



**BERRIEN COUNTY**  
**FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**  
**BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**



Call to Order: 0830-0905

Date: February 18, 2026

**NO QUARM**

**Presentation:** First Net Presentation: Terry Darden: 248-556-6801: [td487@att.com](mailto:td487@att.com)  
See handouts.

**Old minutes:** No quarm.

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Bills:**

**Communications:** Brian Kazmierzak has resigned from BCFA. Bylaws do not address situation. Bylaws committee to meet and discuss.

**General Communications:**

**New Chief/Visitor:** None

**EMS: (Great Lakes Drone:Medic-1:S.M.C.A.S.:Med Control:)**None

**Dispatch/911:** Advanced Send. Caitlin has sent out the training videos for advanced send. Advanced send will go live for fire departments on April 01, 2026. Questions to Caitlin.

**Committees:**

**Communications:** See attached

**CAD:** Moving forward. Waiting on one agency

**Guideline:**

**BCFA:**

**Training:**

**Emergency Management:** Captain Adams last day is on Friday. Dave Albers has been named new EM. Congratulations Dave!

**MABAS:** See Attached

**Other Comments:** LT DeLaTorre advised he received notice from HEI Wireless that IPSC has requested MOU's from Indiana agencies that do auto/mutual aid with MI agencies to be able to get more IN radio ID's. LT DeLaTorre has reached out to Clay fire requesting an MOU.

**Old Business:**

Scene watcher buyer has backed out.

**New Business:**

By-Laws: Meet to update concerning vacancies.

Discussed zoom options, possible association purchase zoom subscription.

Chief Myers talked to Chief Klear.

**Next Meeting: March 18, 2026, 0830.**

**Adjourn:** 0905



## Communications Committee

### Discussion Topics

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- Discussion on ways to simplify apparatus identifiers for CAD. More to come.
- Discussion on tracking all units assigned to calls, benchmarks like water on fire, fire under control, utilities arrival, extrication times. When CAD is implemented, CAD will fix tracking of all apparatus. Active911 can be a short term fix for this as well. In a perfect world we would have a tactical dispatcher assigned to our calls. Current that is not feasible. If IC requests an item to be timestamped dispatch can mark it in the notes. Discussed that scene watcher app can mark these items as well. Discusses IC having an aid to assist them to document these items.
- Discussion on how additional calls in coverage area are handled.....Have dispatch move to box card station coverage, or first department in next box alarm..... or contact IC and advise. Mixed feelings on this.
- Discussion on the additional radio traffic blue card has created. Does dispatch document this, does dispatch repeat this.....In a perfect world we would have a tactical dispatcher assigned to monitor the call. Again currently that is not feasible. We are not expecting dispatch to repeat, although it would be helpful, we are not expecting it. Scene size up is painting a picture of the scene to the responders.

## REMINDERS:



- MPSCS fire grounds are for multi agency responses, such as but not limited to: structure fire; brush fires; For smaller incidents like fire alarms, CO alarms, investigations, proprietary talkgroup should be used.
- When calling out on the radio...Hail dispatch and wait for dispatch to respond, then give your information. Dispatchers are busy with multiple talkgroups, when agencies just blurt out information, the traffic may get missed and dispatch will need to ask for agency to repeat the information.
- Everyone needs to put egos aside and work together for our citizens, and firefighter safety.

## **MABAS Stillwater/Flood Rescue Boat Operator Training**

The class will be two days in length, beginning with some classroom work and followed most significantly by hands on, in water operations. The first class will be April 15/16, 2025. The location will be decided upon once we determine who the attendees are. We currently plan to limit each class to 16 students in order to provide a good Instructor/student ratio. Based upon the level of interest, the number and dates of future classes will be determined. Here are some important bullet points regarding the class.

