

# Virginia Public Safety Broadband Network/FirstNet Regional Conference

## Title

Region IV Virginia Public Safety Broadband Network/FirstNet Regional Conference

# Invited by

Commonwealth of Virginia

### Who Should Attend:

Virginia: Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, 9-1-1 Centers, State/Local Government Officials, Information Technology, and Private Sector

#### Date

August, 9, 2017

#### Time

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Location

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA, 24210

# Deadline to Register

August, 6, 2017



# Virginia's Public Safety Broadband Network

The Commonwealth's First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) outreach campaign is ongoing and engages regional and local entities with public safety communications interests.

This one-day conference will provide attendees with an explanation of FirstNet's proposed Virginia State Plan, Virginia's actions to study the Plan, and various technologies that will leverage Virginia's future public safety dedicated broadband network. Attendees will have a chance to ask questions, which enables sponsors to collect feedback for review and analysis of FirstNet's impact on the Commonwealth.

The Virginia Public Safety Broadband Network (VaPSBN) team is comprised of the FirstNet State Point of Contact/Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, Program Assistants, Advisors, and administrative staff. The genesis of FirstNet was a 9/11 Commission recommendation calling for a public safety dedicated nationwide mobile broadband network. Codified by Federal statute in 2012, FirstNet was established as an independent authority within the Department of Commerce and given the responsibility to build, deploy, and operate the network.

FirstNet's mission is to operate and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety operations. The network will enhance response and critical information access for first responders within the Commonwealth. FirstNet will create a reliable, resilient broadband network accessed by broadband devices and applications designed to meet public safety requirements.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Is there a cost to attend the conference? No, there is no fee to register or attend the conference.
- What is the dress code? Business Casual.
- Will food and beverage be served?
   A continental breakfast, coffee, water, and boxed lunches will be provided for all registered attendees.
- Are there overnight
   accommodations? Attendees are
   responsible for their own
   accommodations; however, nearby
   hotels are identified on the conference
   website.

# Contact info

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Space is limited, so register today!

Password: REGION4



# Conference Agenda

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and network with one another.

A continental breakfast and coffee will be served.

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Welcoming Remarks and Presentations

What is the NPSBN/FirstNet and AT&T Partnership? (FirstNet)

Virginia State Plan (AT&T)

Virginia State Plan Review/Decision Process (VA SWIC/SPOC)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch

Boxed lunches will be provided for all registered attendees.

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Apps/Devices Technology Presentations

Presented by various exhibitors

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Coverage/Capacity/Construction Presentations

Presented by AT&T

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM VA Public Safety & Homeland Security/Locality

Roundtable

4:00 PM Closing Remarks and Participant Feedback Collection

# What is FirstNet?

First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is a nationwide network that provides interoperable communications for the public safety community, enabling information sharing across disciplines and jurisdictions, and improved situational awareness. This powerful, broadband LTE network allows first responders and other public safety personnel to send and receive



voice, data, video, images, and text without concerns about network congestion.

For more information, visit www.FirstNet.com or visit our social media.









