

Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic





**Primary mission
of the Fire Rescue Service
of the Czech Republic
is to protect lives and health of inhabitants,
environment, animals and property
against fires
and other emergencies
and crisis situations.**



From history to present

Although the first paid fire brigade on Czech territory was established in Prague already in 1853, during the second half of the 19th century and after the Czechoslovak Republic was established in 1918 up to the beginning of the 2nd World War, the main responsibility for fighting fires lay on voluntary fire brigades of towns and municipalities. The first voluntary fire brigade was founded in the town of Velvary in 1864. Professional Fire Protection Units existed in certain bigger cities only.

Basic reorganisation of Fire Protection took place after the 2nd World War, especially in connection with the adoption of the Act N. 35/1953 Coll., on State Fire Inspection and Fire Protection. On the basis of this Act, the public and company Fire Protection Units became executive Fire Protection Units and the fire protection started to be established on principles of military organised body.

However, new Fire Protection Act N. 18/1958 Coll. meant gradual decentralisation of Fire Protection and consequent weakening of its level.



The sixties of last century are therefore characterised by effort to introduce new legislation in Fire Protection.

At the beginning of the seventies of last century, the proportion of technical responses of Fire Protection Units began to increase, in comparison with fire interventions. Professional Fire Protection Units gradually replaced some of other technical services. Therefore, the existing legislation and organisation had to be adapted.

On the 1st of July 1986 the Fire Protection Service was established, including its administrating bodies [the main Fire Protection Service administration within the Ministry of Interior, district (city) and regional Fire Protection Service administrations], which perform the state administration in the field of fire protection and directs fire departments of the Fire Protection Service.

On the 1st of January 1995 the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as FRS CR) was established, headed by the Fire Chief Officer of the Czech Republic. FRS CR was composed of the FRS CR directorates, educational and technical institutions, the Ministry of Interior, FRS of districts, FRS of Capital of Prague and FRS of cities Brno, Ostrava and Pilsen.

At the turn of the millennium, the sphere of authority of the Ministry of Interior was extended on the issues of Population Protection, Civil Emergency Planning, Integrated Rescue System and Crisis Management. In connection with this, the Czech Parliament discussed and approved new laws.

The new legislation, which came into force on the 1st of January 2001, meant fundamental change in the status, sphere of authority and organisation of the FRS CR. The existing district arrangement was replaced by the regional arrangement (the Directorate General of the FRS CR and regional FRS).

In the 2009 the Emergency Unit of the FRS CR was incorporated in the organisational structure of the FRS CR, dislocated in Hlučín and later also in Zbiroh and Jihlava.



Sphere of authority and tasks of the FRS CR

The FRS CR is one of the basic bodies of the Integrated Rescue System (hereinafter referred to as IRS), and operates in its new structure since the 1st of January 2001.

The FRS CR fulfils tasks in the scope and under conditions determined by special laws, which are:

- Act N. 133/1985 Coll., on the Fire Protection, as amended,
- Act N. 320/2015 Coll., on the FRS CR and on amendment of certain acts, as amended,
- Act N. 239/2000 Coll., on the Integrated Rescue System and on amendment of certain acts, as amended,
- Act N. 240/2000 Coll., on the Crisis Management and on amendment of certain acts (the Crisis Act), as amended.

Under the Act N. 320/2015 Coll., new organisational structure was established and the basic tasks were determined.

The FRS CR also fulfils exceptional tasks, provides the Humanitarian Aid in the framework of the Czech Republic and organises the acceptance of Humanitarian Aid from abroad and providing the Humanitarian Aid to abroad in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The FRS CR consists of the Directorate General of the FRS CR (hereinafter referred to as DG FRS CR), which is a part of the Ministry of Interior, regional FRS, the Emergency Unit of the FRS CR and the Fire Service College in Frýdek-Místek. Parts of the DG FRS CR are also educational, technical and specialized institutions: the School and Training Institution of FRS CR, the Technical Institute of Fire Protection, the Fire Protection Unit of Prague Castle, the Institute of Population Protection and the Warehousing and Repair Facility of FRS CR.