- Ideally, the class will be made up of groups of 3 or 4 students from the same team.
- Each group of students will bring at least one of their motorized rescue boats in order for us to provide training specific to the boat they use.
- In addition, we will have other boat options from MI-TF1 involved in the training in order to expose the student to operating other boats and motors.
- The first prerequisite of the class is that each student be certified to the Stillwater/Flood SAR Technician level OR Surface Water Technician level. Please note that NFPA changed the name of these training levels, but they are basically the same.
- Another prerequisite is that each student must complete an online TEEK class prior to attending this training. The class takes about 6 hours and costs \$10 but provides some great information that will allow us to spend more time in the "hands on" portion of the class. Here is a link to the class <https://teex.org/class/9p2550/>
- All PPE and safety equipment is the responsibility of the Team or Student

We look forward to moving this initiative forward to increase the Special Operations capability throughout the State of Michigan.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You!

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## Michigan - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MI-MABAS) Training Opportunity

**Name:** MI-MABAS Strike Team Leader / Task Force Leader  
Training

**Date:** April 9, 2026 0900-1500

**Location:** Washtenaw Community College  
4800 E Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
Gunder Myran Bldg #303

**Requirements:** Just as a reminder, the [MABAS Mission Ready Handbook](#) calls for Strike Team Leaders to have the following credentials:

**MFFTC Firefighter II Certification**

**MFFTC Fire Officer II Certification**

**ICS – 100, 200, 300, 700, 800**

**HazMat Operations Certification**

People that meet this credential will be given preferential acceptance to the class.

