Satellite-based Services for Disaster Risk Management

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What is EENA?

The European Emergency Number Association (EENA)

Discussion platform and best practices sharing for 112, emergency services, public authorities, researchers, solution providers and all other actors of the public safety sector.

Brussels-based organisation set up in 1999





OUR MISSION is to improve the safety and security of the people.

How can citizens get the best help possible if they find themselves in an emergency? At EENA, this is the question we continuously try to answer.

More information (creation of EENA, our vision, our values, our finances) can be found <u>here</u> on our website.



Advanced Mobile Location (AML)

More information on AML is available <u>here</u>.

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Locating emergency communications



Locating emergency calls

Why is it problem?

People calling emergency services are not always able to describe their location:



Unfamiliar area







We're in between, like, five mountains with trees everywhere

> Remote area (countryside, mountains...)



Psychological shock

Locating emergency calls

Why is it problem?

• People calling emergency services are not always able to describe their location:



Language issues

Callers don't want to give their location

Calls dropping



Children calling

The problem: locate emergency calls

- Average accuracy of location information provided <u>without AML</u>: 2km (up to 30km in the mountain).
- In 2015, in the United Kingdom:
 - About 36,000 incidents per year involved searches of 30+ minutes because a mobile caller is unable to give location





The solution...

AML = Advanced Mobile Location





Automatically activated when an emergency call is placed







Once AML is activates, the phone automatically determines the location (using GNSS and Wifi)







Where is it activated?





Recent evolutions

- > Working when the user is roaming on Android phones
- Can also work for Text-to-112
- Additional information (such as vertical location) provided in HTTPS messages
- > Mandatory in the European Union:
 - > For handsets to be equipped with AML
 - For emergency services to make use of this technology
- ➢ Being standardised at ETSI (see ETSI TS 103 625)



So, how does it look like?





AML=1;It=+55.74297;Ig=-4.26880;rd=10;top=20130717175329;Ic=95;pm=G;si=234302543446355;ei=356708041746734;mcc=234;mnc=30;ml=127 Positioning Level **Time of Positioning** Header & Latitude Longitude Radius IMSI IME MCC MNC Message Method of Con-Version Length (GNSS) fidence

Content of an AML SMS



Comparison – rural area

Network-based location – location radius of 2024m.



Handset-based location- location radius of 6m. (GNSS)





Comparison – urban area

Network-based locationlocation radius of 195m.



Handset-based location- location radius of 22m. (Wifi)







Some success stories...



Success stories...

Emergency call made in the city area



112 Estonia



Legend



Location radius provided by the MNO: 120 m Advanced emergency location radius: 30 m Advanced emergency location positioning method: WiFi



Basemap: Ortophoto Estonian Land Board (23.01.2017)

Success stories...

Emergency call made in the city area



Car accident

Legend

Location provided by the MNO Advanced emergency location Basemap: Ortophoto Estonian Land Board (23.01.2017) Location radius provided by the MNO: 868 m Advanced emergency location radius: 11 m Advanced emergency location positioning method: GPS



Any question?





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