The DG FRS CR fulfils tasks of the Ministry of Interior in the field of the Fire Protection, Crisis Management, Civil Emergency Planning, Population Protection and the Integrated Rescue System.

The DG FRS CR directs the regional FRS, the Emergency Unit of the FRS CR and the School, which are organisational bodies of the state and accounting entities.

Tasks of FRS CR are fulfilled by the members of the FRS CR and by the employees of the FRS CR in employment under the Labour Code.

Main activities of the FRS CR

- interventions (firefighting, liquidation of consequences of natural disasters and other emergencies);
- State Fire Supervision;
- Preventive Educational Activities;
- Population Protection;
- providing Humanitarian Aid in the Czech Republic or to abroad;
- creation of legislation in the area of Fire Protection, Integrated Rescue System, Population Protection and Crisis Management.

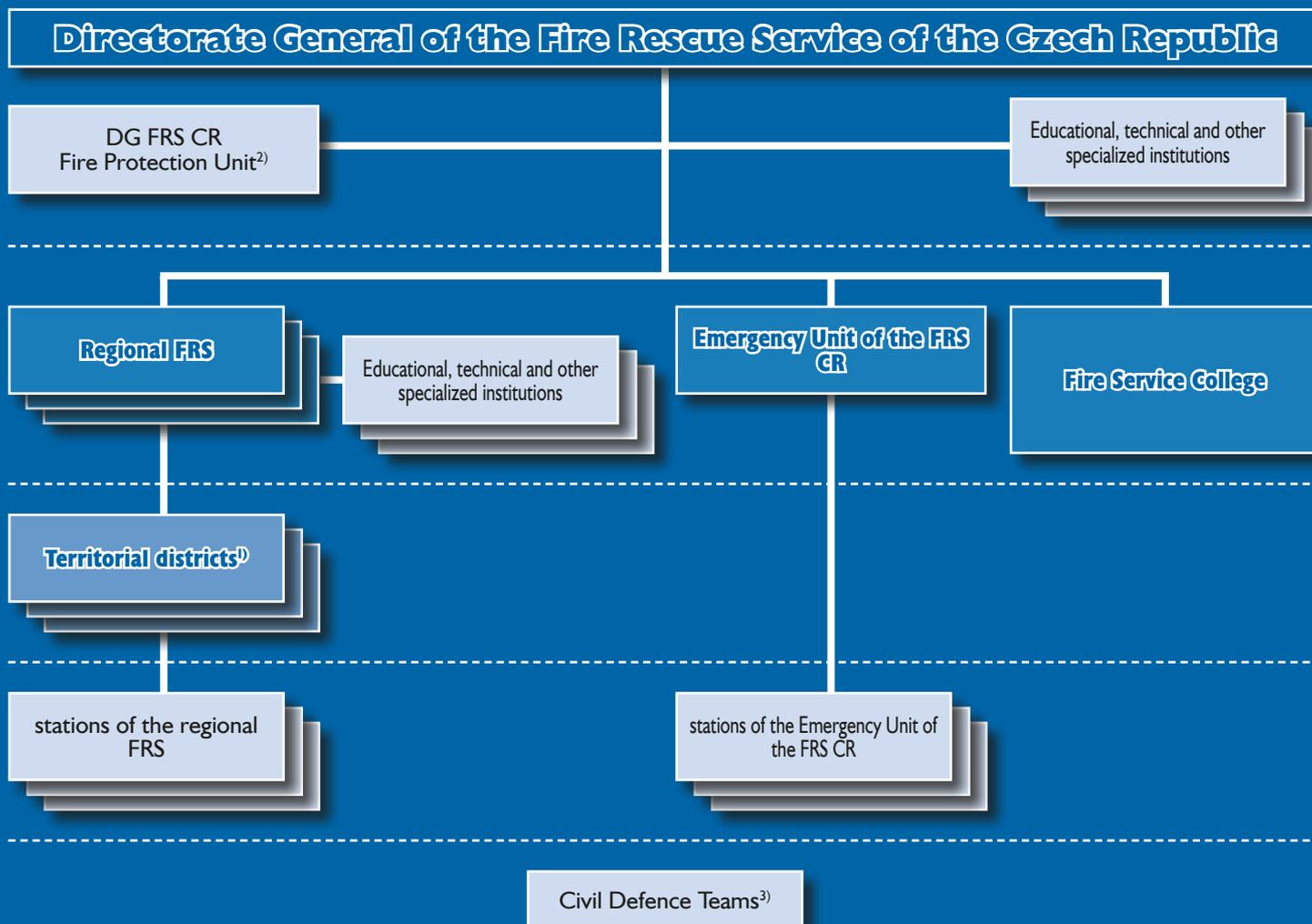




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Organisational structure of the FRS CR



¹⁾ FRS of Capital of Prague is not divided to territorial divisions.

²⁾ In accordance with § 65 article 2 of the Act N. 133/1985 Coll., on the Fire Protection, as amended, the Ministry of Interior may establish the fire protection unit of the DG FRS CR to fulfil the exceptional tasks in the field of Fire Protection.

³⁾ In accordance with § 10 article I of the Act N. 320/2015 Coll., on the FRS CR and on amendment of certain acts, in the case of state of peril of the state of war the DG FRS CR, regional FRS and the Emergency Unit of the FRS CR may establish and manage the organisational, material and personal preparation of the Civil Defence Teams, established from the voluntary fire brigade units of municipalities or its parts.