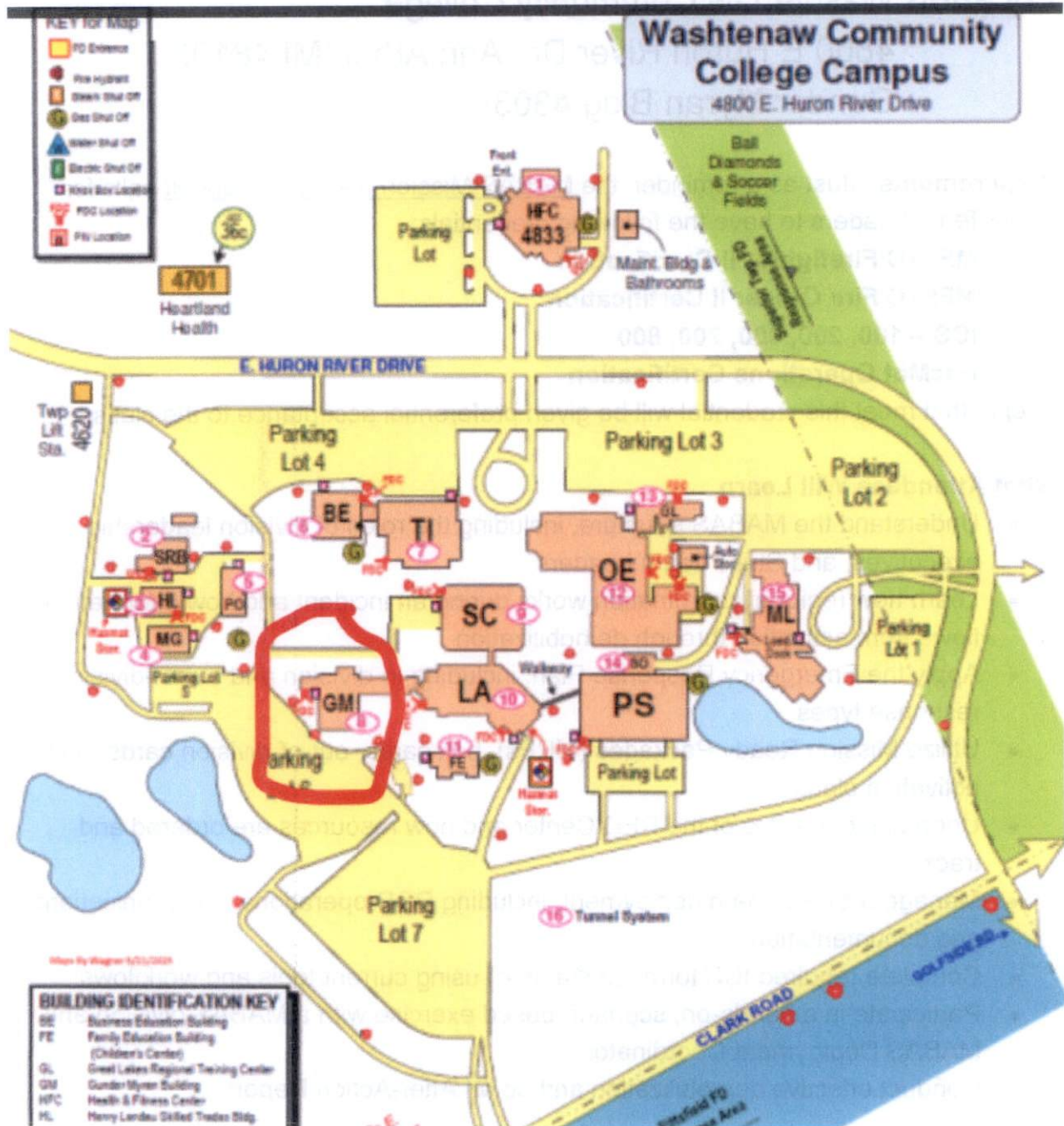
### **What Attendees Will Learn**

- Understand the MABAS structure, including the roles of division leadership, executives, and Strike Team Leaders
- Learn how regional coordination works during an incident and how information flows from activation through demobilization
- Apply the Emergency Response Plan, including in-division and out-of-division response types
- Utilize Mission Ready Packages (MRPs), box cards, out-of-division cards, and activation plans
- Understand the role of the RED Center and how resources are ordered and tracked
- Manage a Strike Team deployment, including POD operations, communications, and documentation
- Complete required ICS forms (211a, 214) using current tools and workflows
- Participate in a hands-on, scenario-based exercise with a MABAS division and MABAS Deployment Coordinator.
- Conduct effective demobilization and do an After-Action Report



## Michigan - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MI-MABAS) Training Opportunity

Interested in more information about this class or would like to register for the class, please contact Chris Martin at [cmartin@michiganmabas.us](mailto:cmartin@michiganmabas.us) or 586-994-8613



# FirstNet Fusion

## Redefining group communications for public safety

### Fusion key features

- **Calling** – Group and 1:1
- **Call type options:**
  - » Always-on channels (Up to 5,000 users/channel)
  - » On-demand talk groups (Up to 500 users/talk groups)
- **Calling priority** levels based on user role or call type (channels and talk groups)
- **Scanning** – Admin- or user-defined
- **Alerts** – Emergency calling and alerts
- **Location** – Near real-time location tracking and geofencing
- **Messaging** and file sharing
- **Fusion Dispatch** – Web-based dispatch solution
- **Full administrative control** – with self-service functions and intuitive user experience.
- **Interoperability** – Advanced LMR interoperability options with Fusion Link and Radio over IP (RoIP)
- **Channel linking** – Between Fusion agencies for mutual aid

FirstNet® Fusion (or Fusion) delivers mission-critical services at its core: push-to-talk, location services, video streaming and secure messaging for complete situational awareness. Fusion innovates by making these services interoperable with any land mobile radio (LMR) system and by allowing seamless integration across the public safety ecosystem.

### Built for today's connected responder, FirstNet Fusion enables your agency and individual responders to:

#### Enhance incident response with mission-critical group communications

- **Communicate in near real-time with full situational awareness**  
You get a familiar mission-critical push-to-talk (MCPTT) experience, as Fusion is designed to mimic LMR call structure and responsiveness by following Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) mission-critical standards. You can locate and track team members on Google or Apple-based maps. And you can broadcast video and send messages, photos and files for a more complete operational picture.
- **Use on all device types, across carriers and across the U.S.**  
FirstNet Fusion is available on FirstNet-certified smartphones, rugged feature phones and tablets. And with cross-carrier licenses, you can deploy Fusion in multi-carrier environments so FirstNet and non-FirstNet users can communicate. Plus, nationwide coverage expands the breadth and depth beyond your existing LMR network, including strong rural and territory coverage.

