

FirstNet Update

Southern California Fires

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Situation Report

While extreme wind gusts are continuing to fuel the spread of wildfires across Southern California, the FirstNet® team at AT&T is helping ensure first responders on the front lines have the dedicated connectivity they need to support emergency communications. Amidst disruption in commercial power availability, we are continuously deploying, maintaining and refueling generators to provide service continuity until commercial power is restored. The FirstNet® network is **operating at more than 99% of normal** in the Greater Los Angeles area, and more than 91% of affected cell sites in the impact area have been restored.

The [FirstNet Response Operations Group™ \(ROG\)](#) – led by a dedicated team of former first responders – is working around the clock to support public safety’s dedicated connectivity needs and has liaisons supporting Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) to coordinate with local, state and federal agencies. So far, public safety agencies on FirstNet have made **11 requests** for emergency support in Los Angeles County, and FirstNet ROG is deploying mobile cell sites and other solutions dedicated solely for first responder communications. FirstNet ROG also has two Strike teams on the ground actively supporting firefighters and other first responders on the front lines where they need connectivity the most. This includes:

- Dedicated FirstNet assets from the FirstNet fleet, including **Satellite Cell on Light Trucks (SatCOLTs)**, a **Response Communications Vehicle (RCV)**, **Compact Rapid Deployables (CRDs)**, and **miniCRDs**. The FirstNet dedicated deployable fleet provides similar capabilities and connectivity as a cell tower. These portable network assets link to FirstNet via satellite and do not rely on commercial power availability. ***Photos of some of these deployed FirstNet assets are available below.***
 - In addition to supporting public safety on FirstNet, these dedicated assets also support calls to 9-1-1 from the public if they lack cellular coverage from their carrier.
- Satellite solutions have also been deployed to provide backhaul to key macro cell tower sites.
- To address the high concentration of users and data demands, we have launched two AT&T Super Cell On Wheels (SuperCOWs) - fiber-fed temporary tower assets with FirstNet Band 14 spectrum - at the Public Safety Incident Command Centers near the Palisades area.
- Additional assets, such as FirstNet in-building solutions and FirstNet hotspots, are also available in the field to support public safety.

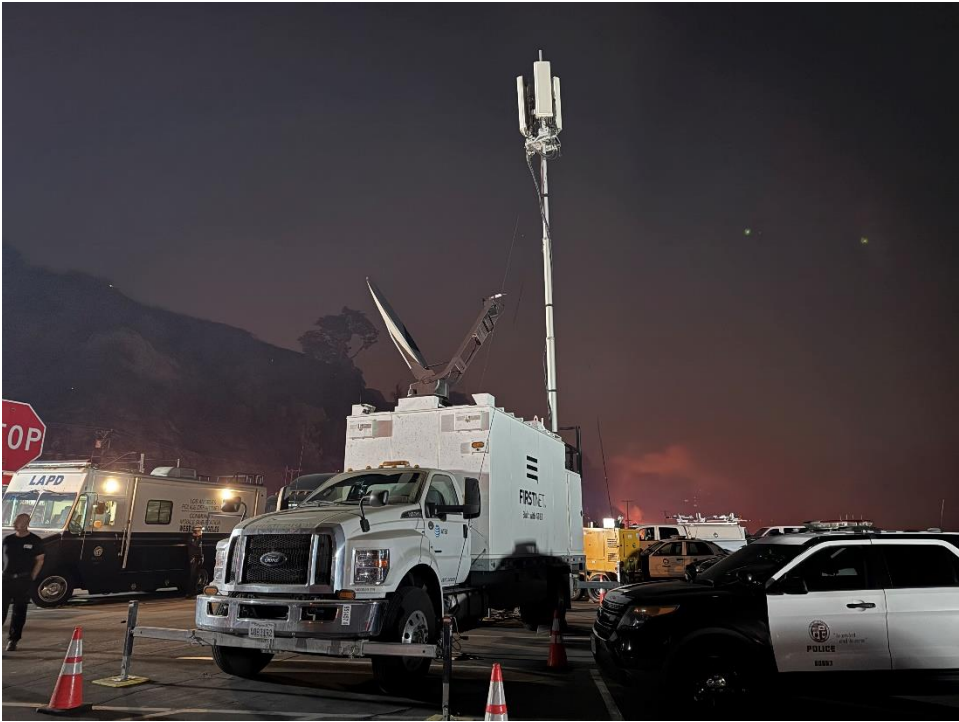
In addition to the dedicated FirstNet fleet of 180+ assets, FirstNet **enables agencies to own and deploy their own portable network assets** (like the FirstNet Compact Rapid Deployable (CRD) pictured below). Hundreds of public safety agencies across the country – including in California, Oregon and Washington now also have their own portable FirstNet assets, enabling them to stage their portable FirstNet cell tower to extend the reach of FirstNet connectivity – when and where they need it. In response to the California wildfires, public safety agencies have deployed their own FirstNet assets to further augment their FirstNet connectivity and perform mutual aid.

Our dedicated team of meteorologists is constantly monitoring weather patterns to provide accurate forecasts and timely updates. This enables our teams to effectively respond to the evolving situation. In addition to the 180+ dedicated assets in the FirstNet fleet, public safety has access to portable generators and AT&T’s 750+ deployable commercial assets when available.

Read more about AT&T’s overall response to the Southern California wildfires [here](#).

Image Library: FirstNet Supporting Public Safety Agencies and Organizations

FirstNet Satellite Cell on Light Trucks (SatCOLTs)



Pacific Palisades, Palisades Fire



San Marino, Eaton Fire



Malibu, Palisades Fire

FirstNet Compact Rapid Deployables (CRDs)



Zuma Beach, Palisades Fire



CalFire-owned FirstNet CRD - Zuma Beach, Palisades Fire

FirstNet Response Communications Vehicle (RCV)



Zuma Beach, Palisades Fire

AT&T SuperCOW



AT&T SuperCOW with Band 14



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