



FirstNet DC

WHAT IS FIRSTNET?

FirstNet is a national wireless network that will facilitate communication for public safety users within and across jurisdictions.

HOW WILL FIRSTNET BENEFIT PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE DISTRICT?

FirstNet will:

- Provide wireless coverage for public safety users to transmit and receive mission-critical and routine data, video, images, and information.
- Provide priority access among DC public safety users (unlike commercial wireless networks).
- Give DC incident commanders and local officials control over user assignments and application access.
- Fundamentally change the way public safety operates, just as smartphones have changed our personal lives.
- Save time during emergencies when seconds count.

HOW WILL FIRSTNET BE PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED IN THE DISTRICT?

- The U.S. Department of Commerce State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) awarded the District \$795,903 to plan its FirstNet participation.
- The District has begun outreach to public safety agencies and other stakeholders to determine how they would use FirstNet and how FirstNet may impact day-to-day operations and emergency response.
- FirstNet will present a plan to the District in 2016.
- If the Mayor accepts the FirstNet plan, the FirstNet program will construct FirstNet in the District. If the District government chooses to build its own network, it must secure FCC approval and meet FirstNet security, hardening, and interoperability requirements.
- Once implemented, the District will have authority to prioritize users on the network.
- The District's Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC), comprised of cabinet-level directors for public safety agencies and reporting to the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, will oversee the District's FirstNet governance.

WHAT WILL USERS PAY FOR FIRSTNET SERVICES?

- FirstNet services and applications will be used at the District's discretion.
- The costs for FirstNet services and devices have not yet been set. FirstNet has begun its determination on financing by issuing a request for public comment in September, 2014.
- The expectation is that user agencies will pay fees for service comparable to current commercial network fees.

For more information on the District of Columbia's FirstNet effort, see: <http://firstnet.dc.gov>

For information about the FirstNet federal authority, see <http://firstnet.gov>



FIRSTNET FACTS:

Nationwide



Federal funding:	\$7B authorized to build the network
Spectrum:	20 MHz of bandwidth in the 700 MHz range
Users:	More than 5 million potential users nationwide
Cost:	Business plan under development May involve a public-private partnership to build the network Will require user fees, likely comparable to current user fees
When will it be operational?	2014 – 2016 Outreach, awareness, and planning 2016 District government reviews design, opts in or out of deployment 2017 – 2022 Network operations substantially in place

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Potential Users:	8,700 for day-to-day operations 20,000 during large events (including mutual aid and volunteers)
Agencies:	Metropolitan Police Department Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency DC National Guard Department of Transportation Department of Public Works Department of Forensic Sciences Department of Corrections Department of Health Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services DC Water and Sewer Authority Office of Unified Communications Office of the Chief Technology Officer

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