

1. First battery pick up:

- I believe I picked up the first group of batteries sometime in July. I started to charge them, and got through about 200 or so when it was discovered by Sam that we had the wrong ones, that they were the Police batteries. They were not immersible, I returned them.
- I think it was mid September before I was able to pick up the correct batteries, 850. I started to charge them and was told to stop the last week of September, because it was going to be awhile before the radios would be here.
- The last week of September Captain Berendt and I had a call into John from I-tech (the company that make the chargers) to talk about care and maintence for the batteries and the types of charging. We discovered the batteries had a shelf life of about 6 to 8 months, when we thought that there was no shelf life.
- We talked to Ben at Ma-Com who said he had 35 years at the company. After talking to him, he said there was no shelf life. He had asked us what type of battery we had, so we would know if they were immersible and intrinsically safe. It was then discovered that the radios were not intrinsically safe. He said that the radios should have a green sticker in them, and the ones we have do not. Chief Jones told me to stop charging the batteries at that point until it could be determined if we had the right radios.