



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

(As Amended May 5, 2021)

Committee's Official Designation - Title

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

Authority

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) established the PSAC under the authority of the 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).

Objectives, Duties, and Scope of Activities

The PSAC provides advice and recommendations to the FirstNet Authority. The objective of the PSAC is to assist the FirstNet Authority in carrying out its duties relative to the design, construction, deployment, and operation of the nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. The PSAC will assist the FirstNet Authority in maintaining the crucial dialogue and relationships with local, state, tribal, and federal government and public safety leaders.

The PSAC will also enable the FirstNet Authority to receive feedback from and exchange ideas with a wide swath of important stakeholders. Thus, the PSAC will support the FirstNet Authority 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 related to public safety communications.

The FirstNet Authority seeks the advice of the PSAC on a wide variety of matters involving shared intergovernmental responsibilities or administration related to public safety communications, including, without limitation, advice on aspects of public safety stakeholder engagement, and network operation, services, and use. The FirstNet Authority will issue written requests for these and other matters in the order the FirstNet

Authority deems most helpful in consultation with the PSAC, and the PSAC will provide advice and recommendations to the FirstNet Authority in response to such requests. The PSAC may request additional assignments or modification of assignments, where appropriate. The PSAC will assist the FirstNet Authority by representing the consensus views of the public safety community to the FirstNet Authority, where feasible. 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.

Designated FirstNet Authority Point of Contact and Support

The PSAC provides advice and reports to the FirstNet Authority's Chief Market Engagement Officer (CMEO), who serves as the Designated FirstNet Authority Point of Contact (POC) to the PSAC. The FirstNet Authority will provide staff and resources to support the committee. The Designated FirstNet Authority POC will also communicate work assignments, priorities, and work plans to the PSAC on the FirstNet Authority's behalf.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

It is anticipated 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 Authority POC. The PSAC may hold additional meetings, whether in person or by other means, as determined by the PSAC Chair and subject to the call of the Designated FirstNet Authority POC. FirstNet Authority staff shall take the official notes of all meetings.

Membership and Designation

The PSAC shall be comprised of members who represent local, state, and tribal public safety organizations and shall also include a federal member from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Justice. In accordance with the Don't Break up the T-Band Act of 2020 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, Division FF, Title IX, Section 902), any state or taxing jurisdiction identified by the Federal Communications Commission as engaging in diversion of 9-1-1 fees or charges is ineligible to participate on or send a representative to serve as a member of the PSAC.

Non-federal members must be elected or designated officials of local, state, or tribal governments serving in their official capacities, which includes the Washington D.C. representatives of such organizations. A list of such organizations is set forth at the appendix. Such members shall be recommended by their respective organizations, but must be appointed by the Chair of the FirstNet Authority Board. Non-federal members of such organizations will serve for a term of two (2) years, but may be reappointed for additional consecutive terms. Federal members shall be recommended by their respective organizations, but must be appointed by the Chair of the FirstNet Authority

Board. Federal members will serve for a term of two (2) years, but may be reappointed for additional consecutive terms.

The PSAC shall be headed by a Chair and an Executive Committee, consisting of seven (7) members (including the Chair) appointed by the Chair of the FirstNet Authority Board. The PSAC Chair shall serve a one (1) year term, but may be reappointed for two (2) additional consecutive terms. Subsequent appointments (beyond the three years) of the PSAC Chair may be approved by the FirstNet Authority Board.

The Executive Committee shall assist the PSAC Chair in operating the PSAC and coordinating with the full PSAC membership. Each member of the Executive Committee shall serve a one (1) 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 Presidential Memorandum - *Lobbyists on Agency Boards and Commissions (June 18, 2010)*, https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/Lobbyists_on_Agency_Boards_and_Commissions.doc, and subsequent Office of Management and budget guidance, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2014-08-13/pdf/2014-19140.pdf>.

Subcommittees

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

Duration and Amendment

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



Tip Osterthaler, Chairman of the Board
First Responder Network Authority

Date: May 5, 2021

Appendix: PSAC Membership Organizations

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 Justice and Public Safety Network
12. International Municipal Signal Association
13. Major Cities (Police) Chiefs Association
14. Major County Sheriffs of America
15. Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
16. National Association of Counties
17. National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians
18. National Association of EMS Physicians
19. National Association of Regional Councils
20. National Association of State Chief Information Officers
21. National Association of State EMS Officials
22. National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators
23. National Association of State Technology Directors
24. National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors
25. National Congress of American Indians
26. National Criminal Justice Association
27. National Conference of State Legislatures
28. National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators
29. National Emergency Management Association
30. National EMS Management Association
31. National Emergency Number Association
32. National Governors Association
33. National League of Cities
34. National Public Safety Telecommunications Council
35. National Sheriffs' Association
36. National Consortium of Justice Information Statistics
37. National Volunteer Fire Council
38. U.S. Conference of Mayors
39. SAFECOM Executive Committee (At Large)
40. Fire Non-Management First Line Responder (At Large)
41. Police Non-Management First Line Responder (At Large)
42. Police Non-Management First Line Responder (At Large)
43. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Federal Member)
44. U.S. Department of Justice (Federal Member)