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MEDIA ADVISORY

As a result of last Friday's earthquake in Japan, CREST has been receiving media enquiries regarding the CREST system's ability to withstand a similar seismic event.

While there are never any guarantees based on the variable circumstances in natural disasters such as this, the CREST system has been designed with multiple levels of back up to guard against events such as earthquakes or other disasters.

These backups include self-sustaining sites that are complemented with generators, battery banks and interfaces for external portable power sources, all of which have been tested and refined over the past decade.

In the extreme event that one or more of the system's 25 communication sites goes down, the rest of the system remains operable. Many of our sites are housed in engineer-designed post-seismic disaster facilities, ensuring a high threshold of reliability.

CREST takes very seriously its role in supporting emergency service providers in the Capital Region. In addition to building the infrastructure needed to protect the system during natural disasters, we learn from these events. For example, next month CREST is hosting a forum on the lessons learned from the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico last year.

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