

Resolution

The following Resolution was adopted by the National Board of Trustees at the Spring National Board of Trustees Meeting held March 14 & 15, 2025 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

WHEREAS: The National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is committed to continuing to advocate the use of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN), which operates on dedicated 700 MHz radio spectrum, and which was established by law on 22 February 2012; and

WHEREAS: The FOP remains a strong supporter of and participant in the implementation and progress of public safety with many agencies using the NPSBN as administered by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), which is an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS: FirstNet, through the NPSBN, is leveraging technologies to build public trust as an interoperability leader, providing value to members of FOP and the entire public safety community nationwide; and

WHEREAS: As cellular communications technology has evolved from 4th Generation (4G) technologies into 5th Generation (5G) technology, which offers greater possibilities for adapting to innovations like Next Generation 911 between the caller, dispatch, and law enforcement or other public safety officer; and

WHEREAS: It will be beneficial to public safety for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to allocate additional radio spectrum to current FirstNet spectrum to enable implementation of 5G technology in FirstNet's NPSBN for prioritized public safety use; and

WHEREAS: The 4.9 GHz radio spectrum, allocated by the FCC since 2002 as dedicated public safety spectrum; and

WHEREAS: The FCC continues deliberations for 4.9 GHz future use, due to FCC's expressed concerns of 4.9 GHz current underutilization by public safety; and

WHEREAS: The FOP has identified the following principles to help guide these deliberations and interactions:

- The FCC must protect and preserve the 4.9 GHz spectrum for nationwide public safety use;
- Incumbent public safety 4.9 GHz licensees must be protected;
- The FCC should assign 4.9 GHz spectrum to a single nationwide licensee and band manager on behalf of public safety;
- The FCC should leverage this very successful FirstNet experience and assign all nationwide 4.9 GHz license(s) to FirstNet, thereby establishing a single nationwide license and band manager; and
- The band manager must be held accountable and be responsive to the needs of law enforcement through the development and maintenance of this network.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The members of the National Board of Trustees here assembled at their Spring Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, hereby adopts these principles and commits the National Fraternal Order of Police to work to achieve a positive long-term public safety utilization for 4.9 GHz radio spectrum to better serve the public and build public trust through disciplined increased public safety use and technologies.