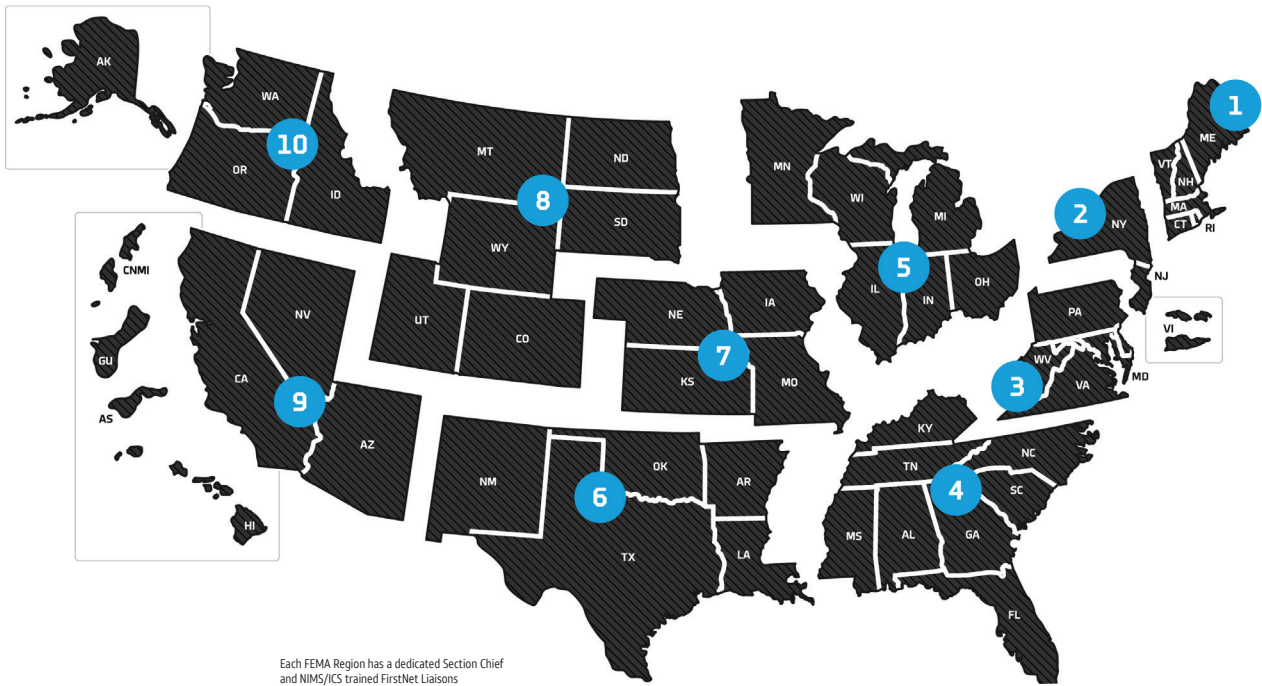


# Meet the FirstNet Response Operations Group (ROG)



| Leadership  | FEMA Regions                |                           |                         |                        |                         |  |  |  |  |  |
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|   | <b>2</b> Sebastian Donaruma | <b>4</b> Mark Durr        | <b>6</b> Kelley Adley   | <b>8</b> Jeff Bassett  | <b>10</b> Bryan Green   |  |  |  |  |  |

The Response Operations Group™ (ROG) is a national team of former first responders – firefighters, law enforcement, EMS, military and emergency managers – dedicated to helping keep public safety agencies connected when it matters most.

ROG is organized into 10 geographic regions. Each is led by a section chief who is the tactical lead for all requests from public safety for FirstNet coverage needs within their assigned region. Section chiefs work to identify and implement the appropriate solution to meet customer requirements for both planned and emergent events.

They maintain visibility and control of the deployed solution throughout the event to ensure continuity and the ability to adjust to dynamic environments. Section chiefs cultivate and maintain collaborative relationships with internal partners, guaranteeing a cohesive response. They also support strong state engagement programs and work with respective states to draft and maintain individual state agreements that guide ROG’s response.

In addition, each section chief represents the Response Operations Group in FEMA activities within their region. As members of ROG, they are specialists in deployable communications equipment and technology and are adept at employing a wide variety of solutions.

From planned events to large-scale emergencies, ROG delivers fast, expert support with solutions tailored to each region’s unique needs.



## Chris Stratmann

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### Associate Director

Chris Stratmann brings extensive strategic and operational experience in public safety communications. A retired U.S. Air Force and Kansas National Guard officer, he served as CIO for the Kansas National Guard, overseeing statewide emergency communications and leading the ESF-2 function at the State Emergency Operations Center. He managed the Kansas Statewide Interoperable Communications P25 system and related training programs. As the original FirstNet Single Point of Contact for Kansas, he helped shape state-level strategy. Since joining AT&T in 2018 and ROG in 2020, he has led logistics and administrative functions supporting both planned and emergent responses.



