



ICE SAR in major incident

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The split personality of Icelandic SAR teams

I am not going to talk about the obvious things...



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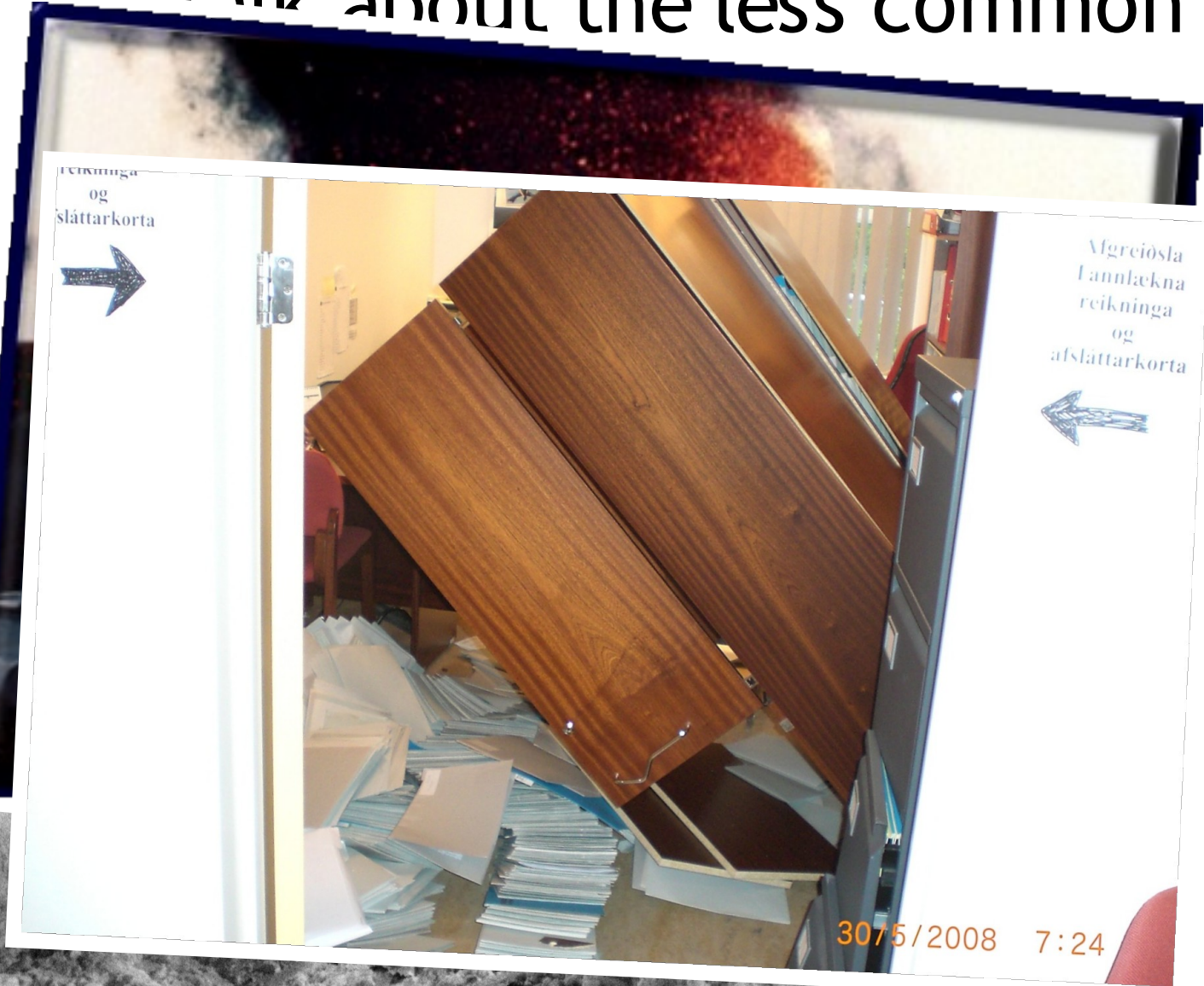


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I'll talk about the less common



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And about obvious



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What do we do?

(apart from our “regular” things)

- Search and rescue
- Recon
- Evacuations
- Traffic control
- Damage control
- Command and coordination
- Whatever needs to be done...



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South Coast Earthquakes in June 2000



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- A big earthquake was due around the turn of the century
- The first one, 6,5, struck on Iceland's Independence day 17. June 2000
- The second at 6,4 struck 4 days later.
- The third one struck 29. May in 2008
- There are more to come.



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South Coast earthquakes May 2008

- 6,1-6,3
- 440 ICE SAR Vol
- Police
- Fire departments
- Hospitals
- Red Cross volunteers
- Ambulance service
- Many others...



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Case Study:

South Coast earthquakes May 2008

- Recon - Checking every single home is important for the local people
- Urban SAR in partly collapsed and damaged structures
- Setting up shelters
- Distribution of water
- Helping with cleanup of
- Coordination
- And much more...



