

What is the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)?



The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) is an independent authority within the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) tasked with ensuring the establishment of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. In executing this mission, the FirstNet Authority seeks to create a dedicated and differentiated broadband communications experience that transforms public safety operations. The FirstNet Authority's **Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)** provides advice and recommendations to assist the FirstNet Authority in carrying out its statutory duties and responsibilities. The PSAC is comprised of over 40 representatives from public safety associations, and local, state, tribal, and federal government. The PSAC is led by a 7-member Executive Committee, including the and a PSAC Chair.

The PSAC is a leading voice of public safety subject matter expertise and executes its advisory role by assembling various teams and working groups, and engaging FirstNet Authority via regular webinars on the technical and operational features related to the FirstNet network. With the support of the FirstNet

Authority's engagement and technical staff, the PSAC provides direct and real-time feedback and input to FirstNet Authority work, including the FirstNet Authority Roadmap, which can be found at FirstNet.gov/Roadmap. The PSAC also employs Strike Teams — efforts designed to quickly capture topic-specific inputs from PSAC members and operational and technical experts from member associations. PSAC members are critical partners in assisting FirstNet Authority outreach and education efforts across the country with public safety associations.

A standing PSAC Tribal Working Group (TWG) provides the FirstNet Authority advice on tribal outreach, education, and tribal consultation. The TWG is led by the PSAC's tribal representative from the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and is comprised of representatives from a broad cross section of multi-tribal organizations. The TWG also works to enhance participation by tribal jurisdictions in the FirstNet network, and provide input to the FirstNet Authority's **Tribal Consultation Policy**. For a complete list of the tribal organizations that are a part of the TWG, please visit FirstNet.gov/TWG.



PSAC members gathered together during a meeting in 2019.

What work has the PSAC completed?

2020



Location Services: Highlighted the Situational Awareness Roadmap Domain and location services capabilities and user requirements.



Core: Discussed the Core Domain and its vision to be technologically current with necessary features to support mission critical services and applications.



Push-To-Talk: Discussed the release of [FirstNet Mission Ready Push-to-Talk](#) and the Voice Communications Domain.



Increased Membership: Added National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) to PSAC membership and expanded the Executive Committee.



Focus Groups: Focus Groups that highlighted Situational Awareness and Coverage domains to provide feedback on network users' experience with location-based services and small cell solutions.



Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM): Discussed current and potential future applications of ICAM and secure information sharing on the FirstNet network.

2019



Disaster Response: Discussed successful past planned and unplanned deployment efforts of FirstNet technologies and future developments.



Experience Center: Provided feedback on the direction, purpose, execution, activities, and design of the physical space of the FirstNet Experience Program.



Mission Critical Video: Reviewed definitions and current standards around the use of mission critical video on the FirstNet network.



FirstNet Authority Roadmap: Collaborated on initial [FirstNet Authority Roadmap](#) priorities and domains, utilizing their operational and technical experiences.



Telehealth: Learned about upcoming telehealth capabilities and tools on the FirstNet network, and utilized this information to finalize [considerations for EMS leadership](#) in implementation of these capabilities in the future.



Standards: Discussed the FirstNet Authority's work with standards governance bodies and their network engineers input to network development.

For questions about the PSAC or its work, please email PSAC@firstnet.gov or visit FirstNet.gov/PSAC

PSAC Membership

Nickname	Organization Name	PSAC Representative
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials	Russ Buchholz
APCO	Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International	Jay English
APWA	American Public Works Association	Philip R. Mann
FCCA	Forestry Conservation Communications Association	Jennifer Lord
GHSAC	Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council	Brad Richy
IAB	Interagency Board	Chief Chris Lombard*
IACP	International Association of Chiefs of Police	Lt. Col. (Ret.) Craig Allen
IAEM	International Association of Emergency Managers	Pending
IAFC	International Association of Fire Chiefs	Chief Greg Rubin
ICMA	International City/County Management Association	Mark L. Ryckman
IMSA	International Municipal Signal Association	Paul Szoc
MCCA	Major Cities (Police) Chiefs Association	John Singleton
MCSA	Major County Sheriffs of America	Sheriff John Idleburg
Metro Chiefs	Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association	Chief (Ret.) Mike Duyck*
NACo	National Association of Counties	Sheriff Len Humphries
NAEMSP	National Association of EMS Physicians	Dr. Leonard Weiss, MD
NAEMT	National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians	Chief Brian Schaeffer
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils	Steve Cassano
NASCIO	National Association of State Chief Information Officers	Denis Goulet
NAEMSO	National Association of State EMS Officials	Kevin McGinnis*
NASNA	National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators	Blake DeRouchev
NASTD	National Association of State Technology Directors	Charlie Sasser
NATOA	National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors	Corey Reynolds
NCAI	National Congress of American Indians	Theron Rutyna
NCJA	National Criminal Justice Association	John M. Sweeney
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislators	Senator Michael Moore
NCSWIC	National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators	Todd Early**
NEMA	National Emergency Management Association	Patrick Sheehan
NEMSMA	National EMS Management Association	Jonathan Olson*
NENA	National Emergency Number Association	Daniel Henry
NGA	National Governors Association	Shawn Talmadge
NLC	National League of Cities	Yucel Ors
Nlets	The International Justice and Public Safety Network	Frank Minice*
NPSTC	National Public Safety Telecommunications Council	Chief (Ret.) Douglas Aiken
NSA	National Sheriffs' Association	Sheriff Kieran E Donahue
NVFC	National Volunteer Fire Council	Chief C. Reid Vaughan
SEARCH	National Consortium of Justice Information Statistics	Mark Perbix
USCM	U.S. Conference of Mayors	Randy Moulton
At Large	SAFECOM EC	Chief (Ret.) Gerald Reardon
At Large	Fire Non-Management First Line Responder	Captain Ronald Kuley
At Large	Police Non-Management First Line Responder	James N. Mann
Federal	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Claude M. Oden
Federal	U.S. Department of Justice	Benjamin Kinsey

* Denotes member of PSAC Executive Committee

** Denotes PSAC Chair