What: The FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition (FNHWC) was established in October 2020 as an effort for AT&T to coordinate and strategically plan for how the organization supports health and wellness of first responders.

The Mission: The mission of the FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition is to integrate responder, community, industry, and academic capabilities in order to support the health, wellness, and readiness of America’s first responders.

The Strategic Aim of the coalition is to collaborate with our members to support healthy, well, and resilient first responders who are ready to support public safety at a moment’s notice.

FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition (FNHWC) Overview:

In 2017, when AT&T was awarded the contract to build FirstNet, it became a public safety champion. The lives of first responders are just as important to AT&T as the fiber we build out to create the public safety communication network. AT&T can build all the connections possible, but without first responders, the network would not be effective.

AT&T has come to realize the tremendous impact that public safety has on the health and wellness of our local communities. However, the service public safety provides to our communities does not come without personal sacrifice and burdens. That’s why AT&T has committed resources to supporting the issue of responder health and wellness as a part of its commitment to building and supporting FirstNet.

A key component of this commitment is establishing the FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition. The FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition will 1) establish a framework in which to integrate leadership across first responder professions; 2) assess and analyze existing data on first responder health and wellness needs; 3) identify key priorities for action; 4) facilitate action planning in which to address priorities; and 5) evaluate the effectiveness of activities for future planning and activities.

Who: The FNHWC is composed of an Executive Board and a Full Member body.

- Jason Porter, SVP, FirstNet Program at AT&T, is the FNHWC Executive Sponsor.

- Members of the FNHWC are C-level executives from diverse industries and geographies. The FNHWC Executive Board are invitational and voluntary positions that represent the diversity of first responder professions and help to identify the priorities and activities of the coalition.

- Members accept a voluntary position on the FNHWC or Executive Board for a 2-year assignment. The rotation of membership is intended to provide other customers with an opportunity to collaborate with AT&T on the coalition. However, FNHWC members can be re-nominated to serve for up to 3 additional appointments.

When: The FNHWC meets quarterly, preceded each month by an Executive Committee.

Why: The FNHWC key objective is to identify critical first responder health and wellness priorities, develop targeted strategies to support our first responder members, collaborate on solutions, proliferate best practices and lessons learned in order to achieve optimal health and wellness for America’s first responders.