

Ham radio operator helped in Logan Canyon emergency

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LOGAN, Utah (AP) -- A North Logan man is being credited for his help after a truck crashed in a remote part of Logan Canyon.

Although there was no cell phone reception for miles, Brent Yeates had a hand-held amateur "ham" radio with him. Yeates called out for help after the dairy truck crashed and another ham operator heard it, then contacted emergency dispatchers.

The Utah Highway Patrol originally thought the call came from someone who had to drive to get a cell phone signal after the accident last week.

"Did you know... there are over 660,000 ham radio operators in the U.S. and over 2 million operators worldwide. -ARRL"

Yeates says once he waded through the cold water of the Logan River and helped the driver get out of the cab, he was able to make the call on his radio.

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