



## It's time to stand together.

"Our community, the city of West Lafayette, is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Indiana. We have a major Big 10 University and our student population is currently at about 42,000. Our city is a similar size. When there's a game day event, we add another 50,000-75,000 people into a football stadium. We used to have breakdowns in our network. You couldn't get a text message to go out, you couldn't get a phone call to go out, and that was because everyone was trying to use the network.

For us, FirstNet is so important because when there's a sporting event or a festival in our community, we want to make sure public safety has a priority network that puts us in a position where we won't be caught without service. For us to have a network that we can rely on and that we know is always there and is secure is critical.

We have several communities nearby that can be of assistance in a really big event, say an F5 tornado. But if we all had the same type of damage, it could be 12 to 24 hours before the state could actually mobilize and get help to us. In those cases, having a reliable network like FirstNet that public safety has priority on is absolutely critical."

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