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May 6, 2020

Disparities in COVID-19 Among People of Color
and
FirstNet: Supporting COVID-19 Emergency Response

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May is

- National Nurses Month
- National Osteoporosis Month
- National Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Cystic Fibrosis Month
- National EMS Week: 5/17 – 5/23

WIG recognizes these commemorative observances and has resources for you available on our website!

Bone Health Toolkit and Podcast

Cystic Fibrosis Resources

Invisible Disabilities Toolkit for Mental Health Awareness Month
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Part One
3:00 pm EDT:

Disparities in COVID-19 Among People of Color
Women In Government welcomes you to #WIGWednesday!

1. All participants are muted through the system.

2. We will have a Q&A period at the end of the presentation, be sure to use the Chat Box feature to ask questions!

3. This virtual round-table event will be recorded and provided on our website once the event is over.
Featured Speakers

Dr. Leana Wen
Visiting Professor at the George Washington School of Public Health

Dr. Sandra Ford
CEO of DeKalb County Health Department, Georgia
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Part Two
3:30 pm EDT:

FirstNet: Supporting COVID-19 Emergency Response

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Featured Speaker

Carrie Johnson
Director of Strategy and Policy
FirstNet Program at AT&T
FirstNet

September 11, 2001
Due to communications challenges during the response to the 9/11 terrorist attack, the 9/11 Commission recommended the establishment of a single, interoperable network for public safety.

March 2010
FCC follows the 9/11 Commission’s recommendation to create a nationwide public safety network.

February 2012
The FirstNet Authority was authorized by Congress to develop and oversee the dedicated nationwide network for first responders.

March 2017
AT&T awarded contract to provide the capabilities for FirstNet to be built.

December 2017
All 50 states, DC, and five territories timely opted in.

Today
We are developing the tools that advance public safety.

Today
• More than 1.3 million connections on FirstNet
• More than 12,000 public safety agencies & organizations subscribed
• ~ 700 Markets with Band 14 spectrum*
  * Markets defined by FCC CMAs.
• 75+% Band 14 coverage completion; ahead of schedule
ONE COMMUNITY. TOGETHER.

PRIMARY
Fire
Law Enforcement
EMS
PSAP
EMA
Emergency Department

EXTENDED
PRIMARY
Healthcare
Utilities
Transportation
Others
**Coverage**

- **FirstNet wireless coverage**
  - FirstNet is an all band solution
  - Band 14 spectrum currently deployed in 700 rural and urban markets

- **Band 14 Deployment Progress**
  - 75+% Band 14 coverage completion
  - Ahead of schedule

FIRSTNET RESPONSE OPERATIONS

• **Dedicated Deployable Network Assets** – Supporting FirstNet agencies during Planned and Unplanned events
  - 72 dedicated FirstNet SatCOLTs
  - 3 dedicated Flying COWs
  - 1 aerostat: “FirstNet One”

• **2019 Total Requests**: More than 500
PUBLIC SAFETY’S NETWORK SUPPORTS COVID-19 RESPONSE

Always-on Priority and Preemption
During this public health emergency, people are working and going to school from home, which can strain commercial cellular networks. That’s not the case for FirstNet because it’s a dedicated, purpose-built platform for first responders. This means health workers and first responders at COVID-19 testing centers, field hospitals, and incident command posts have dedicated and reliable connectivity on FirstNet when and where they need it.

Dedicated Lane of Connectivity for First Responders
FirstNet provides public safety with a dedicated lane of connectivity when they need it. To ensure first responders have as much coverage and capacity as possible, FirstNet subscribers have access to all AT&T LTE commercial spectrum bands, as well as Band 14 spectrum. Band 14 is nationwide, high-quality spectrum set aside by the U.S. government specifically for FirstNet.

Band 14 is public safety’s VIP communications lane. During an emergency, this spectrum band – or lane – can be cleared and locked just for FirstNet subscribers.
Providing critical connectivity to our frontline heroes

Jan. 28
Initial request for support from public safety

<14 Hr.⁰
FirstNet fleet response time for emergencies

450+
Public safety agencies joined or expanded their use of FirstNet for COVID-19 response

50+
COVID-19 Emergency Requests

25+
Non-COVID-19 Emergency Requests

4,750+
Network assessments completed for State, Tribal and Federal sites

2X+
As much data consumed by first responders compared to general consumers.

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FirstNet supporting patient transport at Fort Totten and Randall’s Island in New York

Hundreds of ambulances from outside the region have entered the city through mutual-aid efforts. They’re being marshaled out of Fort Totten and Randall’s Island, so FirstNet deployed portable cell sites and new, temporary in-building solutions to increase network capacity solely for first responders and command staff.

FirstNet supporting medical facilities to provide additional capacity and keep emergency personnel connected

Fort Totten
Bayside, NY

Regional Health Center
Roseville, CA

Regional Health Center
Pine Bluff, AR
FIRSTNET – COVID19 QUARANTINE ZONES

Hard Labor Creek State Park
Rutledge, GA

Message from public safety official regarding FirstNet deployment supporting a quarantine site staged at Hard Labor Creek State Park:

I wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU for AT&T’s support during the recent detail at Hard Labor Creek.

I was tasked with ensuring XXXX personnel had operable communications for the park area being utilized. Upon testing the signal strength ..., in the affected area, I could see additional resources would be needed. You quickly stepped up to the plate and provided resources for the detail. Your team worked incredibly well to establish the needed resources in a super quick manner.

Thanks again for your response.
State, Tribal and Federal Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs)

In Oregon, after recognizing a critical public safety facility needed additional coverage and capacity, we installed a permanent network enhancement. FirstNet liaisons at AT&T are also embedded with EOCs across the country to strengthens public safety’s command and control of their network. In addition, we deployed a FirstNet portable cell site, followed by the installation of an in-building network enhancement, to provide connectivity for a tribal EOC and COVID-19 testing site on the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Keller, WA.
FirstNet received its first COVID-19 emergency request on January 28 and supported a quarantine site. Since then, public safety agencies on FirstNet have submitted more than 50+ COVID-19 emergency requests and 25+ Non-COVID-19 emergency requests.

While public safety and healthcare workers fight the coronavirus pandemic, they must also be ready to simultaneously respond to other types of emergencies and planned events. FirstNet has stood by them and supported first responders in response to tornadoes, storms and other planned events.
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Questions and Answers

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We hope you enjoyed our #WIGWednesday session

Please join us for these upcoming #WIGWednesday programs:

**May 13, 2020:** The Value of Good Chemistry During Challenging Times with
Featured Speaker: Komal Jain, Executive Director of the Center for Biocide Chemistries, American Chemistry Council

**May 20, 2020:** Update on the COVID-19 Outbreak: Understanding the Impact of Diagnostic Testing Modalities featuring Jamie Phillips, Senior Scientific Affairs Manager, Roche Diagnostics