

# FIRSTNET IN WASHINGTON

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This is the first official newsletter of Washington OneNet. Our office received State and Location Implementation Grant Program funding in 2013 to assist the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) with a network design for Washington State. Our goal is to ensure a network that meets the needs of Washington State's public safety community. To that end, we have titled our program "OneNet" to reflect our priority: a robust, network for Washington responders.

### SR530 Landslide



The tragic loss of life and property following the SR530 (Oso) landslide demonstrated the caring and compassion that exists in Washington State. When the call for assistance was received, thousands responded. It also demonstrated, in a horrible way, that there are number of improvements to Washington's disaster response efforts that need our attention.

The Joint SR530 Landslide Commission released their [Final Report](#) on December 15, 2014. While a number of significant recommendations are outlined in the report, the recommendation to activate FirstNet drew our attention.

Recommendation 13 reads:

**Washington State should actively participate in the design of the FirstNet network, under the leadership of the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), with the goal of being one of the first states to deploy this new nationwide network.**

- In 2013 Congress authorized and funded the First Responder Network Authority ("FirstNet"). FirstNet is mandated to build a separate, robust nationwide wireless data network for use by all responders, with first responders having priority use. FirstNet is required to consult with responders in the state during development of a state specific design.
- Note: While FirstNet will not directly address voice communications or supplant land mobile radio (LMR), it is designed to provide robust data-sharing capacity. Access to informational systems such as FirstNet would have significantly aided recovery efforts.

### Spokane Committees Summit/SCIP Update Workshop



OneNet hosted a Committees Summit/SCIP Update Workshop August 13-14, 2014 in Spokane. The event was attended by 90 +/- stakeholder and technical committee members, state and local responders, and several tribes. T.J. Kennedy, FirstNet's Acting General Manager was the keynote speaker. OneNet's video, "What is FirstNet," was also debuted at the Spokane Event.

OneNet was joined by the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) on Day 2 of the summit to assist with an update of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). While there have been other efforts to update the SCIP, the last official revision was finalized in 2008. The OEC is preparing the first draft of the plan for review by a smaller workgroup on February 12, 2015. The larger Spokane group and additional stakeholders will have an opportunity to critique the document before it is submitted to the State Interoperability Committee (SIEC) for ratification.

### Governor Jay Inslee



Washington OneNet has had several opportunities to brief Governor Jay Inslee on our work. The Governor visited the OneNet office on September 25. During the visit, staff had the opportunity to explain our efforts to the Governor. On October 29, Bill Schrier along with SIEC members, Stephanie Fritts (Director, Pacific County Emergency Management) and Chief Jim Sharp (West Pierce Fire & Rescue), presented to Governor Inslee and his senior staff about the need for data interoperability and

FirstNet for responders. Those present complimented OneNet's outreach strategy as an excellent example of educating and engaging stakeholders.

Governor Inslee expressed interest in how the network might benefit responders to emergencies like the SR530 slide, wildfires, etc.

### FirstNet Initial Consultation



FirstNet's Initial Consultation with Washington occurred on October 16, 2014. The all-day event was attended by 130+ members of our state, local, and tribal responders. Washington's consultation was the 4th consultation in the nation and had the largest group of participants to date. This event launched the work to design FirstNet in Washington.

Consultation topics included:

- local user stories;
- construction of a core network and any RAN build-out;
- coverage areas of the network, whether at the regional, state, tribal, or local levels
- adequacy of hardening, security, reliability, and resiliency requirements.

OneNet continues to work with FirstNet to develop a data elements template that can be used to create a survey for data collection.

### What is FirstNet? The Video



The WON office released the first in its video series on FirstNet. The original 6-minute film, featuring members of the State Interoperability Executive Committee received national critical acclaim. A 2-minute version, "FirstNet to Washington State," is also available. Both videos can be viewed from the WON website: [www.OneNet.wa.gov](http://www.OneNet.wa.gov).

### Subcontractors



OneNet contracted with Washington State University (WSU) and the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) in 2014 to conduct FirstNet outreach activities for OneNet. Through the WSU contract, OneNet has also engaged the services of Jim Pryor (City of Seattle Assistant Chief of Police, Ret.) and John DeFeo (industry expert) to stand up an Operational Committee for OneNet. The Operational

Committee will work closely with both the stakeholder and technical committees.

PNWER will assist us with outreach to public and private utilities, water and wastewater utilities; public works, roads, and transportation depts.; public utility districts; private companies, e.g., Boeing, AMR; and non-profit agencies, e.g., Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. WSU will include FirstNet in its outreach efforts to law enforcement, Fire 911, local government managers, and tribes.

We are excited to welcome WSU and PNWER onboard!

### OneNet Outreach



In 2014, OneNet launched its webpage: [OneNet.wa.gov](http://OneNet.wa.gov) and its twitter account @WAOneNet (225 followers as of 01/06/15). Staff attended, hosted and participated in 68 conferences, events, and meetings. Our efforts have provided opportunities to speak with approximately 3039 people in group settings. OneNet has also provide nearly 10,000 educational packets and brochures.

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