## Thomas Nicolette

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### Operations Chief

Thomas Nicolette brings over 3 decades of frontline experience in fire service and emergency management. He served 33 years with the Nutley, N.J., Fire Department, advancing from volunteer to fire captain and director of emergency management. His background includes firefighting, hazmat response, instruction and public safety communications. Thomas's deep understanding of responder needs shapes responsive, mission-aligned operational leadership across the FirstNet program.



## Robert "Pic" Picariello

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### FEMA Region 1 and Boston Division Chief

Robert Picariello draws on more than 35 years in law enforcement, including 14 years as Chief of Police in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Rising through the ranks from patrol officer to leadership, he brings operational expertise and strategic oversight to his work. His service with regional law enforcement councils reflects a strong commitment to collaboration and innovation. He brings tactical insight and a customer-focused approach to public safety operations.



## Sebastian “Bash” Donaruma

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### **FEMA Region 2, NYC and Federal Division Chief**

Sebastian Donaruma brings over 35 years of public service experience, including leadership as Chief of Police and Emergency Management Coordinator in Readington Township, New Jersey. He joined AT&T in 2017 and transitioned to ROG in 2021, supporting major deployments and strengthening relationships with public safety agencies. A graduate of the FBI National Academy, he is an active member of national and state-level law enforcement organizations, bringing strategic focus and operational fluency to complex response environments.



## Robert “Komo” Komoroski

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### **FEMA Region 3 Division Chief**

Robert Komoroski applies 29 years of experience with the New Jersey State Police, where he served in field operations and emergency management roles. He led training programs for hundreds of public safety telecommunicators and implemented quality assurance initiatives that advanced in-service education. At AT&T, he leads tactical responses and coordinates with federal and state partners to meet urgent communication needs.



## Mark Durr

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### **FEMA Region 4 Division Chief**

Mark Durr combines military discipline with telecommunications expertise to support public safety communications across the Southeast. He served 13 years in the U.S. Army, including assignments with the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions, before transitioning to leadership roles in sales, operations and customer service at AT&T. With a background in psychology and science, Mark delivers adaptable, high-impact support in dynamic environments.



## **Jim Fiduccia**

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### **FEMA Region 5 and Chicago Division Chief**

Jim Fiduccia leads tactical operations across the Midwest by planning, deploying and managing LTE solutions for public safety events. He provides operational oversight throughout each mission to ensure flexibility and reliability in changing conditions. His collaborative work with states and federal agencies strengthens readiness and coordination. Jim’s technical expertise and forward-leaning approach help advance the ability of the FirstNet program to meet diverse agency needs.



## **Kelley Adley**

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### **FEMA Region 6 Division Chief**

Kelley Adley supports agencies across Region 6 by directing the planning and deployment of public safety communication solutions. He adapts quickly to evolving conditions and ensures cohesive coordination with internal teams and state partners. His leadership maintains visibility from initial request through resolution, supporting effective outcomes in both planned and emergent operations.



## **Montee Benien**

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### **FEMA Region 7 Division Chief**

Montee Benien brings more than three decades of experience in military and commercial telecommunications. A U.S. Army veteran with commendations in mobile network operations, he later held leadership roles at major telecom firms including AT&T – as RF engineer, program manager and network operations manager. He also leads nonprofit veteran and conservation groups. With a degree in electronics engineering and deep field experience, Montee provides mission-driven, technically skilled leadership.



## Jeff Bassett

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### **FEMA Region 8 Division Chief**

Jeff Bassett has more than 34 years in public safety, including service as fire chief and emergency manager in Utah. His experience spans fire service, law enforcement and radio communications. He has led both city departments and regional fire agencies and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. With a degree in emergency management and command-level experience, he delivers reliable leadership in critical communications support.



## Andrew Ahlberg

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### **FEMA Region 9 and Los Angeles Division Chief**

Andrew Ahlberg brings more than 34 years of public safety experience, including as a Chief Ranger with California State Parks. He began his career as an ocean lifeguard in Southern California while studying criminal justice at San Diego State University. After attending the California State Parks Law Enforcement Academy, he became a California State Ranger providing law enforcement, EMS, and rescue services across diverse environments, including recreation areas, beaches, reservoirs and rivers. With experience deploying statewide for wildfire response, civil unrest, backcountry operations and planned events he brings extensive inter-agency experience and prides himself on developing and maintaining strong, trusted relationships with stakeholders.



## Bryan Green

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### **FEMA Region 10 Division Chief**

Bryan Green draws from a wide-ranging background in EMS, firefighting and wilderness medicine. He has served as a firefighter, public information officer, field training officer and expedition medic. He has also taught wilderness medicine and participated in remote field operations across the Arctic, Southeast Asia and other austere environments. A graduate of the Daniels College of Business, Bryan blends field credibility with strategic insight to meet high-demand public safety needs.