Regional Fire Rescue Services



FRS of Capital of Prague regional directorate: Prague
stations: n. 1 – Sokolská, n. 2 – Petřiny, n. 3 – Holešovice, n. 4 – Chodov, n. 5 – Strašnice, n. 6 – Krč, n. 7 – Smíchov, n. 8 – Radotín, n. 10 – Satalice, n. 11 – Modřany

FRS of Central Bohemia Region regional directorate: Kladno
territorial districts: Benešov, Beroun, Kladno, Kolín, Kutná Hora, Mělník, Mladá Boleslav, Nymburk, Příbram
stations: Benešov, Vlašim, Beroun, Hořovice, Kladno, Jílové, Rakovník, Roztoky, Řevnice, Slaný, Stochov, Kolín, Český Brod, Ovčáry-TPCA, Říčany, Kutná Hora, Čáslav, Uhlířské Janovice, Zruč nad Sázavou, Mělník, Kralupy nad Vltavou, Neratovice, Mladá Boleslav, Bělá pod Bezdězem, Benátky nad Jizerou, Mnichovo Hradiště, Stará Boleslav, Nymburk, Poděbrady, Příbram, Dobříš, Sedlčany

FRS of South Bohemia Region regional directorate: České Budějovice
territorial districts: České Budějovice, Český Krumlov, Jindřichův Hradec, Písek, Prachatice, Strakonice, Tábor
stations: České Budějovice, České Budějovice-Suché Vrbné, Trhové Sviny, Týn nad Vltavou, Český Krumlov, Frymburk, Kaplice, Křemže, Jindřichův Hradec, Dačice, Třeboň, Písek, Milevsko, Prachatice, Vimperk, Strakonice, Blatná, Vodňany, Tábor, Soběslav

FRS of Pilsen Region regional directorate: Plzeň
territorial districts: Domažlice, Klatovy, Plzeň, Rokycany, Tachov
stations: Domažlice, Staňkov, Klatovy, Horažďovice, Sušice, Plzeň I-Košutka, Plzeň 2-Slovany, Plzeň 3-střed, Nepomuk, Nýřany, Plasy, Přeštice, Rokycany, Radnice, Tachov, Stříbro

FRS of Karlovy Vary Region regional directorate: Karlovy Vary
territorial districts: Cheb, Karlovy Vary, Sokolov
stations: Cheb, Aš, Mariánské Lázně, Karlovy Vary, Toužim, Sokolov, Kraslice, Chemické závody Sokolov

