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Tulare County HHS A Adopts FirstNet Public Safety Communications Platform
More reliable new technology expands capability to better serve all areas of Tulare County

VISALIA, CA – The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency has connected to a nationwide public safety communications platform, FirstNet, that is designed to allow faster and more reliable communications during crisis situations and emergencies.

“I am excited at the opportunity to bring this new technology to our Agency staff,” says Timothy Lutz, Agency Director, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency. “When disasters occur, it is many of our Agency staff who must be ready to help our residents get back on their feet. This program helps to ensure our Agency responders are able to communicate quickly during a disaster.”

This upgrade allows the Agency to better serve those who live, work, and visit Tulare County and is integral to solving common roadblocks to reliability and resiliency during critical incidents.

FirstNet provides capabilities such as:

- Nationwide communications platform providing efficient and effective coordination of emergency responses across agencies and jurisdictions.
- Always-on priority and preemption to give HHS A reliable access to the connectivity we need, even when the network is congested.
- A highly secure network platform, physically separate, purpose-built for public safety’s sensitive communications.
- Planned increases in coverage and capacity, enabling us to be a more reliable part of any emergency response for Tulare County and statewide.
- Innovative tools, such as relevant applications and connected devices, for heightened situational awareness and better actionable information.

FirstNet is being built with [AT&T](#) in public-private partnership with the [First Responder Network Authority](#) (FirstNet Authority). It’s designed with and for public safety.

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