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- **Establish mutual aid with other Fusion agencies, quickly and seamlessly.** Agency administrators can send mutual aid invitations to neighboring Fusion agencies to allow shared talkgroups.
- **Centralize coordination of teams with Fusion Dispatch.** This web-based interface allows agency administrators, dispatchers and supervisors to manage their operations. And they can use Fusion to get location status and message securely with field personnel, all at no additional cost.

## Maintain operational continuity by integrating Fusion with critical infrastructure

- **Interoperate with any LMR system.** Fusion Link, our new cloud-based interoperability service, provides a universal gateway between Fusion and any P25 or conventional radio system. (See next page for more on Fusion Link). Radio over IP (RoIP) provides interoperability for smaller scale deployments.
- **Integrate Fusion into leading NG911, field operations, and situational awareness platforms.** Near real-time location, messaging and MCPTT capabilities will be available to public safety technology providers to make it easier for first responders to access their services and fuel further innovation down the road.



## Gain peace of mind with reliability and highly secure connectivity on FirstNet

With First Priority®, FirstNet traffic bypasses commercial network congestion. Fusion goes a step further. Fusion traffic gets the highest priority on the FirstNet network\*, maximizing availability during times of congestion.

With servers collocated in data centers across the country, Fusion calls are routed through the nearest server providing low latency and fast service access.

You can trust Fusion with encryption at the data layer – Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) 256 – and the wireless network layer – AES 128. We've designed the service and network architecture for redundancy during outages.

## Easily deploy, use and maintain MCPTT service for maximum operational efficiency and flexibility

Ordering Fusion is simple, affordable and available bundled with existing FirstNet rate plans. Register easily with no usernames, passwords or codes, using FirstNet SIM-based verification.

Our comprehensive administration portal allows agencies to control and customize user and group capabilities. You can provision adds, moves and changes quickly and seamlessly.

And Fusion users can connect directly to any other Fusion user\*\*. There is no agency admin permission or configuration required.

\*Other than mandated emergency calling. When operating on a roaming partner's network that is not connected to the FirstNet Evolved Packet Core, users do not receive traffic prioritization.

\*\*Individual users can opt-in or out of public visibility – and therefore accessibility by other Fusion users – within the Fusion application. Fusion users can only find and add other Fusion users if they have their phone number in their mobile directory.

## Devices and accessories

Users can access FirstNet Fusion on a range of devices, from familiar smartphones to rugged feature phones. And, depending on the manufacturer, devices may support:

- Dedicated buttons for MCPTT calling and declaring an emergency
- Rugged designs, including those that meet military standards
- Bluetooth and wired remote speaker mics, earpieces and vehicle kits

See the list of supported devices at [firstnet.com/fusiondevices](http://firstnet.com/fusiondevices).



### Introducing Fusion Link: Industry-first standards-based MCPTT-LMR interop solution

Most large scale LMR-to-broadband PTT interoperability solutions today are closed systems that allow a single vendor's LMR users to interoperate only with that vendor's cellular PTT service. Fusion Link changes the game by serving as a universal gateway, enabling near real-time communication between Fusion MCPTT users and virtually any LMR system.

Fusion Link, defined by 3GPP mission critical standards, supports all standard IP interfaces (ISSI, CSSI and DFSI) for P25 systems, conventional systems and dispatch consoles. Universal support means it can be used by a single agency to multi-agency, regional system deployments.

#### With Fusion Link, you get:

- Group calls, emergency alerts, pre-arranged group calls, late entry and mutual aid requests across MCPTT and LMR systems
- End-to-end encrypted group calls and secure media
- Emergency call management
- Comprehensive user and group management
- Provisioning and integration support
- Automatic failover, failback, local and geo-redundancy and resilience against disasters or power outages, for uninterrupted service

## Important information

For all service terms and conditions, visit

[https://serviceguidenew.att.com/sg\\_flashPlayerPage/FIRSTNET\\_FUSION](https://serviceguidenew.att.com/sg_flashPlayerPage/FIRSTNET_FUSION)

For more information, contact your FirstNet Solutions Consultant or visit [www.FirstNet.com/fusion](http://www.FirstNet.com/fusion)

## Pricing

All prices exclude applicable taxes, fees and surcharges.  
All fees paid are non-refundable.

