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## **RAPID RADIO RESPONSE**

National Guard units respond more effectively to COVID-19 pandemic in their local communities thanks to L3Harris' quick response to training requests.

National Guard units across the nation now have greater situational awareness in their areas of operations thanks to the 21st-century technology provided by L3Harris XL-200 single-band/multiband radios.

Since the fall of 2019, L3Harris Public Safety and Professional Communications team have been working to deploy the Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) communication system - user radio refresh for the U.S. National Guard.

The United States National Guard Bureau has purchased thousands of L3Harris XL-200P and XG-100M radios and base stations since 2015 for its 54 states and territories. This contract updates all the Guard's non-tactical radios for use in disasters, mutual-aid support and non-tactical events.

The XL-200P radios, as part of the DOMOPS contract, represent a technology leap from the 1990s. These handheld radios include Wi-Fi connectivity, LTE capability, as well as a cadre of other features, including GPS, noise-canceling technology and multimode behaviors. These provide for better encryption, tactical situational awareness and Bluetooth capabilities, according to Andy Bosshart, national technical advisor for L3Harris Communication Systems Public Safety and Professional Communications.

### **JUST AS THE PROGRAM WAS RAMPING UP, THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WAS SWEEPING ACROSS THE GLOBE.**

"The calls started coming in for disaster and medical response teams and we needed to double down," Bosshart said. "We needed to be faster, stronger and provide even more equipment given the urgency of what the world was facing and what our customer needed to respond."

Guard units had already received the radios and kits with associated parts and accessories, but the original training schedule for the new equipment was too slow to meet the emerging need.

Bosshart and his team quickly deployed the additional resources and ramped up on-site and remote training sessions to members of the Guard.

"It was pretty amazing to watch it all unfold," Bosshart said. "We knew what we had to do for our customers, and our teams came together to get it done."



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Andrew Bosshart  
PSPC National Technical Advisor  
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## SUPPORTING THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD DURING STATE ACTIVE DUTY RESPONSE

As part of the DOMOPS contract, the Minnesota National Guard received more than 200 radios and equipment. When the state's governor called up the National Guard to support local agencies in their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and during civil unrest, soldiers and airmen of the Minnesota National Guard required specific training and certification to operate the radios for mutual-aid support with local first-responder officials; more than 7,000 members were activated to assist in these two missions throughout the state.

The L3Harris Demo and Solutions team rapidly scheduled an on-site, three-day session with both the Army National Guard and Air National Guard units in Minnesota. During this exercise, training was provided to five Communications leaders for both branches, including programming for traditional radio operations in analog, digital/analog, and 700/800 MHz Trunked operation, as well as maintenance and servicing of the radios. After the emergency session, both units were clear to use the radios in mutual-aid missions across the state.

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### Rapid Radio Response

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