



WHAT IS PUBLIC SAFETY GRADE (PSG) WIRELESS DATA?

New cellular services allow first responders' wireless devices (like smartphones and mobile data terminals) to take priority over other wireless traffic. This helps make sure that public safety personnel can communicate when and where they need to, including during emergency and major events.

WHO PROVIDES PSG WIRELESS SERVICES IN MASSACHUSETTS?



FirstNet by AT&T is a new service offered by AT&T in coordination with the federal FirstNet Authority. The FirstNet service is available on AT&T's commercial bands and a more dedicated band is being rollout nationwide for public safety's use.

Verizon Wireless provides a new service call **Mobile Broadband Priority (MBP)** that allows public safety to take a higher priority over regular traffic. This service is offered to public safety customers at no additional charge and works across its commercial bands.

	FirstNet by AT&T	Verizon Wireless
Prioritizes public safety data communications over others at all times	✓	✓
Protects public safety data throughout its entire network	✓ Via a dedicated public safety core.	✓ Via a virtual public safety core.
Preempts commercial users in times of emergency and network congestion	✓	✓
Provides near universal coverage in Massachusetts (> 95% of the geographic area and >99% of the population)	✓ Has committed to build 18 additional cell towers to expand coverage and provide in-building coverage at 6 public buildings	✓ Has committed to build 2 additional cell towers to expand coverage
Consistently demonstrates high levels of availability and retention	✓	✓
Provides effective options for rapidly deployable coverage to support planned and unplanned events	✓	✓
Provides interoperability with other carriers and communications devices	✓	✓
Provides competitive rates and services	✓	✓

HOW CAN I SUBSCRIBE TO PSG WIRELESS DATA SERVICES? Eligible agencies can purchase these services off the Commonwealth's [ITT72 contract](#) on COMMBUYS. Go to COMMBUYS.COM and search for "ITT72".