



GWTC WELCOMES CHRIS BAKER OF FIRSTNET TO THE BOARD

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The Government Wireless Technology & Communications Association (GWTC)¹ is pleased to announce that Chris Baker, PE, Senior Public Safety Advisor for the FirstNet Authority, has joined the GWTC Board of Directors.

Chris has thirty-one years of first responder experience in fire and law enforcement, and member of the IWCE advisory committee. Chris retired as a Battalion Chief and Investigator from the Roseville California Fire Department with assignments in investigations, operations, administration, technology, and safety. His assignments include local and inter-agency projects improving public safety communications, operational and communications roles on large incidents since 1999, and communications unit instructor. Chris also served as a reserve deputy sheriff working assignments in patrol, detention, and interagency drug eradication. Prior to his full-time career in the fire service, Chris worked as an engineer in the commercial wireless industry constructing and operating wireless networks across the U.S., training engineers, and developing wireless test tools.

“We’re incredibly excited about having Chris on our Board,” said GWTC President Andrew Maxymillian. “Chris’ exemplary service in public safety, and his vast knowledge of public safety communications, brings a valuable resources and insight into GWTC’s work.”

GWTC Vice-President Andrew Seybold said “Chris Baker is one of the foremost thought leaders in public safety communications. Together with Panasonic and Ondas Networks recently joining GWTC, we continue to expand our membership of government agencies and professionals, wireless manufacturers and consultants to truly represent all facets of state and local government wireless use in multiple venues.”

GWTC Board Member Tim Trager, Division Chief at the County of San Bernardino, California, said that “GWTC provides me a unique opportunity to impact policy in both the public safety and government services wireless markets in a broad-based organization where deep pockets do not control the agenda. We work hard to reach consensus on a variety of issues, and our ‘honest broker’ position is receiving increasing respect throughout the industry.”

GWTC’s Annual Meeting will be held on April 1, 2020 in the Las Vegas Convention Center, Room S209, at 8 a.m. The meeting is co-located with the International Wireless Communications Expo, the premier conference for the land mobile radio industry. Attendance at GWTC’s meeting is free for members and non-members alike, and affords attendees the opportunity to learn about GWTC’s current work, and provide input on matters which should be GWTC’s priorities in the coming year.

¹ **About GWTC** – The Government Wireless Technology & Communications Association (GWTC) is devoted to representing the wireless interests of government service workers, including the transportation sector. GWTC works with the Federal Communications Commission, Department of Transportation, states and municipalities to ensure the safe, efficient and cost-effective use of wireless technologies to foster a better future for its members and all citizens. For more information, please visit www.gwtca.org.