

# Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS):

- Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency service that provides priority services for congested landline networks during a crisis or disaster.
- Kansas by the numbers:
  - Registered Cards
    - Federal 131
    - State 549
    - Local 1874
    - Commercial 681
    - Non-Profit 536
    - Tribal 1

# FirstNet Overview:

- In response to a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission following the communications failures that occurred during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Congress set aside a band of spectrum and created the federal First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority).
- AT&T was later selected as the private partner in this 25-year public-private partnership, following a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process.
- FirstNet is purpose-built to favor the important work first responders do. It's the only interoperable wireless communications platform that's been architected from the ground up just for this community.
- Band 14 is nationwide, high-quality spectrum set aside by the government specifically for FirstNet.
- During an emergency, this band can be cleared and locked just for FirstNet subscribers. That means only those on FirstNet will be able to access Band 14 spectrum, further elevating their connected experience and emergency response.

# FirstNet Sites:

- New FirstNet Sites:
  - Barber, Brown, Clark, Comanche, Doniphan, Greely, Jackson, Jefferson, Logan, Sherman, Smith, and Thomas.
  - These sites were identified by state and public safety stakeholders as priority locations.
  - These sites were constructed using Band 14 spectrum, as well as AT&T commercial spectrum.
- Existing sites
  - Band 14 added to existing sites across Kansas, including markets such as Brown, Edwards, Elk, Ellsworth, Franklin, Hamilton, Hodgeman, Lawrence, Marshall, Morris, Reno, Topeka, Trego and Wichita.
- New tower sites serving Tribal
  - Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
  - Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas
  - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
  - Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri (Kansas and Nebraska)
- From 2018-2020, FirstNet expanded coverage and improved connectivity in more communities by investing more than \$550 million in FirstNet wireless and wireline networks in Kansas.

# FirstNet Adoption Challenges:

Kansas has historically utilized Verizon (Approximately 90% of the market) services for public safety broadband needs. For this reason FirstNet adoption in public safety agencies and organizations have been slow.