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A message from the SPOC about FirstNet

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On behalf of the Massachusetts Public Safety Broadband Office (PSBO), thank you for your ongoing interest and support of the work we are collectively doing to support FirstNet in its plan to develop a National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). I wanted to take a moment to provide you with a brief update on some of the major activities that have occurred over the past few months.

Public Safety Broadband Office Blog

PSBO Blog
The Official Blog of the Massachusetts Public Safety Broadband Office

FirstNet's timelines for implementing the National Public Safety Broadband Network

Milestone	Coverage on Band 14
Contract Award	Nationwide coverage on non-Band 14
6 Months	Nationwide coverage on non-Band 14
Year 1	20% coverage on Band 14
Year 2	60% coverage on Band 14
Year 3	80% coverage on Band 14
Year 4	95% coverage on Band 14
Year 5	100% coverage on Band 14

Source: FirstNet Request for Proposal, Section J, State Milestones Percentage of RFP bidder's proposed coverage

MAR 08 2016 **When Will the NPSBN Be Available in Massachusetts?**

One of the most frequent questions our office gets is "When is the National Public Safety Broadband Network going to be available for first responders to use?" The short answer is, we are not quite sure. The long answer - as you would expect - [...Continue Reading](#)

Our office recently established a blog on mass.gov. The blog will be used to answer questions that you may have about FirstNet and the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NSBBN), as well as other important public safety topics. Our initial blogs will answer the following common questions from Massachusetts first responders about FirstNet such as:

- What is FirstNet and the NPSBN?
- When will the NPSBN be available in Massachusetts?
- How much is the NPSBN going to cost to use?
- Who is going to pay for it?

Got to <http://blog.mass.gov/psbo/> to view the blog.

Data Collection:

Last summer, FirstNet gave Massachusetts the go ahead to begin activities on the data collection phase of the project. FirstNet was looking for information on Massachusetts'

❶ coverage objectives, ❷ users and operations, ❸ capacity, and ❹ current service.

To help collect the data, the PSBO sent out a survey to Public Safety Entities statewide. A sincere **thank you to the nearly 400 public safety entities who completed the survey**, including representatives from fire services, law enforcement, EMS, and more. Your input was critical and helped, among other things, identify suggested changes to the FirstNet baseline coverage objectives map. The results of the survey and other data analysis was shared with FirstNet for their consideration in design the public safety data network to meet our needs.

FirstNet Vendor RFR:

On January 13th, FirstNet released its request for proposal to select an industry partner to deploy the wireless data network nationwide. Bids are due back on May 13 with an award planned for late 2016.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Safety Broadband Office at psbo@state.ma.us or visit our website at www.mass.gov/psbo.

Sincerely,

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