IARU Region 1
Activity report to
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Organisation and Training

• The number of National Emergency Co-Ordinators continues to grow.

• The estimated number of Radio Amateurs involved in Emergency Communications in Region 1 is in excess of 10000
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• More countries getting involved in emergency communications activities and holding independent exercises.

• Still not adequate recognition of different licensing rules in countries.
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- Some groups becoming officially recognised as responders by their governments.

- Others having a greater role in advising governments what is required.
CoA Frequencies

- Good information gathered from Region 1 groups about frequency usage and passed to IARU to help guide bandplanning decisions.

- Some concerns raised over 80m frequency of 3760kHz due to QRM from other band users (e.g. time signal).

- 'Centre of Activity' frequencies getting publicised but slowly.
Disasters and Incidents.

- Severe weather events in Region 1 lead to groups being active but this is not reported widely (or at all). This stops groups learning from others.
- Spanish Earthquake, April 2011
- Norway Flooding, June 2011
- There have been other incidents in Region 1 – just not reported...
Disasters and Incidents.

- We still need to separate the three information types;
  - User Messages
  - Info to Amateur Community
  - Info to the Public

- I think trust in information sharing is growing but it is a long process...
Challenges

• Do we need CoA in other bands (e.g. 10MHz)?
• Appropriate publicity for our work
  • We are not visible enough to the Amateur community.
• Alerting methods
  – Social media not being used enough?
Thank you!

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