

# Getting started with FirstNet®

## Enhancing Communications for Public Safety and State Legislators

FirstNet®, Built with AT&T, is the nationwide, high-speed wireless broadband network created by Congress to provide dedicated communications for public safety. FirstNet also provides specialized, innovative tools, technologies and features—specifically built for public safety.

### FIRSTNET'S HISTORY

The 9/11 Commission recommended the creation of a dedicated, purpose-built solution for first responders following the communication challenges public safety personnel experienced during the response to September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Those challenges made it clear that public safety required more than what commercial offerings could provide.

In 2012, Congress passed bipartisan legislation creating the federal First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) and set aside a band of spectrum (Band 14) for public safety.

### FirstNet serves a variety of first responder and emergency response teams, including:

#### Every first responder in the country

- Firefighters
- EMS personnel
- Law enforcement
- 9-1-1 communicators
- Emergency managers

#### Other emergency response support

- Nurses
- Physicians
- Utility companies
- Transportation
- Other direct-support agencies

AT&T is proud to serve as the private sector partner working with the FirstNet Authority to build, operate and evolve FirstNet—the first and only nationwide public safety wireless broadband platform dedicated to first responders and those who support them.

**Equipping first responders with 24/7 reliable, highly secure connectivity—in addition to 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.**



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Public Safety  
Agencies & Organizations



**7M+**

Network Connections



First responders in

**all 50 states,**

Washington, D.C. and  
the 5 U.S. territories