

**PTC '09**  
**Emergency Communications and Disaster Management Workshop**

***Collaborating to Serve: Saving Lives via Advanced Emergency Communications and Collaboration Tools***

Sunday – January 18, 2008 1330-1530 hours

**Co-Moderators:**

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Around the world emergency response authorities – national disaster managers, relief organizations, militaries, NGOs, multilateral organizations, local communities and the communications services providers who enable all parties – have been sorely tested by multiple natural and man-made disasters. The essential and urgent challenge is to improve multi-jurisdictional collaboration to better prepare and respond in times of crisis. Interoperable communications systems, improved collaboration tools and shared operational policies are essential to building national resilience, mitigating disasters, and saving lives.

The “Collaborating to Serve” workshop will highlight both operational best practices from prominent disaster management practitioners as well as latest technology platforms and services that showcase the tremendous potential of broadband IP and advanced information and incident management tools. Real-world applications of hybrid satellite / broadband wireless solutions, command and control, hazard mapping, Common Operational/Interoperability tools and other innovations will be explored.

**Keynote Speaker:**

Speaker TBD, U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), Multinational Communication Interoperability Program, *USA*

**Panel 1: Emergency Collaboration Best Practices**

Peter Colvin, Director, Humanitarian Assistance Programs, Pacific Disaster Center, *USA*

Mothilal De Silva, Group Chief Corporate Officer, Dialog Telekom, *Sri Lanka*

Robert Desourdis, Sr. Systems Architect, VP-Technology, SAIC, *USA*

**Panel 2: Emerging Innovations**

Greg Ewert, VP, Iridium

Speaker TBD, Cisco, *{USA or Singapore}*, INSTEDD, Google, Microsoft

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