FRS of Ústí nad Labem Region regional directorate: Ústí nad Labem
territorial districts: Děčín, Chomutov, Litoměřice, Most, Teplice, Ústí nad Labem, Žatec
stations: Děčín, Česká Kamenice, Šluknov, Varnsdorf, Chomutov, Klášterec nad Ohří, Litoměřice, Lovosice, Roudnice nad Labem, Štětí, Ústěk, Most, Litvínov, Teplice, Bílina, Duchcov, Ústí nad Labem, Petrovice, Žatec, Louny, Podbořany

FRS of Liberec Region regional directorate: Liberec
territorial districts: Česká Lípa, Jablonec nad Nisou, Liberec, Semily
stations: Česká Lípa, Jablonné v Podještědí, Jablonec nad Nisou, Tanvald, Liberec, Raspenava, Semily, Jilemnice, Turnov

FRS of Hradec Králové Region regional directorate: Hradec Králové
territorial districts: Hradec Králové, Jičín, Náchod, Rychnov nad Kněžnou, Trutnov
stations: Hradec Králové-U Přívazu, Hradec Králové-Pražská, Nový Bydžov, Jičín, Hořice, Nová Paka, Velké Poříčí, Broumov, Jaroměř, Rychnov nad Kněžnou, Dobruška, Trutnov, Dvůr Králové, Vrchlabí

FRS of Pardubice Region regional directorate: Pardubice
territorial districts: Chrudim, Pardubice, Svitavy, Ústí nad Orlicí
stations: Chrudim, Hlinsko, Seč, Pardubice, Holice, Přelouč, Svitavy, Litomyšl, Moravská Třebová, Polička, Ústí nad Orlicí, Králíky, Lanškroun, Vysoké Mýto, Žamberk

FRS of Vysočina Region regional directorate: Jihlava
territorial districts: Havlíčkův Brod, Jihlava, Pelhřimov, Třebíč, Žďár nad Sázavou
stations: Havlíčkův Brod, Chotěboř, Ledec nad Sázavou, Světlá nad Sázavou, Jihlava, Polná, Telč, Třešť, Pelhřimov, Humpolec, Kamenice nad Lipou, Pacov, Třebíč, Hrotovice, Jemnice, Moravské Budějovice, Náměšť nad Oslavou, Žďár nad Sázavou, Bystřice nad Pernštejnem, Velká Bíteš, Velké Meziříčí

FRS of South Moravia Region regional directorate: Brno
territorial districts: Blansko, Brno-město, Brno-venkov, Břeclav, Hodonín, Vyškov, Znojmo
stations: Blansko, Boskovice, Kunštát, Brno-BVV, Brno-Lidická, Brno-Líšeň, Brno-Přehrada, Brno-Starý Lískovec, Ivančice, Pohořelice, Pozoříce, Rosice, Tišnov, Židlochovice, Břeclav, Hustopeče, Mikulov, Hodonín, Kyjov, Veselí nad Moravou, Vyškov, Bučovice, Slavkov u Brna, Znojmo, Hrušovany nad Jevišovkou, Moravský Krumlov

FRS of Olomouc Region regional directorate: Olomouc
territorial districts: Jeseník, Olomouc, Prostějov, Přerov, Šumperk
stations: Jeseník, Olomouc, Litovel, Šternberk, Uničov, Prostějov, Konice, Přerov, Hranice, Kojetín, Lipník nad Bečvou, Šumperk, Zábřeh

FRS of Moravian-Silesian Region regional directorate: Ostrava
territorial districts: Bruntál, Frýdek-Místek, Karviná, Nový Jičín, Opava, Ostrava
stations: Bruntál, Krnov, Rýmařov, Frýdek-Místek, Nošovice, Třinec, Karviná, Bohumín, Český Těšín, Havířov, Orlová, Nový Jičín, Bílovec, Opava, Hlučín, Vítkov, Ostrava-Fifejdy, Ostrava-Jih, Ostrava-Poruba, Ostrava-Přívaz, Ostrava-Zábřeh, Slezská Ostrava

FRS of Zlín Region regional directorate: Zlín
territorial districts: Kroměříž, Uherské Hradiště, Vsetín, Zlín
stanice: Kroměříž, Bystřice pod Hostýnem, Holešov, Morkovice-Slížany, Uherské Hradiště, Uherský Brod, Vsetín, Valašské Meziříčí, Zlín, Luhačovice, Otrokovice, Slavičín, Valašské Klobouky



Emergency Unit of the FRS CR

Since the January 2009 the Emergency Unit of the FRS CR ensures its activity. Its forces and capabilities are evenly distributed in the Czech Republic. Emergency Units are dislocated in Hlučín, Zbiroh and Jihlava.

