



FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION 85

Expression of Thanks for the Services of Chief (Ret.) Harlin McEwen as the Chair and Member
of the Public Safety Advisory Committee
June 28, 2017

WHEREAS, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) permits the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to "exercise, through the actions of its Board, all powers specifically granted by the provisions of this subtitle, and such incidental powers as shall be necessary;

WHEREAS, the Act also permits FirstNet to "take such other actions as the FirstNet (through the Board) may from time to time determine necessary, appropriate, or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this title;"

WHEREAS, the Act requires FirstNet to establish a standing public safety advisory committee to assist it in carrying out its duties and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2012, the FirstNet Board adopted Resolution 4 establishing the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2012, the FirstNet Board adopted Resolution 13 defining the roles and responsibilities of the PSAC;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2014, the FirstNet Board adopted Resolution 59 ratifying the PSAC Charter, which further defined the role of the PSAC in carrying out its duties and provided the management structure for the advisory committee;

WHEREAS, the PSAC Charter states the PSAC Chair shall serve a one-year term and may be reappointed for two additional consecutive terms, but subsequent appointments beyond three years require FirstNet Board approval;

WHEREAS, Chief (Ret.) Harlin McEwen has served for four consecutive terms as the inaugural PSAC Chair, and on March 14, 2017, the FirstNet Board adopted Resolution 83 extending Chief (Ret.) McEwen's 2016-2017 term as PSAC Chair through the time of award and associated activities and announcements;

WHEREAS, under Chief (Ret.) McEwen's leadership, the PSAC submitted recommendations on: Identity, Credential and Access Management (ICAM), Local Control, Priority and Preemption, Public Safety Grade, User Equipment, User Profiles, Human Factors, Applications and Use Cases, Eligible Users;

WHEREAS, under Chief (Ret.) McEwen's leadership, the PSAC established an active Early Builders Working Group which provided early builder key learning conditions and lessons learned to assist in network planning and deployment,

WHEREAS, under Chief (Ret.) McEwen's leadership, the PSAC established an active Tribal Working Group, which provided recommendations on tribal outreach, education, and comprehensive consultation strategies to ensure participation by tribal jurisdictions in network planning;

WHEREAS, Chief (Ret.) McEwen has served as the Chair of the PSAC with great diligence, skill and enthusiasm, and his public safety expertise, experience, and exemplary leadership have been invaluable to the PSAC and the FirstNet Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board hereby extends its formal appreciation to Chief (Ret.) McEwen for his extraordinary expertise, experience, and leadership as the PSAC Chair and in honor of that extraordinary expertise, experience and leadership, hereby establishes the Chief Harlin McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board hereby awards the Chief Harlin McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award to Chief (Ret.) McEwen.

I, the undersigned, Board Secretary of the First Responder Network, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board on June 28, 2017, at which a quorum was present and voted.


Karen Miller-Kuwana, Board Secretary