events

■ Uniqueness of the state

- Maryland is unique in that it houses federal government offices (e.g., Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency); in addition, many federal government workers live in Maryland

■ Cyber security is important

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