In accordance with the Act on the FRS CR, the Emergency Unit:

- (a) fulfils the tasks of the Fire Protection Unit within dealing with an emergency event or a crisis situation,
- b) fulfils the tasks in the recovery of an area affected by an emergency or a crisis situation, if it is resulted by the DG FRS CR,
- (c) fulfils the role of an educational institution,
- (d) conducts vocational training under the Act on the Fire Protection and education and training to obtain a driving license for the needs of the Integrated Rescue System components and to improve the professional competence of drivers, who fulfil the tasks in the field of the IRS.

Rescue and relief works

- restoration of affected areas after an emergency.
- removal of ruins from crashed objects, demolition of statically disturbed objects,
- work with earth machines during floods, fires, landslides etc.,
- earthworks (river-basin removal, communications unblocking, alluvion removal etc.),
- removal of soil, snow and various materials,
- extrication and removal of technical equipment in traffic accidents,
- lifting loads by various types of cranes,
- transport of oversized or crashed heavy equipment,
- rescue and diving work in water,
- evacuation of persons, animals and material,
- fighting large forest fires,
- long-distance water transport,
- high-capacity pumping,

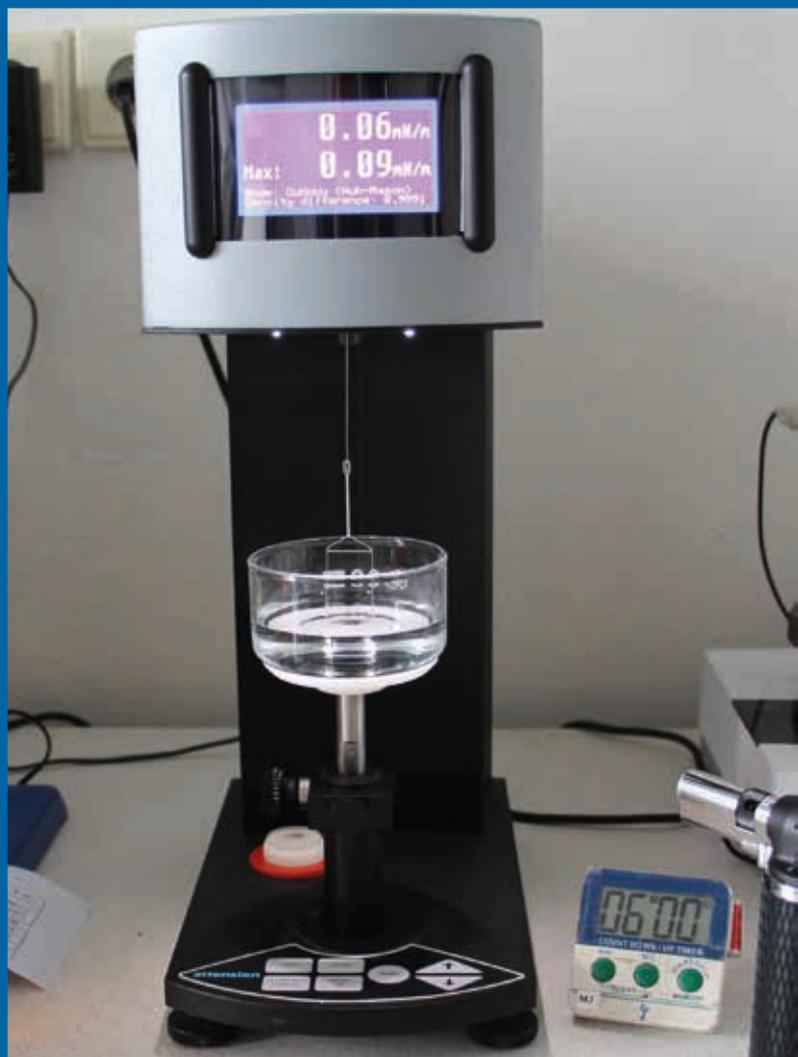
- decontamination (persons and equipment),
- collecting and disposal of dead animals,
- ensuring the inhabitants' emergency survival,
- emergency supply of drinking water, electricity and humanitarian material,
- cynology service for the field or debris searching,
- works with explosives,
- dealing with snow calamities,
- clearing trees after wind gusts on roads,
- emergency bridging of smaller watercourses,
- recovery of affected areas after an emergency event.

