

## BRENT WILLIAMS

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Brent Williams is the Senior EMS Advisor to the First Responder Network Authority, the federal government agency charged with planning for and deploying a new mobile broadband communications system dedicated to public safety users. For 12 years prior to joining FirstNet in 2015, Brent served as the EMS Radio Communications Consultant to the EMS and Trauma Systems Section of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In that role, he served as the subject matter expert for the

Department on EMS radio communication systems and requirements. During that same time, he also worked as an independent consultant for many local units of government, providing a diverse range of services related to radio communication system design.

Brent's "real world" public safety experience includes 11 years as a police patrol officer and over 20 years as a practicing paramedic. He retains his State of Michigan Paramedic License, first earned in 1978.

He served for 10 years as a member of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFECOM public safety communications advisory group and fills the volunteer role of APCO "Local Frequency Advisor" for the State of Michigan. He has been an elected member of the Marshall, MI, City Council, for 12 years.

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## FIRE CHIEF ERIK NEWMAN

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Chief Newman joined the City of Stockton leadership team December 16, 2015.

Chief Newman's fire service career spans 28 years. He comes to Stockton from the Clark County Fire Department in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he has served as Senior Deputy Fire Chief since December, 2011. Prior to Las Vegas, Chief Newman served with the Richmond Fire Department, Richmond, California, for over 20 years, first as a Fire Fighter, then Fire Engineer, Fire Captain, Training Director and Battalion Chief.

As Senior Deputy Fire Chief in Clark County, Chief Newman was part of a leadership team that serves the Las Vegas area - a 7,910 square mile metropolitan area of over 900,000 residents, with 29 fire stations staffed by professional firefighters in urban areas and 13 stations in the rural, unincorporated areas of Clark County staffed by volunteer firefighters. In addition to expansive commercial and residential areas, Las Vegas has one of the busiest airports in the nation, hosts 40 million visitors at major special events with huge crowds and high-rise and high-occupancy buildings and hotels, requiring a variety of training, equipment and apparatus for multi-hazard, multiagency responses.

Chief Newman holds a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from Saint Mary's College, Moraga, California, and an Associates of Liberal Arts from College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho. In addition, he is a certified California State Chief Officer, a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Terrorism Committee and California League of Cities Policy Committee.

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