

# NATO Military-Civil Cooperation CIMIC



**National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police**  
Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management

**Viðir Reynisson**  
Department Manager

## Speaker

- Mountain and wilderness rescuer from 1986
- Area commander for Search and rescue in the capital area
- Civil Protection from 2000
- National commissioner-department of CPEM from 2003
- Department manager from 2007
- Commander in JRCC
- International experience
  - EFTA working group on Civil Protection, chairman 2004-2006
  - EU, CP committee 2003-2006
  - Emergency planning and training instruction in Kosovo 2004-2008
  - Team leader for the Icelandic International SAR team
    - Member of INSARAG
  - Member of IAEM
  - Iceland's representative in SCEPC



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## Civil-military Co-operation CIMIC

- The focus in NATO doctrine on CIMIC is on Civilian assistance/cooperation with military operations

## Humanitarian Emergencies

- In HE military resources can be used to assist



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## NATO organization in HE

- Military assistance to HE is organized in cooperation with Civilian authorities but in the command structure of a military operation



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## Civilian assistance from NATO

- In HE the role of civilian assistance from NATO is more likely to be effective



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## Organization of Civilian assistance

- Euro Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Center (EARDCC)
  - One stop shop
- Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee (SCEPC)
  - Representatives from all member states
    - Representatives from partners



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## What is offered?

- Military part
  - Transport most likely to be used
  - Field hospitals
- Civilian part
  - Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)
  - Equipment for fighting forest fires
  - Other resources



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## Connection with other players

- In its CIMIC doctrine NATO has adopted rules that emphasis cooperation with UN
- EARDCC has liaisons from the UN and the EU



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## Thresholds

- Different culture in Civilian and military operations
- Response time



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## Iceland's experience

- Former cooperation with IDF (until September 2006)
- NATO PfP exercises
  - Cooperative Safeguard
    - 1997
    - 2000
    - 2002
  - Different scenarios
  - Similar Lessons leaned



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

## Iceland's experience

- Lessons learned
  - Difficult for military resources to accept Civilian command/coordination
  - Long chain of command
  - Tasking of military resources difficult
    - Helicopters and other transport



[www.almannavarnir.is](http://www.almannavarnir.is)

# Conclusion

- NATO plays an important role in coordination with its member states during emergencies
  - Civilian resources more likely to come to aid in time and to be coordinated according to Command and Control structure in stricken Country
  - Military resources important regarding transportation

