

## First Responder Network Authority Combined Board and Committees Meeting

June 2, 2025











# Welcome



Renee Gordon Acting Board Chair



Time	Торіс
9:30 – 9:35 a.m.	Acting Board Chair Convenes Combined Board and Committees Meeting
9:35 – 9:50 a.m.	Introduction of New FirstNet Authority and NTIA Leadership
9:50 – 10:00 a.m.	Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update
10:00 – 10:05 a.m.	Advocacy Committee Update
10:05 – 10:10 a.m.	Finance & Investment Committee Update
10:10 – 10:15 a.m.	Programs & Future Planning Committee Update
10:15 – 10:25 a.m.	Closing Remarks
10:25 – 10:30 a.m.	Vote to Adjourn



## Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update



**Assistant Chief Christopher Lombard** 



## **PSAC Accomplishments**

### **Bi-Monthly Virtual Meeting**

- April 2025 meeting topics included:
  - Isolated Operations for Public Safety (IOPS)
  - Network Experience
  - Emergency Management Guide

### **Tribal Advisory Group**

- Hosted in-person meeting concurrent with March Board meeting
- Continue collaborating on national and regional tribal association outreach









### **Continued Engagement**

- June 2025: PSAC in-person meeting
- Bi-monthly virtual meetings
- Ad hoc working group meetings
- Monthly Tribal Advisory Group meetings

### **Focus Areas**

- Investment discussions related to coverage enhancement and network evolution (e.g., PTT, location-based services)
- Advocacy in support of the FirstNet Authority's mission
- Collaboration opportunities with FirstNet Authority Board within the respective associations and/or jurisdictions served
- Tribal Advisory Group development of briefing materials geared toward tribal councils





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## **Advocacy Committee Update**



Chief Trisha L. Wolford Advocacy Committee Chair

## FY2025 Quarter 2 Public Safety Engagement Accomplishments





## **Public Safety Engagement Highlights**





National Fire and EMS Conferences



- Participated in multiple national fire service and EMS conferences, including Fire-Rescue Med, Community Risk Reduction, and National Volunteer Fire Council
- Held fruitful discussions with association leadership and stakeholders at all levels of government
- Hosted booths to demonstrate FirstNet capabilities and solicit stakeholder feedback

 Attended National Police Week activities in Washington, D.C. to remember and honor fallen responders

Police

Week

 Engaged with national, state, and local law enforcement leaders on key broadband topics (e.g., push-to-talk, coverage needs), as appropriate

#### **National and Regional**



Hurricane Preparedness



- Participated in key hurricane preparedness events, including the National Hurricane Conference and Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference
- Engaged local, state, and federal responders and policy makers, voluntary organizations, healthcare, private business, and industry representatives
- Presented on various topics, including deployables and FirstNet Authority coverage investment strategy

## **Coverage Enhancement Workshops**



#### South Dakota (Q2)

- Attendees focused on the need for coverage in the "white spaces"
- Challenged model's emphasis on crowdsource density
- Noted seasonal variations in cellular use

#### CNMI (Q2)

Participants provided feedback on FirstNet Authority areas of interest (AOI) and identified two other areas based on known coverage gaps

#### Guam (Q2)

Attendees identified two additional AOIs based on public safety needs



#### New Hampshire (Q1)

- State came prepared with its own AOIs
- Identified key gaps along international

#### US Virgin Islands (Q3)

Participants identified coverage gaps and challenges across all three islands, including in-building, macro, and maritime coverage



# Finance and Investment Committee Update



**Sean McDevitt** 

Finance and Investment Committee Chair







## Programs and Future Planning Committee Update



**Rasheid Scarlett** 

Programs and Future Planning Committee Chair

## **Programs and Future Planning**





Adoption & Usage

7M+ connections



**5G + LEO** Deployable upgrades with Low Earth Orbit retrofit



#### BTTR Focus

Driven by public safety, focus on borders, tribal, territorial, and rural geographies



#### Hurricane Preparations

Mobilizing and staging assets in preparation



((5G))

#### FirstNet Central Enhancements

**5G Standalone** 

Preparing for launch

(SA) Core

of 5G SA Core

Network outages, uplift tool, and account management



**1,000** Band 14 new site builds in 2024 and 2025



In-building

Enhanced coverage where responders operate



## 5G Advanced and 6G Standards

Advanced capabilities



### **Innovation Trials**

Air to Ground, Maritime, and Artificial Intelligence



#### Mission Critical Services

Ecosystem expansion, inter-working function



# **Closing Remarks**

# **Thank You**

