



*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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