



TRAINING REPS



PROGRAMMING FAVORITE CHANNELS IN MOTOROLA APX PORTABLE & MOBILE RADIOS (AKA THE “MODE SELECT” FEATURE)

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The various radio systems and channels programmed into our BCoFD radios is comprehensive. Scrolling through zones to reach certain channels can be time consuming.

A recent code plug programming update enabled use of the “mode select” feature which can save time and effort from the regular navigation for zones and channels. The process outlined below is similar to programming car radio stations.

Company commander(s) should reach a consensus on the three (3) channels that will be saved as favorites. This is to ensure that they are not constantly changed as users become familiar with their configuration and use.



How to save the favorite channels (MS1, MS2, MS3):

1. Toggle from your current zone and channel to the zone and channel you wish to save.
2. Press the left arrow [<] on the soft keys so [MS1] [MS2] [MS3] is shown on the bottom of the display.
3. Press and hold the Menu Select button [.] [. .] [. . .] directly below the corresponding position you would like to program. You will hear a short, medium-pitched tone when the zone and channel is saved.

How to recall a favorite channel that has been saved:

1. Press the left arrow [<] on the soft keys so [MS1] [MS2] [MS3] is shown on the bottom of the display.
2. A short press of the programmed softkey beneath [MS1] [MS2] [MS3] changes your radio to the zone and channel programmed in this softkey. You will hear a short, medium-pitched tone when the zone and channel changes. If there are no channels selected to occupy the bank it will say Blank and emit a constant audible tone.

Mobile Radios: This feature is also available on the mobile radios installed in our apparatus. The process to store and recall favorite channels on a mobile radio the same as a portable radio.



Note: Even though the portable radio will switch to the corresponding zone for the saved channel, the 16-position select knob on the portable radio may not match the channel number displayed. For example, if you are on A1 and use a favorite to go to O4, the knob is still be on 1, but turning it to 2 will actually take you to O2.

Example of saved channels for Engine 55:

[MS1] – F3 (BaF tac32)

[MS2] – L3 (BaF East)

[MS2] – LL11 (Harford E6 fireground)



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