

Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders:

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is pleased to provide you with the FirstNet Tribal Consultation Policy. FirstNet respects the nation-to-nation relationship that exists between federally recognized Indian tribes and the United States government. In partnership with the Public Safety Advisory Committee's Tribal Working Group, FirstNet adopted this Tribal Consultation Policy to establish a foundation for honoring tribal sovereignty and promote productive communications, and engagement with, and consideration of, tribal governments regarding the deployment and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN).

On October 18, 2017, FirstNet announced the Tribal Consultation Policy at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) General Assembly Session. The Tribal Consultation Policy was made available on the FirstNet website on October 23, 2017 and is available for download at <https://firstnet.gov/consultation/tribes>.

Tribal officials may request a formal consultation with FirstNet on matters related to the NPSBN that are consistent with this policy. To request consultation, tribal governments should submit a written delegation of authority request signed by tribal leadership to FirstNet by mail or email to:

Tribal Consultation
First Responder Network Authority
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Stop 243
Reston, VA 20192-0002

-OR- tribal.consultation@firstnet.gov

FirstNet will evaluate the tribal government's request, acknowledge receipt of the request, and coordinate the consultation, as appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the FirstNet Tribal Consultation Policy or FirstNet's consultation activities with federally recognized tribal governments, please contact one of the following tribal liaisons:

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We thank you for your engagement to date and look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship between FirstNet and tribal governments to protect and advance the NPSBN in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Sincerely,



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