Service	Description	MRC
<b>FirstNet rate plans with Fusion<sup>7</sup></b>		
<b>For smartphones (Agency plans)</b>		
• FirstNet Mobile Unlimited Standard with Fusion <sup>1</sup>	• FirstNet rate plan that includes unlimited talk, text and data, and Fusion Service	\$49.99
• FirstNet Mobile Unlimited Enhanced with Fusion <sup>1</sup>	• FirstNet rate plan that includes unlimited talk, text, data, mobile hotspot and Fusion Service	\$54.99
• FirstNet Mobile Unlimited Enhanced with Fusion and Fusion Link <sup>1,7</sup>	• FirstNet rate plan that includes unlimited talk, text, data, mobile hotspot and Fusion Service and Fusion Link interoperability	\$59.99
<b>For smartphones (Individual plans)</b>		
• FirstNet Mobile Unlimited with Fusion <sup>1</sup>	• FirstNet rate plan that includes unlimited talk, text and data, and Fusion Service	\$49.99
• FirstNet Mobile Unlimited Extra with Fusion <sup>1</sup>	• FirstNet rate plan that includes unlimited talk, text, data, mobile hotspot and Fusion Service	\$54.99
<b>For feature phones (Agency plans only)</b>		
• FirstNet Mobile Pooled with Fusion <sup>1</sup>	• FirstNet rate plan that includes unlimited talk, text, 2GB pooled data and Fusion Service	\$29.99
<b>Fusion single licenses<sup>2,7</sup> (Agency or individual)</b>		
• Fusion Service	• Unlimited use of FirstNet Fusion for voice and data services <sup>3</sup>	\$10
• Video add-on <sup>4</sup>	• Live video streaming between enabled users	\$5
• Fusion Link add-on <sup>4,8</sup>	• MCPTT-LMR single-user interop license for Fusion Link	\$5
<b>Fusion license packs<sup>5</sup> (Agency only)</b>		
• Fusion Service	• Unlimited use of FirstNet Fusion for voice and data services <sup>3</sup> for users in a multi-carrier environment.	\$10 / license / user (Available in a 1- license, 10-license or 50-license pack)
• Video Add-on <sup>6</sup>	• Live video streaming between enabled users in a multi-carrier environment.	\$5 / license / user (Available in a 1- license, 10-license or 50-license pack)
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1. View plan details for FirstNet primary customers at [firstnet.com/firstnetprimary](http://firstnet.com/firstnetprimary) or for FirstNet extended primary customers at [firstnet.com/firstnetextended](http://firstnet.com/firstnetextended).

2. Requires an existing qualified FirstNet wireless rate plan. Not eligible for contract-based discounts.

3. "Unlimited" applies to use of FirstNet Fusion on the AT&T commercial wireless data network, the FirstNet Evolved Packet Core (i.e., the physically separate wireless broadband network infrastructure dedicated solely to FirstNet Public Safety Entities), and the supported networks of domestic roaming partners) in the domestic United States, and such traffic will not be charged against the Customer's FirstNet data rate plan. All other data usage will be charged at AT&T's scheduled rates.

4. Requires a FirstNet Fusion service single-license subscription.

5. Fusion license packs can be used in multi-carrier environments. Non-FirstNet subscribers do not receive First Priority, nor mission-critical traffic priority, which is reserved for Fusion customers on the FirstNet network.

6. Requires a FirstNet Fusion service license pack purchase.

7. Requires use of a FirstNet Fusion certified device – found at [FirstNet.com/FirstNetFusion/devices](http://FirstNet.com/FirstNetFusion/devices).

8. Provides connection between FirstNet Fusion users and Land Mobile Radio users. Requires separately quoted VPN connectivity from AT&T or customer-provided VPN connectivity.

