

# Calexico Police Department Transforms First Responder Communications with FirstNet

## *New Technologies Expand Our Capabilities to Better Serve Calexico*

Calexico, CA, February 23, 2022 — Calexico Police Department is connecting our officers to [FirstNet®](#) – the only network built with and for America’s first responders and the extended public safety community. With this tech advancement, we can equip our first responders with new capabilities and reliable access to critical information while in the field, allowing us to better serve those who live in, work in and visit Calexico.

FirstNet is designed to improve interoperable communications across public safety entities nationwide, allowing first responders to communicate with one another easily and quickly during everyday situations, big events and [emergencies](#). This is integral to solving the communications challenges public safety has experienced in the past.

Located at the border of Mexico and California, Calexico is major point of entry for travelers and goods entering the country. Calexico PD is using FirstNet to connect our traffic control division with officers at the border and in Southern California. Currently, the department is utilizing Push-to-Talk devices that provide quick access to information to help enhance the officer’s situational awareness and decision-making.

“Calexico is an active international hub, and our traffic control division monitors the flow of people and goods into our state,” **said Chief Gonzalo Gerardo, Calexico Police Department.** “FirstNet’s ease of use, tower-to-core encryption, coverage and affordability creates a clear and secure connection that allows our team to effectively communicate with officers at the border and throughout our city.”

Calexico PD joined FirstNet to provide our first responders unthrottled access to an entire public safety ecosystem of mission-ready tools and capabilities, including:

- The only nationwide communications platform that allows us to coordinate emergency responses efficiently and effectively across agencies and jurisdictions.
- Always-on priority and preemption to give us reliable access to the connection we need – and protecting us from network congestion.
- A separate, dedicated and highly secure network core purpose-built for public safety’s sensitive communications.
- Innovative tools – like public safety-centric applications, mission-critical solutions and connected devices – to give us more actionable information for heightened situational awareness.
- A dedicated fleet of 100+ deployable network assets public safety agencies can call upon for additional connectivity at no extra charge during remote situations, planned events or urgent crises—a unique benefit to the industry.

- Access to holistic public safety health and wellness tools and resources, like [ROG the Dog](#), that go beyond network connectivity—all powered by the [FirstNet Health & Wellness Coalition](#), which represents more than 1.3 million first responders.

“We’re honored that Callexico PD has adopted FirstNet to elevate its communications capabilities,” said **Rhonda Johnson, President-AT&T California**. “It’s our mission to give first responders the cutting-edge tools they need to safely and effectively achieve their mission. FirstNet will help first responders in Callexico and across the country perform at the highest levels to keep themselves and those they serve, out of harm’s way.”

“FirstNet, Built with AT&T, is the communications platform, built with and for public safety, inspired by public safety. There is no substitution for this purpose-built network,” said **FirstNet Authority CEO Edward Parkinson**. “We look forward to supporting Callexico and all of California’s public safety community with FirstNet, making sure it delivers what they need, when they need it.”

To learn more about Callexico PD, visit <https://www.callexico.ca.gov>.

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### **About FirstNet, Built with AT&T**

FirstNet is the only nationwide, high-speed broadband communications platform dedicated to and purpose-built for America’s first responders and the extended public safety community. Shaped by the vision of Congress and the first responder community following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, FirstNet stands above commercial offerings. It is built with [AT&T](#), in a public-private partnership with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) – an independent agency within the federal government. The FirstNet network is providing public safety with truly dedicated coverage and capacity when they need it. These advanced capabilities help fire, EMS, law enforcement save lives and protect their communities. Learn more at [FirstNet.com](https://www.firstnet.com).

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