

**To:** President and Members of the Munster Town Council

**From:** Patricia Abbott, Controller/Interim Town Manager

**Date:** June 17, 2024

**Re:** Agreement: FirstNet

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The First Responder Network Authority, or the FirstNet Authority, is an independent agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) that oversees FirstNet, the nation's communications network dedicated to emergency responders and the public safety community. It was established in the wake of September 11, 2011, to create a single, nationwide broadband network specifically for first responders. The network is built for public safety with a dedicated network core that separates public safety traffic from non-public safety traffic.

Working with FirstNet offers the Town access to free and reduced cost equipment. Staff is requesting to create an account with AT&T in order to access the FirstNet portal. This will allow the Town to request free cell boosters. The Town may expand its use of FirstNet and its offerings in the future.

**Recommendation:**

By motion and voice vote, authorize the Council President to sign the Participation Agreement with AT&T Enterprises, LLC to access FirstNet.