

Viking Subscriber Software 26.1 Maintenance Release 1

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Overview

This Field Software Notice (FSN) announces the KENWOOD Viking® Subscriber Software Version 26.1 Maintenance Release 1. This release provides new features and resolutions for Viking radios and the Armada radio programming suite. This release supersedes KENWOOD 26.1 Viking Software General Release for VPx000 and VMx000 series radios, and Armada Software Suite.

NOTE: To maintain secure connectivity and ensure uninterrupted operation, all Armada Server and Armada Proxy deployments must be upgraded to version **26.1 or newer by September 23, 2029**. Older versions use certificates that will expire on this date. Once they expire, **TLS handshakes will fail**, preventing affected systems from establishing a connection. Upgrading to 26.1+ provides updated certificates and compatibility improvements, ensuring continued, reliable communication.

Software Versions

The following table lists the Viking Software items and corresponding versions included in the 26.1 Maintenance Release 1.

Item	Version
Armada Client	1.48.17
Armada Server	1.48.17
VM5000/6000/7000 Firmware Image	8.48.15
VM8000 Firmware Image	8.48.15
VP5000/6000 Firmware Image	8.48.15
VP8000 Firmware Image	8.48.15

Features Added

The following table lists the new features added in the 26.1 Maintenance Release 1.

Feature	Overview
MDC Call Alert Feature	Subscribers can now receive group, fleet, and all call MDC call alerts and selective calls directed toward the Subscriber or any valid group.
Allow Call Alerts in Vote Scan	Subscribers can now receive call alerts directed toward the subscriber while using vote scan in P25 Conventional.

Customer Issues Addressed

The following table lists the customer-impacting issues resolved in the 26.1 Maintenance Release 1.

Issue	Overview
Parts Replacements for VM5730 VHF	Armada will restrict firmware downgrades for new VM5730 radios due to software changes to support a part supply change. VM5730 radios manufactured after July 2026 will be restricted to version 8.48.15 or newer.
Sync Radio's Time and Date While on an MFID 90 P25 Trunking Systems	The P25 Protocol will now sync the radio's internal clock when on an MFID 90 system.
RWS Active Talkback on Wrong Channel	An issue with RWS Active Talkback transmitting on wrong channel has been resolved.
NXDN Conventional Stuck Changing Channels	An issue with NXDN Conventional getting stuck while changing channels has been resolved.
NXDN/DMR Conventional Crash in RWS	An issue with radio crashing while performing RWS with NXDN/DMR Conventional channels in the scan list has been resolved.
CWS Conflicting with EVRS on Portables	An issue preventing EVRS+ portables from placing calls with Conventional Wide Scan enabled has been resolved.
Loss of Digital Audio	An issue where some units may experience a clicking sound instead of voice audio when receiving digital calls has been resolved.
Trunking System Key Rules Fix	An Issue with P25 Trunking and NXDN Trunking system key rules causing lists to disappear has been resolved.
Evacuation Tone Muting Unselected Deck	An issue with Evacuation tone automatically muting unselected decks and keeping them muted despite the PTT button being released has been resolved.
MOT Call Deny Triggering EVRS Registration with Incorrect Source	An issue causing EVRS+ portables to remain unregistered after a MOT call denial has been resolved.
Armada Server Shutdown on Client Sync	An issue with Armada server crashing on client sync has been resolved.
Radio Crash When Receiving ESChat Call	An issue causing radios to crash when receiving Viking Connect Voice calls from iOS hotspot connected devices has been resolved.

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Analog Two Tone Mute Fix	An issue with Analog Two-Tone not muting incoming calls has been resolved.
Loss of Sync During RWS Causing Radio Lockup	An issue with the radio getting stuck attempting to affiliate during RWS after a Control Channel sync loss has been resolved.
GE Star Fields in Templates Edit	An issue with being unable to edit GE Star fields while linked to a template has been resolved.
OTIP Scanning Crashes Armada Client While Idle	An issue with Armada Client crashing during OTIP scanning has been resolved.
Armada Crash on Upgrade with Option Columns Selected	An issue causing Armada to crash on startup when upgrading from 25.2 to 26.1 due to selected option columns shifting to different fields has been resolved.
Armada Server Approval Manager Can Refuse to Re-Appear for Previous Read Attempted Radios	An issue causing Armada Approval Manager to reject subsequent radio read requests after a denied approval has been resolved.
Trigger Data Mode Setting Is Being Ignored	An issue with Location Services: Trigger Data Mode has been resolved.
No Busy Indication When PTTing on an Active TG	In P25 Trunking, if a user PTTs on an active TG while on MFID A4 systems, the radio will now sound the busy tone and display "Busy" immediately after getting queued by the System.
Receiving MDC Call Alert on Mixed Mode Channel Crashes Radio	An issue with radio crashing when receiving MDC call alert on mixed mode channel has been resolved.

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