



First Responder Network Authority Combined Board and Committees Meeting

March 12, 2025





Welcome



Renee Gordon
Acting Board Chair

Combined Board and Committees Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Acting Board Chair Convenes Combined Board and Committees Meeting
9:35 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update
9:45 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Advocacy Committee Update
9:55 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Finance & Investment Committee Update
10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Programs & Future Planning Committee Update
10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Closing Remarks
10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Vote to Adjourn



Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update



Assistant Chief Christopher Lombard
PSAC Chair

PSAC Accomplishments

December 2024 In-Person Meeting – Boulder, CO

- 14 PSAC members in person
- Several Board members joined
- Topics Discussed:
 - Coverage Enhancement
 - Global Outreach – FirstNet as a model
 - FirstNet Technical Headquarters and Lab Tour



- **June 2025:** PSAC in person meeting Seattle / Bellevue
- **Ongoing:**
 - Investment discussions related to coverage enhancement and network evolution (e.g., PTT, location-based services)
 - Advocacy in support of FirstNet's mission
 - Collaboration opportunities with FirstNet Authority Board within the respective associations and / or jurisdictions served
 - Tribal Advisory Group development of briefing materials geared towards tribal councils



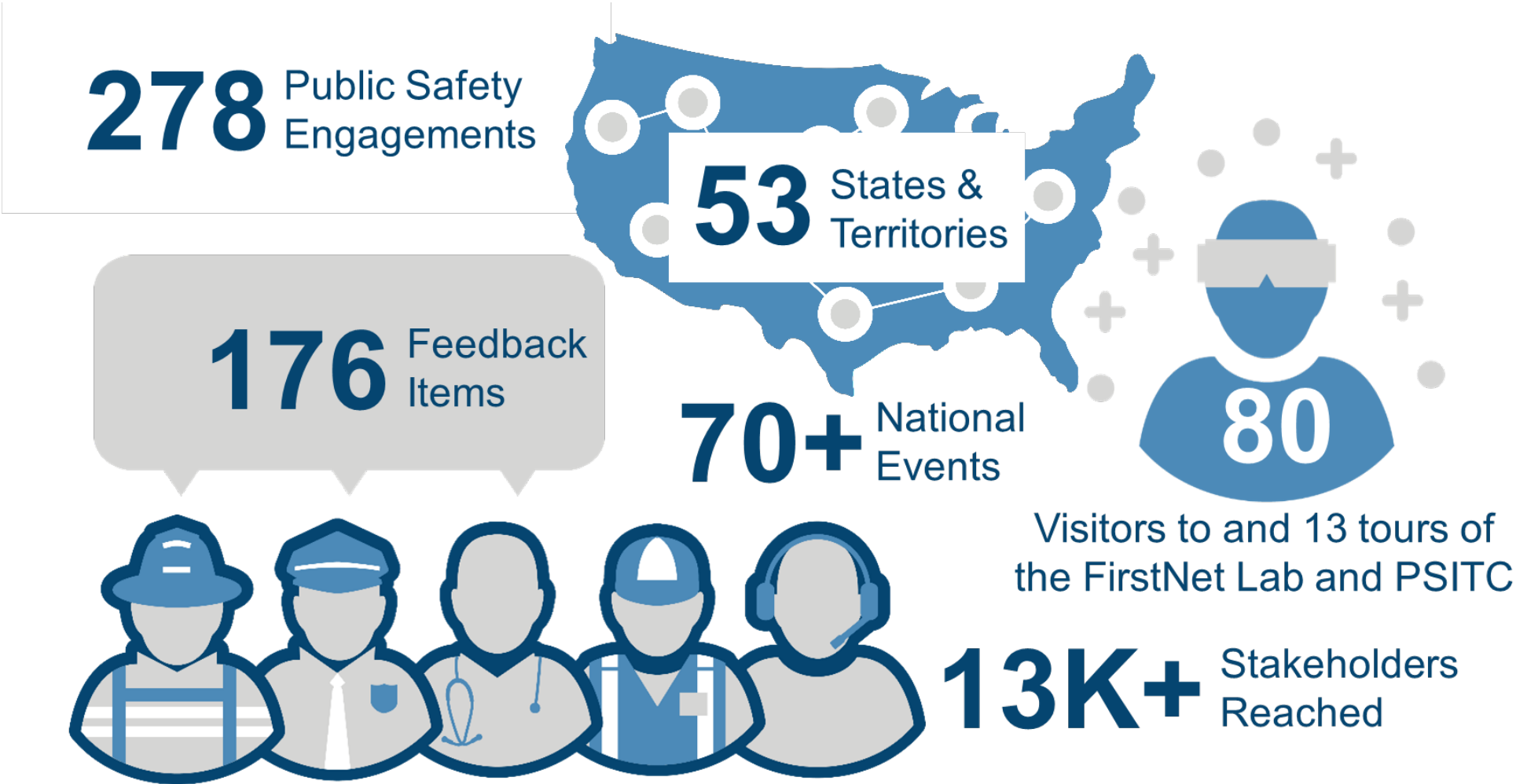


Advocacy Committee Update



Chief Trisha L. Wolford
Advocacy Committee Chair

FY2025 Quarter 1 Public Safety Engagement Accomplishments





- Attended major law enforcement association conferences, including MCSA, NSA, and MCCA, and 35th annual Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) symposium
- Engaged with national, state, and local stakeholders on key broadband technology topics (e.g., push-to-talk, border coverage needs)



Public Safety Operations Support



- Provided virtual and on-site planning and support to local, state, and federal public safety stakeholders for various planned events (e.g., New Year's Eve, Inauguration, Super Bowl LIX, Groundhog Day)
- Coordinated with AT&T in support of events nationwide
- Examined network performance during various incidents

Coverage Enhancement Workshops

- Launched pilot coverage enhancement workshops and successfully conducted five pilots between November and March
- Gathered specific feedback regarding state and local coverage needs
- Captured lessons learned to improve workshop delivery and underlying model

Harlin McEwen and Patriot Award Nominations



Nominations due March 31 via [FirstNet.gov](https://www.firstnet.gov).



