

Up To Speed
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When communication systems are down because of a natural disaster like the burned fields you see behind me, cell service is down.

When we got the notification that this entire section of Malibu went dark and that our first responders were trying to communicate back to their command centers and their family to let them know their situation, we knew that communication in this area was critical.

In that moment, every V Teamer in Southern California suited up, showed up and went to action. Our network team is has really made sure we've stepped up.

As you can see right behind me, we've got an example of one of our temporary assets deployed known as a COLT, which stands for Cell on Light Truck.

Right now, they're actually enabling C-Band. So we've got fiber, we've got satellite backhaul. Everything's up and running. We're providing first class wireless connectivity data and capacity to all the first responders right here at the main command center right down here in Malibu.

Steve Keller, Verizon. Hey, Rich Moody, how have you been? Good to see you man. Good to see you.

Thank you. Appreciate you very, very much.

Yeah, thank you guys, thanks to Verizon because we definitely need you, we needed you quick. Captain Richard Moody is in charge of this whole command center right now for the LAFD.

Once we turned this cell site up and he was able to see his cell phone go from one bar to three bar, now he is so busy doing his job, managing a crisis right now, trying to protect people's homes he no longer has to worry about is his cell phone going to work? It's just going to work.

We needed that signal up the hill and it's very, very important and so it allows us to get things done quicker and to respond better in the community back a little bit.

Thank you.

Well, anything we can do as always. Thank you.

Thanks Captain Moody, appreciate you very much.

When it comes to our network, it's always a place where we set up, we enable, we connect our communities, first responders, any which way we can when it matters most.