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Jeff Bratcher named Deputy Chief Technology Officer at FirstNet

Washington, D.C. - Jeff Bratcher brings a deep background of both private and public sector communications technical experience to the FirstNet team. That's why we are pleased that he has joined FirstNet as the Deputy Chief Technical Officer (DCTO). Among his many duties, Jeff will manage and oversee the engineering teams that are developing specifications to ensure the successful deployment of a nationwide public safety broadband network. He is based out of FirstNet's technical headquarters in Boulder, CO, and reports to Ali Afrashteh, FirstNet's Chief Technical Officer.

If the name sounds familiar, it's because Jeff had been the acting DCTO under a detail assignment from the Department of Commerce (DOC) since November of 2013. He was the Division Chief for the Telecommunications and IT Planning Division at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) and also served as the Technical and Operations Manager for the Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) program, which is a joint program with NTIA/ITS and the DOC National Institute of Standards and Technology Communications Technology Lab (NIST/CTL).

As DCTO, Jeff remains focused on staffing the CTO organization and working closely with many of his former colleagues at the PSCR program on many technical projects that support FirstNet efforts in the areas of standards; testing and evaluation; and modeling and simulation. Jeff says he looks forward to utilizing his decade of experience at PSCR as an objective technical advisor to public safety practitioners to accelerate the adoption and implementation of the most critical public safety communication standards and technologies into FirstNet.

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