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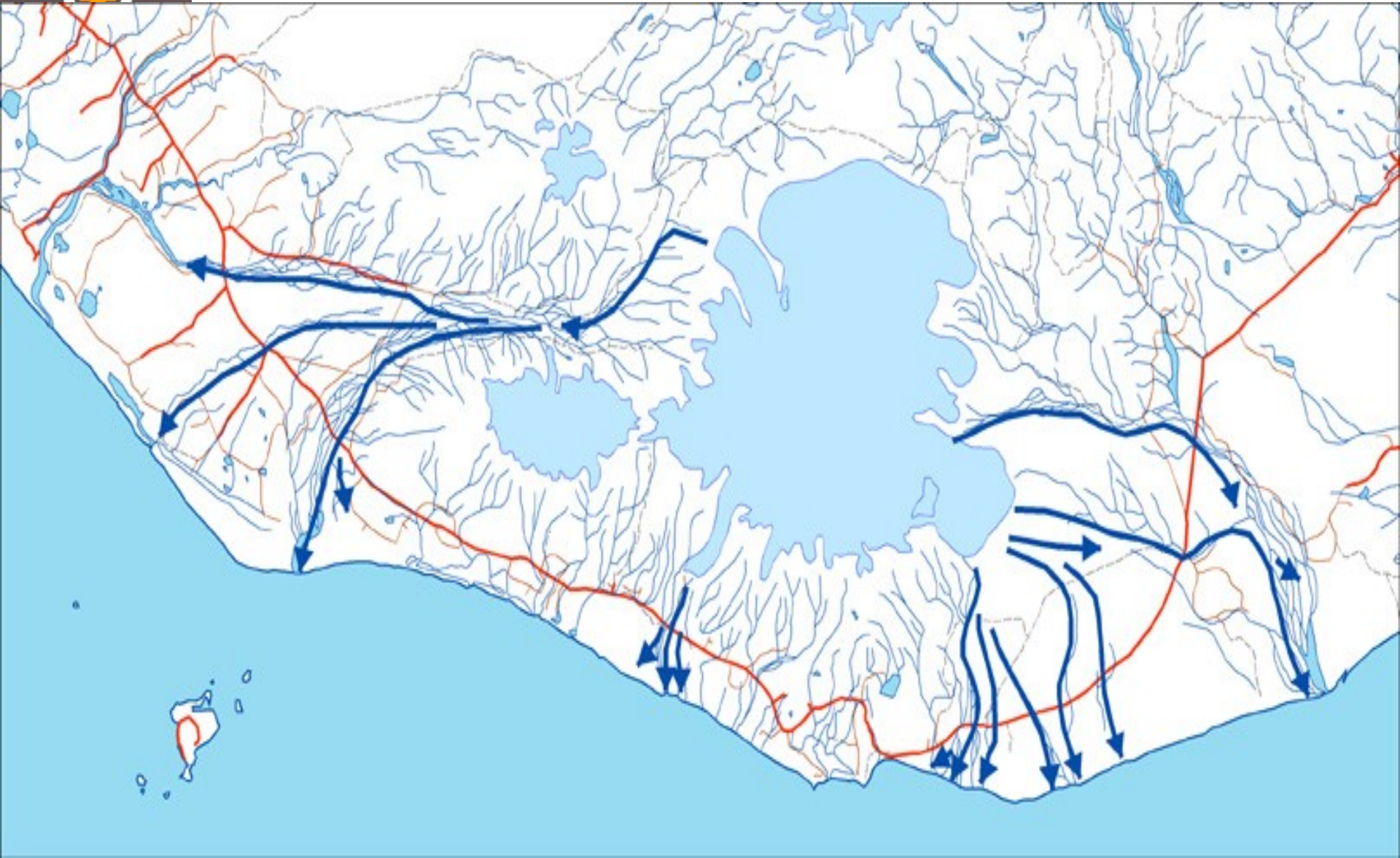


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A massiv volcanic eruption is due

- Flooding
- Falling ash
- Poisonous gas





Our part in the plan

- Evacuation
 - Runners
 - Assisting elderly/disabled
- Protection of properties as possible
- Command and coordination
- Get out of there!



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Storms and flooding

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Urban storms

- A big part of our op
- Among other tasks
 - Securing roofs, wi
 - Securing other big
 - Securing cars, mo
 - campervans etc.



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Desember 2007

- 135 callouts
 - 91 storm related
 - A few with more than 200 different sites
 - 16 days in 31
- Hundreds of volunteers



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The flu... Come on!

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Why do we have anything to do with a possible influenza epidemic?

- Because it takes manpower
- Because it takes equipment
- Because our fellow citizens need us
- Because there is nobody else to do it!

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What will we be doing?

- Setting up roadblocks
- Distributing food and medical supplies
- Coordination



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A few thoughts on “multi functional” SAR teams

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What does it take?



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- A lot of planning
 - Plans within each team
 - Teams involved in disaster plans
- Training in many different fields .
- A lot of manpower
- Willingness of volunteers to take on more responsibility



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“Multi functional” SAR teams

- Pros
 - More work
 - More training
 - Versatility
 - Access to new funds?
- Cons
 - More work
 - Less time for specializing
 - Higher costs



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What about your teams?

- Here is a small exercise:
 - What can your team/s do?
 - What could they do?
 - Is there any reason to expand and move SAR?





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Questions that we have asked us?

- Are we doing too much?
- Are we being “used”?
- Where do we draw the line?

The answers we got?

- Normally we are not?
- We live in a society of 300.000, somebody has to do all this
- Where do we draw the line?

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The answers we got...

- Are we doing to much?
 - Normally we are not
- Are we being “used”?
 - We live in a sociaty of 300.000, somebody has to do all this! But we still have to be careful.
- Where do we draw the line?



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Case Study:

South Coast earthquakes May 2008

- On-scene command in 3 different places
- The Civil Protection system was not used
- JRC C staffed with people from all parties.
- The on-scene command was not established