Rescue and humanitarian assistance to abroad

- high-capacity pumping in the framework of the civil protection module (High Capacity Pumping),
- cynology service in the framework of the civil protection module (Urban Search And Rescue),
- transport of humanitarian material,
- electricity substitution (Black out),
- units compiled ad hoc (due to actual need).

Education of the firefighters

- operating with heavy machines,
- operating of chain saws,
- manipulation with animals,
- decontamination of firefighters,
- leader of small watercraft,
- work in wild water, technical organisation of FRS CR diving courses.



Technical and specialized institutions

Technical and specialized institutions are organisational parts of the DG FRS CR and fulfil significant tasks in research and education in the field of Fire Protection, Population Protection, Crisis Management and ensuring the needs of the FRS CR.

Technical Institute of Fire Protection in Prague

is technical institution for research and development in the field of Fire Protection, for testing and compliance examination of fire and protective equipment, for fire causes investigation and for fire-technical expertises. It acts as authorized person, accredited body for certifications and accredited experimental laboratory. It is also an expertise institution in the field of Fire Protection – causes of fires, flammability of materials, toxicity of fire spawns and technical equipment.

Institute of Population Protection in Lázně Bohdaneč

is specialized institution of the DG FRS CR for scientific research and educational, informational and specialized activities in the field of Population Protection, Civil Emergency Planning, Crisis Management, Integrated Rescue System and fire causes detection.

It directs, coordinates and implements the research, development and innovations in its sphere of authority and it also takes part in processing documents of security research. In the field of educational activities the Institute plans and ensures transfer of new findings to the public, it also organises trainings for international experts and professional personnel in the field of CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear substances) within the cooperation with the Organisation for the prohibition of chemical weapons. The Institute provides expertise and advisory activities, ensures preparedness and activity of accredited laboratories of the FRS CR (chemical, radiological, experimental and training laboratory for detection

of fire causes). It fulfils the role of environmental laboratory for verification of technical parameters of warning and informational systems for the Population Protection as well as the role of Central data warehouse of the FRS CR and other IRS components in the field of geographical data.

Fire Protection Unit of Prague Castle

is specialized institution of the DG FRS CR, which performs the activities of the FRS CR, ensures cooperation with other security services, Castle Guards, Military office of the President of the CR and public administration bodies or other persons in order to ensure the Prague Castle protection. One intervention unit ensures the protection of areal of the Prague Castle, second intervention unit secures the areal coverage in allocated fire area outside of the Prague Castle on Prague territory. Except standard FRS activities, this Unit participates in ensuring safety during an emergency security measures, also in the field of CBRN. It also implements the FRS CR Honorary Guard Unit's performance.

Warehousing and Repair Facility

is specialized facility of the DG FRS CR, which provides activities of repair, service and inspection and storage of supplies for FRS CR, including emergency reserve of the State Material Reserves and performs state administration in the field of ionizing radiation metrology through the Certified Metrology Centre.

The facility also fulfils the tasks of the National Humanitarian Aid Base in provision of material humanitarian assistance during major emergency events and crisis situations in the Czech Republic or abroad. It also operates the Fire Protection Exposition of FRS CR in Zbiroh.



Training of experts

Education of future firefighters, members of the FRS CR, employees of Enterprise FRS and voluntary firefighters is of great importance. It is provided particularly in FRS CR educational facilities, with support of the Institute of Population Protection in Lázně Bohdaneč and the Emergency Unit of the FRS CR.

