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## Another Glitch for Philadelphia's Police Radio Dispatch System

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Philadelphia police radios in some sections of the city went dead for about 15 minutes on Tuesday morning.

It's just the latest episode in the checkered performance history of the digital system.

Philadelphia police spokesman Lt. Frank Vanore says the department was notified by Motorola that there would be some scheduled work on a tower in the Grays Ferry section of the city but that it wouldn't interfere with police radios.

But, says Vanore, something happened:

"Officers in South, Southwest, and West Philadelphia began to receive some intermittent signals that they were out of range, which immediately caused radio to go into a protocol and switch to an alternate band. And officers teamed up in two-person cars during this period of time."

Vanore says that Motorola will conduct an investigation to determine what caused the problem:

"Our communications people are working very closely with the company to ensure there are no further problems."

*(File photo)*

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