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TO: All Georgia Public Safety Agencies

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SUBJECT: FirstNet/AT&T

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As we look forward to the new year, the communications network America's first responders sought is on its way to Georgia. On November 15, 2017, Governor Nathan Deal accepted the FirstNet and AT&T plan to deliver a wireless broadband network to the state's public safety community. FirstNet will bring advanced technologies that will help Georgia's first responders save lives and protect communities. FirstNet is working closely with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, stakeholders, and the Office of the Governor to address the mechanisms to build, operate, maintain, and improve the Radio Access Network (RAN) portion of the Network in Georgia.

The FirstNet network will transform the way Georgia's public safety personnel communicate and share information. Specifically, FirstNet and AT&T will:

- Connect first responder subscribers to critical information in a highly secure manner.
- Provide priority and preemption to first responders.
- Provide efficient communications during natural disasters.
- Enhance network coverage in rural areas.
- Provide first responders with access to dedicated network deployables when needed.
- Drive infrastructure investments.
- Carries the potential for future integration with NextGen 9-1-1 networks and Smart Cities' infrastructure.
- Provide a secure, interoperable, and efficient communications network for organizations, such as public works, schools systems, shelters and others, who support first responders.

As FirstNet and AT&T begin to deploy this one of a kind public safety network, the decision to subscribe to FirstNet now rests with leaders of the various state and local agencies as whether to join FirstNet or remain with their current wireless communications services provider. Now is the time to begin the review process to determine if FirstNet will meet your agency's needs. The following factors should be considered:

- Will FirstNet coverage in my area of operation meet my agency's needs?
- Is having priority access for voice and data important for my agency?
- Will preemption for voice and data help my agency serve our community during a disaster?

- What is the cost for FirstNet, will my agency pay more or less? If the service cost is more, is FirstNet worth the extra expense?
- What type of devices will work on FirstNet?
- Will my current equipment work on FirstNet?
- Who is considered a first responder for primary access and who is consider an extended user?

FirstNet and AT&T can provide answers to these questions as well as any others your agency might have to help you in making your decision.

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	FirstNet GTA Custom Net Price
FirstNet Unlimited Standard for Smartphones	\$40.00
FirstNet Unlimited Enhanced for Smartphones (Hot Spot)	\$50.00
FirstNet Feature Phone Unlimited Voice Only	\$24.99

Custom Equipment	Equipment Price
iPhone 7 32GB, iPhone 6s 32GB, Galaxy S7 32GB	\$0.99
Duraforce XD (6790) 16GB	\$0.99
iPhone 7 Plus 32GB	\$119.99
Galaxy S7 Edge 32GB, Sonim XP (Non-Stock)	\$129.99
Galaxy S8 Active	\$199.99
Sonim XP7 (Non-Stock)	\$99.99
DURA XE (E4710) 8GB	\$99.99
Sonim XP5	\$0.99
AT&T Unite Explore	\$0.99

A complete pricing list for all products and services can be obtained from AT&T:

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FirstNet and AT&T are committed to provide reliable coverage throughout the State. During the five-year build out of FirstNet, AT&T will add approximately 75 new tower sites in Georgia. AT&T is seeking existing tower sites, where the tower is 200 feet or more in height, to collocate FirstNet equipment especially in the rural areas. If your agency has an interest in working with AT&T on a plan to allow equipment to be placed on your towers, which could fast track deployment of additional wireless data/voice site in your community, please contact Lee Ballentine at lee.ballentine@att.com and copy Warren Shepard at warren.shepard@gema.ga.gov. As with any co-location project, you negotiate the terms with AT&T for the space on your tower.

Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me, FirstNet Georgia, or AT&T.