

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](https://www.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](https://www.firstnet.gov/TWG).



PSAC members gathered together during a meeting in 2019.

What work has the PSAC completed?

2021



FirstNet Authority Roadmap Engagement:

Provided feedback to NextGen Devices and public safety agency's use of mobile applications.



Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM):

Completed tasking from the FirstNet Authority to provide public safety expertise on ICAM's influence on applications heavily used by public safety.



Education: Hosted several virtual gatherings to discuss topics including high powered user equipment (HPUE), Mutual Aid Push-to-Talk, and FirstNet progress.



Telehealth: Re-examined the adoption of telehealth services and identified emerging **case studies** that may save lives, streamline medical services, and ensure quality patient care.

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.



FirstNet Authority Roadmap Engagement: Provided 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.

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 | Jeffrey Cohen |
| APWA | American Public Works Association | Philip R. Mann |
| FCCA | Forestry Conservation Communications Association | Pending |
| 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 | Jason Rhodes |
| 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 | Pending |
| NCJA | National Criminal Justice Association | John M. Sweeney* |
| NCSL | National Conference of State Legislatures | Senator Michael Moore |
| NCSWIC | National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators | Brad Stoddard |
| NEMA | National Emergency Management Association | Patrick Sheehan |
| NEMSMA | National EMS Management Association | Dr. Hezedeane Smith |
| NENA | National Emergency Number Association | Pending |
| 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 | Joe Brooks |
| 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 | Darrin E. Jones |

* Denotes member of PSAC Executive Committee

** Denotes PSAC Chair