Neyðarlínan - 112 Iceland



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The Icelandic Rescue center



















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- First day of operations 1. janúar 1996
- Required by law passed on 9. mars 1995
- Single European Emergency number 112
- PSAP currently only operated in Reykjavik
- 146 emergency numbers at that time routed to 112

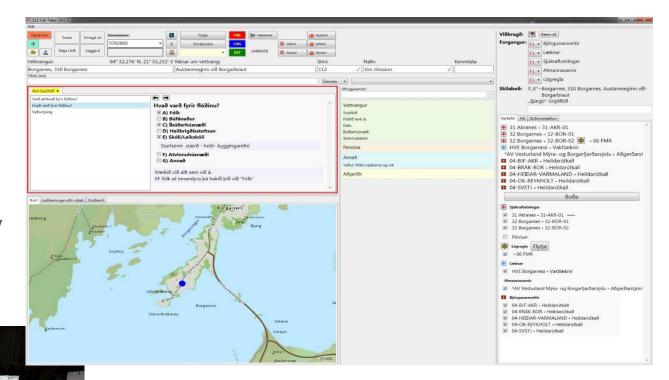
Primary tasks:

- · Receive emergency notifications
- · Evaluate the need for assistance
- Dispatch the appropriate response parties
- Provide the response parties and the caller with service and information
- Prepare a report about the incident



Where, What, how many

The 112 PSAP



Statistics

- Around 150 000 cases pr year (200 000 calls)
 - Over 50% for the Police
 - 13% for various health related inquiries (non emergencies)
 - Around 30% medical transport
 - Just about 3% fire
 - 4% Other,
 - •SAR, Civil protection, Flight incidents etc,
- Telephone calls from foreign mobile phones
 - 6.9% of total calls (ca. 10.500 of all cases)
 - In line with number of tourist each time
 - Need for translate usually less than one per month
 - •As operators are fluent in English
 - •Icelandic guides usually present for non-English speaking tourists

Translation services

If Emergency Operator (EO) fails to understand caller:

- •Examines origins of phone number
- •Attempts to confirm language
- Contacts translation services
- Translator either conferenced in or arrives on site
- Conference usually on within two minutes

Service for foreign tourists

Examples:

Tourist bus stuck in lake

Car stuck in river

Injured sailor on sea

Assist foreign airplane passangers

Sick tourist in remote areas (help far away)

Support dispatch crews:

Instructions - guidance

Assisting Icelanders abroad

Applied language technology The need for machine translations

Current status:

- No applied language technology in use
- Google voice translation is under review

Progress in social media will require machine translation

- Messenger, Whatsapp, Lync, Skype etc.

Machine translation:

- We prefer human interaction if possible
- SMS from tourists translated by external services





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