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## Multi-Band Radio Made for Emergency Responders

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Harris Corporation has unveiled a new software-defined multi-band radio specifically tailored to allow public safety officials such as emergency responders and police forces to talk to each other in crisis situation.

The Unity XG-100 is a multi-channel radio with a frequency range able to cover the 700/800 MHz bands.

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"The XG-100 changes the paradigm that a single band radio is the state of the art. One of the key items that came out of the post-action examinations of 9/11 and Katrina is that interoperability among public safety officials was one of the first problems encountered by first responders. We have a field-proven, affordable, multi-band software-defined technology, which we are bringing to public safety," said Kevin Kane, director of government business development for Harris.

Harris has been test-marketing the radio, which will be seen publicly for the first time Aug. 4 at the 74th annual APCO International Conference and Exposition in Kansas City, Kan.

The XG-100 will be available for delivery sometime next year, after it goes through additional field testing and receives various security certifications. The new multi-channel radio will cost the same as existing radios used by emergency, law enforcement and public safety personnel.

"We have experience building RF [radio frequency] modules that will cover broad ranges of frequency," said Kane.

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