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# It's time to stand together.

"FirstNet is vital for law enforcement as it gives us reliable access to mission critical applications - whether it is CAD data, GIS mapping, situational awareness applications, streaming audio and video, or other asset tracking capabilities. All of those capabilities are available to Deputies with dedicated bandwidth and with network priority. Preemption and priority access for public safety are key parts of the FirstNet system.

In Oakland County, we were proud to be the first in Michigan to deploy the network to our boots on the ground. We have purchased and deployed hundreds of new cell phones specifically for FirstNet, and they are all push-to-talk enabled. With this new technology, we can assign our Deputies to a post with a cell phone, which is push-to-talk enabled, and they can communicate real-time, on a secure network to Dispatch and each other.

The FirstNet network also helps support data streaming and data exchange by giving us more bandwidth and security to share information. In Southeast Michigan, we have one of the largest data consortiums in the nation. It allows real-time information to be available in our patrol cars. For example, when a Deputy issues a ticket, it is immediately transmitted to the court. We also use BlueCheck technology, which allows us to check fingerprints in less than 15 seconds while still in the field. We have also been recommending changes for how schools respond to active shooter situations such as enhancing their camera capabilities so we can stream video to our responding Deputies. These are new technologies connections that FirstNet will help support and allow our agency to continue to make our communities and schools safer by equipping our Deputies with the real-time, accurate information."

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