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I understand the House E&C Communications Subcommittee has an upcoming hearing on FirstNet. We rely on the FirstNet network and support FirstNet Authority Reauthorization. We encourage Representative Rick Allen to support the FirstNet program's continued success.

I would like to mention just a few points of how First Net has supported law enforcement and the Lyons Police Department.

- In September 2024, hurricane Helen came through Toombs County causing massive devastation. During that time the Lyons Police Department lost radio communications. Due to the First Net network my officers were able to continue to communicate to answer calls and support efforts to restore services in our city.
- In our jurisdiction, there are several buildings where cellular service is limited, including our schools. Due to First Net's efforts, we can overcome that and reestablish communications from within many of those buildings.
- FirstNet's push to talk function is a great asset to law enforcement. We can utilize that function during special operations to keep sensitive communications from getting out to the public.

These are just a few ways FirstNet supports law enforcement and provides much needed reliable communications.

Sincerely,
Wesley Walker
Chief of Police
City of Lyons, Ga.