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Communications Infrastructure**

- Blad Guzman, *Project Implementation Manager – Americas Region*, **Tait Communications**

**Using Cooperative Contracts for Expedited Government
Sales and Procurement**

- Brian Manley, retired Police Chief, **Austin Police Department**
- Jon Paul Beauchamp, Mount Laurel, **Icom America**
- Crosby Grindle, Strategic Development, **Sourcewell**
- Elizabeth Flores, Director of Supplier Growth and Engagement Strategy, **NASPO ValuePoint**

Unified Communications for Safer Schools

- Glen Morgan, *Indirect Sales Manager, Critical Communications*, **Leonardo US Cyber & Security Solutions, LLC**

Project 25 Questions? Ask the Experts



- Don Root, Project 25 Manager, **APCO International**
- Ian Graham, Principal Engineer, **Tait Communications**
- Brad Stoddard, SWIC and Director, **Michigan's Public Safety Communications System**
- Cheryl Giggetts, Principal Consultant, **CTA Consultants**
- John Lambrou, Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff, **Motorola Solutions**
- Jeremy Elder, Director of Product Experience Technology, **L3Harris**
- Scott Wright, Senior Telecommunications Engineer 2, **State of CT/DESPP/DSET**
- Stephen Nichols, Executive Director, **PROJECT 25 TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP**

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Lessons From The Frontline...

School Safety 2.0: MC-PTT, Interoperability, and Next-Gen Alerts

- Charles Hardnett, *Senior Public Safety Advisor*, **First Responder Network Authority**
- Gerald Risner, *Senior Public Safety Advisor*, **First Responder Network Authority**

Boats, Bulldozers, and Fire – Wildland Fire Communications 2025

- Chuck Schuler, *Telecommunications Engineer*, **Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center**

Fragile by Design: When One Fiber Cut Shuts Down a County... Again

- Jeff Perkins, *Public Safety Communications Specialist*,
Oregon Dept. of Emergency Management
- Daniel Tague, *Lake County Sheriff*, **Lake County**
- Paul Braunstein, *Sales Manager – Public Sector / FirstNet (OR & WA)*, **FirstNet**
- Nicole Hudnet, *Industry Segment Advisor (Emergency Response Team)*, **T-Mobile**

Incident Communications Lessons from the Field - 2025

- Eric Knudson, *Technology Strategy & Solutions Lead*,
Cisco Crisis Response
- Kody Kerwin, *Communications Chief*, **Calaveras Consolidated Fire Protection District**
- Sgt. Jason Matthews, *Emergency Management Bureau Sergeant*, **Lake County Sheriff's Office, FL**
- Chris Baker, *Battalion Chief (retired)*, **Roseville Fire Department**
- Kevin Nida, *Senior Public Safety Advisor*, **First Responder Network Authority**



- Michael Baltrosky, *Assistant Fire Chief / CIO*, **Montgomery County Maryland - Fire & Rescue Service**
- Gabe Elias, *Statewide Interoperability Coordinator*, **State of Virginia**
- Charlie Guddemi, *Statewide Interoperability Coordinator*, **District of Columbia**
- Jack Markey, *Statewide Interoperability Coordinator*, **State of Maryland**
- Stuart Sanz, *Interoperable Comms & Radio System Manager*, **Arlington County, Virginia**
- Scott Boggs, *Managing Director-Homeland Security & Public Safety*, **Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments**
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