

**FirstNet Board to Launch Nationwide Search for New General Manager**

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WASHINGTON – The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Board announced today that it is launching a search for a new General Manager following Bill D’Agostino’s resignation for personal and family reasons. Effective immediately Deputy General Manager TJ Kennedy is assuming the General Manager duties on a temporary basis while the FirstNet Board looks to hire a permanent replacement.

“We appreciate Bill’s service as General Manager over the past year –

a critical time in FirstNet’s early planning stage,” said FirstNet Board Chairman Sam Ginn. “Bill believed that public safety should be a partner in defining network features and capabilities, and we will remember the example he set for us.”

“I have been honored to lead FirstNet’s management efforts over the past year, and believe the organization is now well positioned to enter the next stage of its development,” said Bill D’Agostino. “Although I will no longer be part of the mission, I will remain an ardent supporter and look forward to its future successes,” said Bill D’Agostino.

Last month, the FirstNet Board voted to move forward with implementing a strategic roadmap that will assist in developing a definitive business plan, along with comprehensive state-based outreach and consultation plans. One key step on that path is staffing and resourcing the organization. Over the past several months, FirstNet has built out its senior management team, pulling in top talent from industry, government, and public safety to lead the organization.

“FirstNet has assembled an excellent management team to lead this organization as we continue to develop plans for the nationwide public safety broadband network.” said Board Vice Chairman Sue Swenson. “The FirstNet Board will now begin a search to hire someone to lead the team - someone with the right blend of experience along with the management and leadership skills to carry out FirstNet’s vision.”

The FirstNet Board voted last October to establish Northern Virginia as its corporate

headquarters, and a lease was subsequently signed for office space in Reston, Va. FirstNet expects to occupy that space in the next few months, and the General Manager will be located there.

The General Manager job posting will appear on USAjobs.gov.

About FirstNet:

FirstNet will provide emergency responders with the first high-speed, nationwide network dedicated to public safety. FirstNet is designed to improve communication among local, state, regional, tribal and national emergency services personnel. The broadband data network will help save lives and protect the health and safety of all Americans. It will be built using LTE, the most advanced wireless technology available today. FirstNet fulfills a fundamental need of the public safety community for a single, mission-critical communications system enabling force multiplier effectiveness. Overseen by representatives of public safety, government and the wireless industry, FirstNet is an independent entity within the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration ( [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov) ).

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