

Expanding FirstNet coverage in your community

FirstNet, the nationwide public safety broadband network, is designed and built to meet public safety's needs. That starts with providing robust coverage so responders can operate **wherever the mission takes them.**



Coverage buildout to date

Since our founding, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) — the federal agency that oversees FirstNet — has worked with public safety and its network contractor, AT&T, to ensure the network is built where public safety needs it. Today, the network covers nearly 3 million square miles and reaches more than 99% of the U.S. population, as reported by AT&T.

There are still areas where more coverage is needed, and the FirstNet Authority is committed to expanding the network. In 2024, the FirstNet Authority announced a \$2 billion investment to expand FirstNet coverage over the next decade.

Public safety's voice

In preparation for this major investment in coverage, the FirstNet Authority is working with public safety in each state and territory to determine where coverage is still needed. State and local public safety government leaders and public safety officials are encouraged to attend the following sessions:

- **FirstNet Progress Update** – Participants will receive an overview of the FirstNet buildout in the state or territory, upcoming technology offerings, and other relevant updates
- **Coverage Enhancement Workshops** – Participants will hear about the FirstNet Authority's investment process, review data-driven recommendations for coverage buildout, and provide feedback on where coverage is needed most.

These sessions are being scheduled throughout 2025 and 2026. Each workshop lasts about 2 hours and is customized to meet the needs of the state or territory.

Learn more about Coverage Enhancement Workshops:

[FirstNet.gov/CEW](https://firstnet.gov/CEW)

Coverage gap analysis

In preparation for these sessions, the FirstNet Authority identified areas of interest, or AOIs, where coverage might need to be improved. These AOIs were developed by gathering and analyzing relevant data, such as major roadways, crowdsourced call data, critical infrastructure, and high-risk areas.

During the Coverage Enhancement Workshop, participants are invited to provide feedback on these AOIs and coverage priorities in the state or territory. To help prepare for the discussion, we encourage participants to consider the following:

- Where public safety operates and coverage is inadequate
- How often the location is impacted
- The criticality of improving coverage in the area
- Why public safety needs coverage in the area

How to get involved

The FirstNet Authority will reach out to state and territory leaders to begin the process of scheduling a workshop. States and territories are encouraged to invite officials who represent public safety, such as:

- Public safety leaders across large, medium, and small agencies (e.g., law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, 911/emergency communications, emergency management)
- Tribal public safety representatives
- Federal public safety representatives
- Statewide interoperable communications governance body members
- State and local government leaders

The FirstNet Authority will work with state and local leaders to coordinate the agenda, participant list, invitations, venue, and meeting promotion.

If you would like to get involved in planning your coverage sessions, please reach out directly to your **FirstNet Authority public safety advisor.**