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## The most important wireless network in the country

FirstNet is a nationwide, high-speed wireless broadband network and set of specialized, innovative tools, technologies and features specifically built for public safety.

FirstNet is designed for every first responder in the country – career or volunteer; city, state, tribal or federal; and urban, suburban or rural. Think firefighters, EMS personnel, law enforcement, 9-1-1 communicators and emergency managers. FirstNet is also available to a community of users who are critical to supporting an emergency response – including nurses and physicians, utility companies that clear downed power lines and manage gas leaks and select government officials to support the continuity of government.

## Why was it created?

Public safety is called upon to handle emergencies every single day. They must be ready for the worst with the best tools to help them respond as quickly and safely as possible. But first responders have repeatedly struggled to reliably communicate and coordinate across agencies and jurisdictions.

The tragic events of 9/11 underscored this, making it clear that public safety needed a better way to communicate. In 2012, Congress enacted bipartisan legislation that set aside Band 14 spectrum for public safety and created the FirstNet Authority with the mission to make public safety's vision for their network a reality. FirstNet was born to improve public safety communications nationwide.

### Making public safety communications a national priority

## Why is it unique?

FirstNet is the only communications platform specifically designed with and for public safety based on their direct feedback and needs.

FirstNet is interoperable across agencies. Robust tools and features only found on FirstNet include:

- Always-on, 24-hours-a-day priority and preemption across voice and data for first responders
- Dedicated access to Band 14 spectrum where and when it's needed
- Mission Ready tools – like apps and devices – tested for public safety, plus FirstNet Ready<sup>®</sup> smartphones for first responder agencies
- Access to a dedicated fleet of 180+ portable network assets
- Unparalleled support for public safety's mission
- Government oversight and accountability from the FirstNet Authority

### Giving public safety a diverse set of communications capabilities



## How does it work?

FirstNet uses a special lane of connectivity called Band 14 – nationwide, high-quality spectrum specifically set aside for FirstNet. During an emergency, this band – or lane – can be cleared and locked just for FirstNet subscribers. First responders on FirstNet have priority and preemption on both Band 14 and AT&T commercial spectrum bands.

Whatever the mission – responding to a routine call, supporting a large event or managing an emergency or disaster – FirstNet gives priority to public safety, so they can connect where and when they need to, to keep us all safer.

### Creating a specialized communications highway just for public safety

## Why does it matter?

No connection matters more than one that could help save a life. That's why our work to give first responders access to the leading tools that will help them do their important jobs is something we can all feel good about.

Equipping first responders with 24/7 reliable, unthrottled connectivity and an ecosystem of cutting-edge apps, devices and solutions means they can connect to the critical information they need – every day and in every emergency – without worrying about connectivity challenges.

FirstNet is also bringing more reliable communications to rural and tribal communities across the country – covering over 2.99M+ square miles nationwide and growing. That means FirstNet provides 250K+ square miles (roughly the size of Texas) more than the largest commercial networks on average.

### Helping public safety achieve their mission as they work to keep us safe

## What's AT&T's role?

**Serving public safety is our mission**

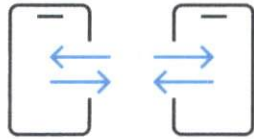
AT&T is the official private partner behind FirstNet.

We are working with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) – an independent government agency – to design, build and evolve FirstNet for the next 20+ years.

### By The Numbers

**7M+**

FirstNet connections<sup>†</sup>



**~30K**

Public safety agencies and organizations subscribed



**175+**

apps in the FirstNet App Catalog



**885**

FirstNet Ready<sup>®</sup> devices

## AMERICA'S PUBLIC SAFETY NETWORK

**2.99M+**

Square miles of coverage



**250K+**

Square miles more than commercial networks on average



**180+**

Dedicated assets in the FirstNet fleet



**64%**

Increase in Tribal Land coverage<sup>\*</sup>



**2575+**

Solutions triaged and deployed last year



<sup>\*</sup>Since the start of the FirstNet Build

## What are others saying about it?

"FirstNet is spurring innovation that will help save lives, and we are thrilled to see the network continue to grow to reach more communities and responders that serve them across the country," said Joe Wassel, FirstNet CEO.



