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FloridaNet Update

This year has been a busy one for FloridaNet. We kicked off the year with education and outreach sessions to gain support for the development of the First Responder Network Authority's (FirstNet) national public safety broadband network in Florida. These statewide listening sessions were held to brief first responders, public safety technologists, and government leaders on the purpose of FirstNet.

In preparation for the consultation phase with FirstNet (to begin December 2014), we completed a comprehensive consultation checklist package and were one of the first states to do so. We also organized a structure for data collection and information sharing based on our State Communications Interoperability Plan.

Currently, we are building a web-based GIS mapping tool that will be the foundation for our data collection activities during Phase I and II of the grant program. The FloridaNet GIS tool will be used to determine coverage gaps and to identify important buildings and structures that require LTE coverage. We are also working on an online survey for first responders to gather data about contract vehicles and potential users of this network.

This winter, FloridaNet is partnering with the Florida Department of Management Services to conduct coverage workshops for first responders that will focus on the GIS mapping tool and online surveys.

FloridaNet continues to identify activities for building project momentum statewide, maintaining stakeholder engagement, and strengthening our interoperability structure. The result of our efforts will be a network design plan to be presented to the Governor in the fall of 2016.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2014

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Friday, October 3

- FloridaNet Executive Committee Meeting
- FloridaNet Advisory Council Meeting

DECEMBER 2014

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Friday, December 12

- FloridaNet Consultation with FirstNet

NTIA and NIST Visit FloridaNet

In August, the FloridaNet team hosted a meeting with members of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). The members of the NTIA and NIST were here to check on the status of the FloridaNet project and provide feedback on Florida's progress completing tasks associated with requirements of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP).

During the visit, the team toured the Florida Highway Patrol's Tallahassee Regional Communications Center and took a short ride-along with Troopers. Lt. Russ Bass and Trooper Dan Wagner provided a detailed demonstration of the current technology being utilized by the Florida Highway Patrol.

At the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles headquarters, the team reviewed all of the FloridaNet project documentation. They also took part in a review of the financial information at the Florida Division of Emergency Management.



From Left to Right: Carl Ford, Leslie Palmer, Patti Spain, Dave Westberry, Yuki Miamoto (NTIA), Arleta Cobb (NTIA), Larry Gowen, Terry Rhodes, Husai Rahman (NIST), Diana Vaughn.

Finally, the NTIA and NIST visitors attended a FloridaNet staff meeting where project activities and follow-up action items from the recent technical committee meeting were discussed.

"It was great to be able to visit with the FloridaNet team to learn more about public safety broadband implementation in Florida," said Yuki Miyamoto, the Federal Program Officer from the NTIA. "The FloridaNet governance structure promotes involvement by local, regional and discipline-specific stakeholders. The meetings are well attended and are designed to establish buy-in throughout the planning process."

The visit concluded with a briefing from the NTIA at which they indicated they were impressed with FloridaNet's progress and that the project is meeting or exceeding all grant priorities.

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