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FirstNet EMS Update

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Message from Kevin McGinnis

Dear EMS Friends:

As I write this, I am about to join FirstNet President TJ Kennedy for the annual EMS World Expo in New Orleans. Last month, I had the pleasure of attending the National Association of State EMS Officials' (NASEMSO) 2016 Fall Meeting in Albuquerque, along with FirstNet Board Chairwoman Sue Swenson. We were honored that NASEMSO passed a resolution in support of FirstNet.



We at FirstNet are working to provide interoperable communications and dedicated wireless broadband nationwide so that first responders everywhere – no matter where you work – can share information in real time, without delays and interruptions. First responders should have the best communications technology available on the market today. The first responder community worked to get a dedicated nationwide broadband network, and I'm happy to say, that work is paying off. FirstNet is soon to announce its industry partner(s) for building the network and in the next year plans to deliver state plans for each governor's approval. It's an exciting time for EMS professionals, and it's an exciting time for FirstNet. Come and see us at Booth 953 at EMS World and see our speaking schedule below. We'd love to hear from you!

Kevin McGinnis

MPS, Paramedic, FirstNet Board Member and Community Paramedicine
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FirstNet at the EMS World Expo



FirstNet President TJ Kennedy is proud to be a keynote speaker at this year's EMS World Expo. TJ, who was once a flight paramedic, will discuss "The Internet of Lifesaving Things," and how the FirstNet network could catapult EMS communication technologies to the stratospheric level.

"One of the biggest benefits of the network, is that it could put time on the patients' side. And in medical treatment, time can mean the difference between life and death," TJ said. "Because the network will give first responders the ability to exchange information 24/7 via their own wireless platform, paramedics will be able to stream live video from their ambulances to ERs. Doctors will already know exactly what they're dealing with before the patient arrives."

TJ will explain more about how technology will bring about the "Internet of Lifesaving Things," and forever change the way you do your job, when he speaks during Opening Ceremonies, on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m.



On Wednesday at 2, FirstNet board member and veteran EMS professional Kevin McGinnis and FirstNet Senior EMS Advisor Brent Williams will talk about why the FirstNet agency was created, its purpose, and many examples of what the network will do for the medical community.

Social Media



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/first-responder-network-authority-firstnet>



<https://twitter.com/FirstNetGov>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/FirstNetGov>



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/firstnetgov/albums>



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<https://firstnetgov.tumblr.com/>

News

The FCC deadline for comments regarding its proposed procedures for administering the opt-out process is Oct. 21. Reply comments are due Nov. 21. The notice can be found in the [Federal Register](#). In other news:

- FirstNet’s Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) recently added two new members: Michael Gilmore, supervisory special agent for the FBI, and Kraig E. Moise, acting associate chief of Customs and Border Protection. Gilmore and Moise will serve as chair and vice chair, respectively, of the committee’s Federal Working Group.
- JEMS published an article by Kasey Beal, technical services division chief for the Mesa, Ariz., Fire/Medical Department, on Sept. 13, [How to Be Ready for FirstNet When FirstNet is Ready for Us](#).



What You Can Do

FirstNet is being built for first responders. As such, you are the most important person to endorse FirstNet amongst your local and state officials. Don’t be complacent! For governors in the 56 states and territories to approve FirstNet, they need to hear that their first responders want and need it. Tell them how much it helps public safety to have interoperable equipment and designated broadband

that will allow you to share large amounts of data anytime, anywhere and without interruption.

- Contact your State Single Point of Contact (SPOC). Names and contact information are here: <http://www.firstnet.gov/consultation/spoc>.
- Spread the word about FirstNet in the public safety community, either by word-of-mouth or social media.
- Write to your professional associations such as [IAEM](#), [NAEMT](#), [NEMA](#) and the [NEMSMA](#) and ask them to pass a resolution in support of FirstNet.
- Follow [FirstNet](#) on social media sites.
- Write a guest blog for FirstNet by contacting us at socialmedia@firstnet.gov.

About FirstNet

Congress created the First Responder Network Authority in 2012 at the recommendation of the 9-1-1 Commission and after years of public safety advocacy. FirstNet is an independent authority within the Commerce Department’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration. FirstNet is governed by a 15-member board comprised of fire, police, EMS, 9-1-1 and wireless industry representatives. FirstNet is working to bring dedicated broadband service to the entire public safety community nationwide.

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Data Points

- Job growth for EMTs and paramedics is one of the fastest in the nation, with an expected growth of 24 percent, or 58,500 positions, between 2014-2024
 - The number of EMS and paramedic jobs nationwide in 2014 was 241,200
 - Median pay for EMTs and paramedics in 2015 was about \$32,000/year
 - Most EMTs and paramedics, 48 percent, work for ambulance services; 29 percent work for local governments; and 16 percent work for hospitals
- *Data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics



Calendar	Date
“Vital Signs” New York State EMS Conference (Syracuse)	Oct. 14-16
Virginia EMS Symposium (Norfolk)	Nov. 9-13
New Jersey EMS Conference (Atlantic City)	Nov. 16-19
Texas EMS Conference (Dallas)	Nov. 19-22
New England EMS Conference (Goat Island, RI)	Nov. 21