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LTE for Public Safety: Don't Count on It

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Report Highlights

LTE is ideal for public safety partly because it provides a global cost structure and ecosystem

LTE's global benefits are undermined somewhat by the lack of harmonized spectrum for public safety

Upcoming versions of LTE will add features that address concerns such as prioritization and quality

The U.S. FirstNet network won't launch until 2016 at the earliest

The \$7 billion earmarked for FirstNet won't fully fund the network many envision

Utility companies could help fund FirstNet in exchange for access

Commercial LTE networks will be key for public safety communications even where dedicated systems, such as FirstNet, are available

Many countries are watching FirstNet to see if it's a model worth following

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