



September 29, 2020

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Edward Parkinson  
Executive Director  
First Responder Network Authority

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**FROM:** Frederick J. Meny, Jr.  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network's  
Security Architecture and Risk (#2020-373)

We are initiating an evaluation of the First Responder Network Authority's (FirstNet Authority's) National Public Safety Broadband Network's (NPSBN's) security posture. Our objective is to assess the NPSBN's security risks resulting from its security architecture.

We contracted with The MITRE Corporation—a federally funded research and development center with noted expertise in cybersecurity—to conduct the evaluation. My office will oversee the progress of the assessment to ensure that it is performed in accordance with quality standards for inspection and evaluation and contract terms. Fieldwork will be conducted at agency and contractor sites with extensive coordination between our team, MITRE, FirstNet Authority, and AT&T personnel.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your office to schedule an entrance conference to discuss our evaluation objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1931 or Chuck Mitchell, Director for Cybersecurity, at (202) 482-5139.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

cc: Uzoma Onyeije, Audit Liaison, FirstNet Authority  
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