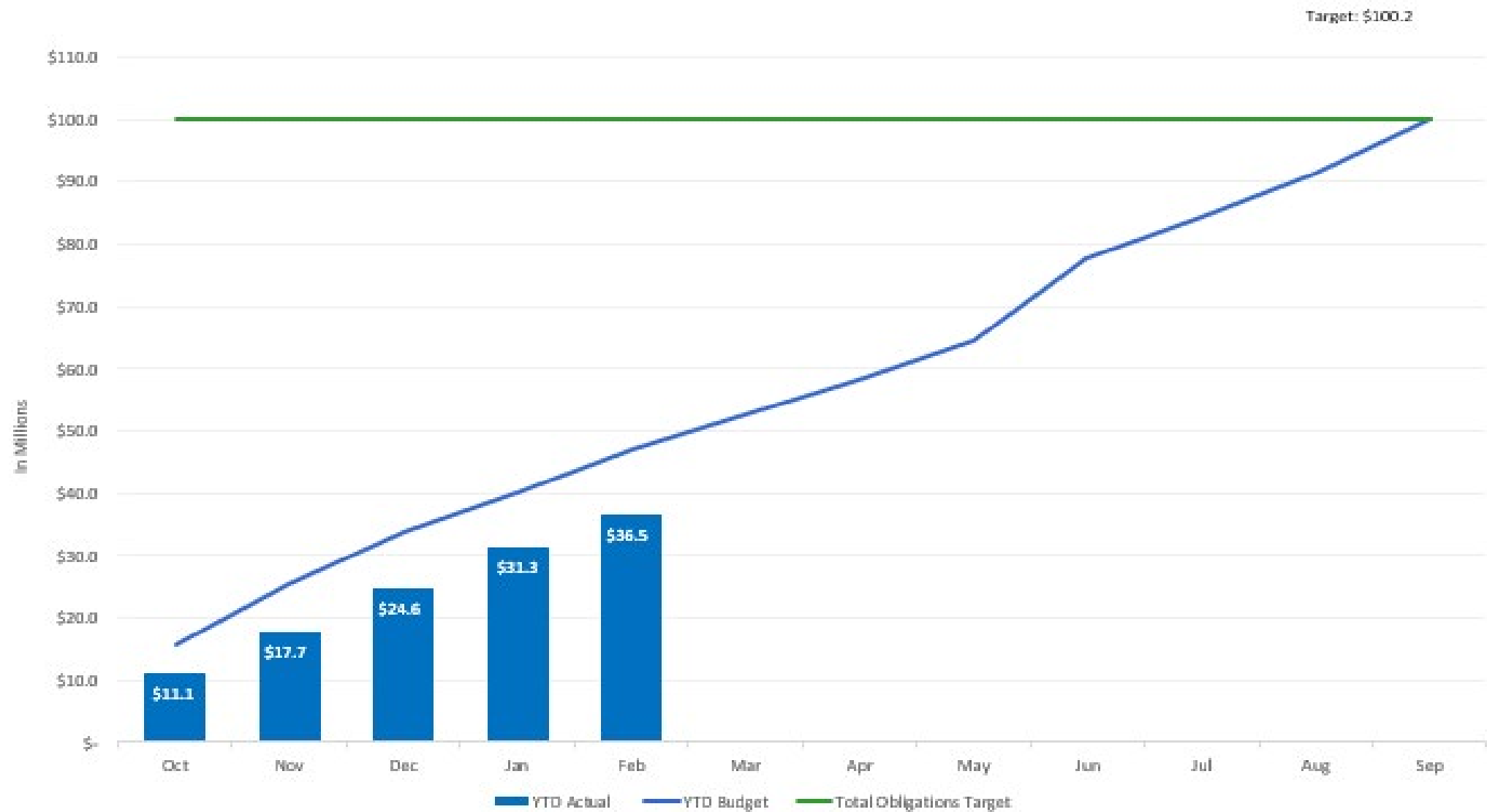
Finance and Investment Committee Update



Sean McDevitt

Finance and Investment Committee Chair

2025 February Cumulative Operations Budget Execution





TTR Focus

Driven by public safety, focus on tribal, territorial, and rural geographies



5G Band 14

Band 14 site upgrades nationwide



1,000

Band 14 new site builds in 2024 and 2025



5G + LEO

Deployable upgrades with Low Earth Orbit retrofit



In-building

Enhanced coverage where responders operate



5G Priority

First Priority® access on 5G



Satellite to Device

Target 5G core upgrades to enable satellite-to-device service



Deployable Capacity

Alternate form factors for FirstNet deployables



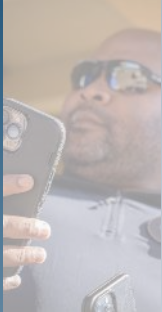
Programs and Future Planning Committee Update



Rasheid Scarlett

Programs and Future Planning
Committee Chair

FirstNet Differentiators



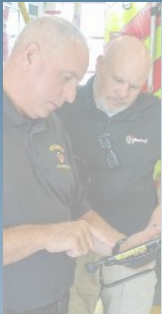
Operates over dedicated spectrum for public safety



Uses a separate core built for public safety communications traffic and security



Is built on network plans approved by every state and territory



Is built on global standards developed with public safety representation



Ensures always-on priority and preemption of voice and data for public safety users



Ensures accountability for public safety through the FirstNet Authority



Provides public safety with on-demand mobile coverage assets and support at no additional cost



Gives local control and access to network status to public safety agencies



Engages with public safety to guide network investment, expansion, and innovation



Closing Remarks

Thank You

