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**California Continues to Build a Nationwide  
Public Safety Broadband Network**

**Fairfield** – The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services Public Safety Communications Office held its third Town Hall meeting to inform first responders and other public safety communications personnel about the future implementation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) through the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet).

The purpose of these meetings is to gather information from local first responders, share how FirstNet will revolutionize public safety wireless broadband communications and bring firefighters, law enforcement officials, emergency medical service workers, and other public safety disciplines together like never before.

“It is crucial for local participation in the California planning efforts to ensure the network meets their unique public safety requirements,” said Karen Wong, Assistant Director of Public Safety Communications at OES.

Vicki Lee from FirstNet reviewed key steps in the State Consultation Process and reiterated the importance of participation by first responders, tribes, state and local governments and industry partners in ensuring California’s unique requirements are addressed.

“FirstNet will empower first responders with state of the art communication tools. This will help first responders and public safety workers with awareness and decision-making even before they arrive at the scene,” said Vicki Lee, FirstNet Outreach Coordinator.

Michael Boyden, program director for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), provided details on California’s outreach plan. The outreach plan is multi-tiered, reaches out at all levels (first responders, tribes, industry partners, local and state resources) and includes scheduling more town halls and attending public safety conferences in California.

Karl Pedroni from American Medical Response (AMR) provided information about an electrocardiogram (EKG) machine that can transmit the EKG image directly to hospitals and physicians. Emergency Room physicians can read the EKG image and diagnose the patient before the patient arrives at the hospital.

There are more than 200,000 first responders, 2,000 public safety agencies and 111 tribes in California, so outreach will be critical for the NPSBN.

Future FirstNet in California events are planned for:

Santa Ana, CA      9-30-14      Town Hall

Diamond Bar, CA    10-1-14      CalFRN Board of Directors Meeting and  
Public Safety Broadband Consultation Workshop

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