



# First Responder Network Authority Combined Board and Committees Meeting

March 12, 2025





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# Welcome

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**Renee Gordon**  
Acting Board Chair

# Combined Board and Committees Meeting Agenda



<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	<b>Acting Board Chair Convenes Combined Board and Committees Meeting</b>
9:35 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	<b>Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update</b>
9:45 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	<b>Advocacy Committee Update</b>
9:55 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	<b>Finance &amp; Investment Committee Update</b>
10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Programs &amp; Future Planning Committee Update</b>
10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Vote to Adjourn</b>



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# Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update

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**Assistant Chief Christopher Lombard**  
PSAC Chair

# PSAC Accomplishments

## December 2024 In-Person Meeting – Boulder, CO

- 14 PSAC members in person
- Several Board members joined
- Topics Discussed:
  - Coverage Enhancement
  - Global Outreach – FirstNet as a model
  - FirstNet Technical Headquarters and Lab Tour



- **June 2025:** PSAC in person meeting Seattle / Bellevue
- **Ongoing:**
  - Investment discussions related to coverage enhancement and network evolution (e.g., PTT, location-based services)
  - Advocacy in support of FirstNet's mission
  - Collaboration opportunities with FirstNet Authority Board within the respective associations and / or jurisdictions served
  - Tribal Advisory Group development of briefing materials geared towards tribal councils





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# Advocacy Committee Update

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**Chief Trisha L. Wolford**  
Advocacy Committee Chair

# FY2025 Quarter 1 Public Safety Engagement Accomplishments

**278** Public Safety Engagements



**176** Feedback Items

**70+** National Events

**80**

Visitors to and 13 tours of the FirstNet Lab and PSITC



**13K+** Stakeholders Reached





- Attended major law enforcement association conferences, including MCSA, NSA, and MCCA, and 35th annual Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) symposium
- Engaged with national, state, and local stakeholders on key broadband technology topics (e.g., push-to-talk, border coverage needs)



## Public Safety Operations Support



- Provided virtual and on-site planning and support to local, state, and federal public safety stakeholders for various planned events (e.g., New Year's Eve, Inauguration, Super Bowl LIX, Groundhog Day)
- Coordinated with AT&T in support of events nationwide
- Examined network performance during various incidents

## Coverage Enhancement Workshops

- Launched pilot coverage enhancement workshops and successfully conducted five pilots between November and March
- Gathered specific feedback regarding state and local coverage needs
- Captured lessons learned to improve workshop delivery and underlying model

# Harlin McEwen and Patriot Award Nominations



**Nominations due March 31 via [FirstNet.gov](https://www.firstnet.gov).**



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# Finance and Investment Committee Update

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**Sean McDevitt**

Finance and Investment Committee Chair

# 2025 February Cumulative Operations Budget Execution





## TTR Focus

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



## 5G Band 14

Band 14 site upgrades nationwide



**1,000**

Band 14 new site builds in 2024 and 2025



## 5G + LEO

Deployable upgrades with Low Earth Orbit retrofit



## In-building

Enhanced coverage where responders operate



## 5G Priority

First Priority® access on 5G



## Satellite to Device

Target 5G core upgrades to enable satellite-to-device service



## Deployable Capacity

Alternate form factors for FirstNet deployables



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# Programs and Future Planning Committee Update

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**Rasheid Scarlett**

Programs and Future Planning  
Committee Chair

# FirstNet Differentiators



**Operates over dedicated spectrum for public safety**



**Uses a separate core built for public safety communications traffic and security**



**Is built on network plans approved by every state and territory**



**Is built on global standards developed with public safety representation**



**Ensures always-on priority and preemption of voice and data for public safety users**



**Ensures accountability for public safety through the FirstNet Authority**



**Provides public safety with on-demand mobile coverage assets and support at no additional cost**



**Gives local control and access to network status to public safety agencies**



**Engages with public safety to guide network investment, expansion, and innovation**



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# Closing Remarks

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# Thank You

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