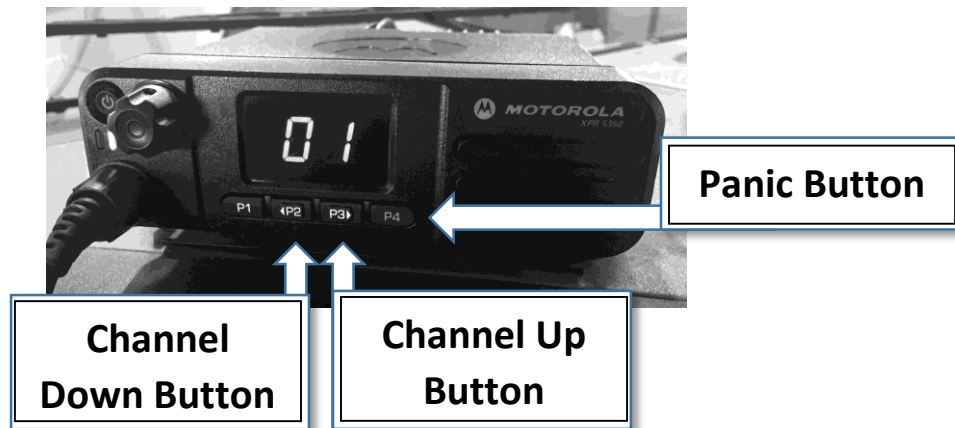


New Radios



Q: How do I change channels? When do I change channels?

A: When directed by dispatch, press the channel up or channel down buttons until the display shows the channel you are seeking.

Q: Am I transmitting as soon as I press the button – can I start talking immediately?

A: Transmissions only begin AFTER the radio chirps following the button being pressed. If you speak before the chirp, you're only talking to yourself.

Q: Can someone talk over me? Can someone click over me?

A: No, if the radio is in use, anyone else trying to transmit will get a busy tone. There is no longer the option to 'click.'

Q: What do the buttons on the side of the microphone do? What does the P1 button do?

A: Nothing, the radio beeps and nothing happens.

Q: What does the P4 button do?

A: The P4 button is a 'panic button.' When pressed, it immediately locks your radio into panic mode, which does the following: Alarms dispatch, switches your radio to channel 4 (though it will not change on the display), and begins broadcasting your microphone for the next 20 seconds.

Q: I accidentally pressed the P4 button, what do I do?

A: *Immediately* identify it as a false alarm, remember you are already broadcasting on the hot mic for 20 seconds - I can assure you dispatch is already listening intently to you. Then, when directed by dispatch press and hold the P4 button until it beeps to unlock your radio from panic mode.

Q: Do I use the panic button for a medical emergency or if I've been in a wreck?

A: No, you will call in as you always have using your assigned channel. You will change channels when directed by dispatch.

Q: Will I have to wait while announcements are done in another area?

A: Under most circumstances, announcements will be at the same time in both areas.