<sup>†</sup>As of Q1 2025

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# The wireless network your team needs to connect every day

Emergencies can happen anytime. Your team needs to stay connected – whether on duty or on call. FirstNet® connects first responders and the people who support them to each other and to the critical information they need. It's available to eligible public safety organizations and individuals.



## Whether on duty or on call, FirstNet provides:

- **No throttling** for FirstNet subscribers anywhere in the U.S.
- **Prioritized access** – never competing with commercial traffic
- **Affordable rate plans** and **industry-leading devices**
- **Heightened security** to resist physical and cyber threats



## Strengthen your agency's emergency response

Empower individuals who support your emergency operations to get FirstNet on their own devices:

- **No cost to your agency** – Individuals pay for their own service
- **Boost preparedness** – Extend your agency's FirstNet solution to personal devices
- **Incident uplift** – Get immediate visibility to allocate additional network resources during an incident
- **Easy sign-up** – No documents required for eligibility verification
- **24/7/365 U.S.-based technical support**



## Save 25%\* off AT&T lines with FirstNet and Family

FirstNet and Family gives public safety the mission-critical network of FirstNet and your family the world-class connectivity of AT&T, to keep your worlds connected.

\*Available only to verified FirstNet Subscriber Paid Users. AT&T Plans are not available in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Pacific Territories. Requires eligible plans. Credits start within 3 bills. Additional fees, taxes, charges and other restrictions apply. See reverse for offer details.

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**FirstNet and Family Plan Eligibility:** Eligible and verified employees/volunteers of qualified public safety entities or entities that contribute, enable, or support public safety services to first responders and whose duties are directly related to such services. New subscribers must qualify for FirstNet service and complete verification process within 30 days. **Check eligibility** at [firstnet.com/eligibility](http://firstnet.com/eligibility). Requires FirstNet-Capable device provisioned with a FirstNet Trio SIM or eSIM card. **LIMITS:** Maximum of 4 lines (1 smartphone, 1 tablet, 1 wearable, 1 connected device) per eligible FirstNet Subscriber Paid User. Account subject to periodic re-verification. **If you are not a valid Subscriber Paid User or exceed the single line limit for each type of device, AT&T may suspend, change or terminate your FirstNet service.** For additional information see [firstnet.com/firstnetandfamily](http://firstnet.com/firstnetandfamily).

**25% off AT&T Unlimited service discount offer: Required wireless:** One FirstNet Unlimited smartphone plan line of service (minimum \$42.99/month) and one AT&T Unlimited plan line of service (minimum \$75.99/month before discounts). **Eligible unlimited plans:** AT&T Unlimited Starter SL, AT&T Unlimited Extra EL and AT&T Unlimited Premium PL (**plans available in select locations and not available in Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands & Pacific Territories**). **AT&T may temporarily slow data speeds if the network is busy.** Eligible line(s) of service will receive a monthly discount of 25%. **FirstNet line(s) of service do not qualify for 25% discount.** Discount applied after any available Autopay or paperless bill discount. **Discounts** start within 3 bill cycles after service activation and eligibility confirmed. A one-time catch-up credit will be applied for service after customer meets offer requirements, which will not change taxes. If FirstNet smartphone line of service loses eligibility or is cancelled, the AT&T Unlimited line(s) will lose monthly discount. **LIMITS:** Maximum of 20 lines of service per account.

**General Wireless Service: Subject to Consumer Service Agreement ([att.com/csa](http://att.com/csa)) for FirstNet Subscriber Paid Users, the FirstNet Service Agreement. ADDITIONAL AT&T FEES AND GOVERNMENT TAXES:** Monthly AT&T Fees apply per line and include Administrative/Regulatory Cost Recovery Fee (up to **\$3.99**) and other fees which are not government-required. Additional one-time AT&T fees may apply. Government taxes are extra. See [att.com/mobilityfees](http://att.com/mobilityfees) for more details.

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... your service is not available in your area. ...

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