This comprehensive staff-training program of specialized education in Fire Protection started in sixties of last century.



Educational and Training Facility of FRS CR

is an educational facility of the DG FRS CR in the field of Fire Protection and Integrated Rescue System. It organises and conducts courses for obtaining and renewal of professional competence for members of FRS CR, commanders and staff of Enterprise FRS, engineers and technicians of special services of other fire units, those courses take place in training centres in Brno and in Frýdek-Místek and in the Borovany workplace. Based on the needs of the service performance the School and Training Facility updates the courses or makes new ones (e.g. “Hazardous substances” course or accreditation of the “Transport of sick and injured persons” course) and ensures other forms of education (e.g. lectures, instructional and methodical seminars and trainings in the field of Fire Protection and Integrated Rescue System).

This facility also guarantees and provides international trainings (current themes are e.g. operation and deployment of CCS Cobra high pressure fire and cutting equipment, training in facilities simulating real fire conditions, excavation stabilization training in cooperation with the THW or CBRN trainings in cooperation with the Czech Army). The School and Training Facility also creates conditions for single and joint training of all bodies of the IRS.

Fire Service College

allocated in Frýdek-Místek is an educational facility with long-time tradition, which provides high quality of education with modern methods using e-learning. Main tasks of the College are preparation of experts with professional education in the field of risk prevention and rescue, or deepening and verifying professional competence of members of the FRS CR.

The College also organises a proficiency test of natural persons under the Act N. 133/1985 Coll., on the Fire Protection, as amended.



State Fire Supervision

Fire Prevention presents an important part of activities of the FRS CR. Main task is to develop measures preventing fires, to ensure readiness for firefighting and creation of conditions for extinguishing fires. All these measures aim to minimize the risk of fire and its spread and thereby prevent subsequent loss of lives, health and property.

Meeting the challenges in the field of fire prevention is ensured mainly as part of activities of the State Fire Supervision.

A general name of the State Fire Supervision includes individual activities that are carried out by the competent authorities representing the state. Relevant authorities in the

field of Fire Protection and fire authorities providing state fire supervision are the DG FRS CR and regional FRSs.

The Act N. 133/1985 Coll., on the Fire Protection, as amended, defines power range of state fire supervision, with details given in the Decree N. 246/2001 Coll., on establishing fire safety conditions and performance of the state fire supervision.

State Fire Supervision is performed by

- a) check of compliance with the obligations laid down in regulations on Fire Protection;
- b) assessment of spatial planning documentation, documentation for the issuance of zoning decision, documentation for building management, documentation for permission to change the building before its completion and assessment documentation for the change in use of buildings, documentation for ordering necessary building modifications, documentation for ordering the security works and for the permission of exceptions in the range of fire safety solution in accordance with special legislation or in range of analogical document, which is sufficient to assess the fire safety of the building;
- c) verification of compliance with fire safety conditions arising from the reviewed documents, including those resulting from opinions issued;
- d) fire safety assessment of products not established under special legislation, and assessing the functionality of dedicated fire safety equipment,
- e) approvals of fire risk assessment and fire-fighting documentation;
- f) fire causes investigation;
- g) inspections of preparedness and readiness of Fire Protection Units;
- h) ordering measures to remedy identified deficiencies and reviewing the implementation of these measures.





Integrated Rescue System

The Integrated Rescue System is considered as coordinated process of its components during preparation for emergency events and conducting rescue and relief works.

IRS is designated to coordinate rescue and relief works in such a case, where an emergency event requires deployment of several bodies' forces and capabilities, e.g. firefighters, police, medical rescue services and other bodies. Furthermore in case, where the rescue and relief works are necessary to be coordinated from the level of the Ministry of Interior, regional governor level, or by mayor of municipalities with extended responsibilities.

The Act No. 239/2000 Coll. on the Integrated Rescue System and on amendment of certain acts, as amended, is the basic legal frame.



Basic IRS components

- FRS CR,
- Fire Protection Units based on the areal coverage,
- providers of medical rescue service,
- Police of the CR.

Other IRS components

- Allocated forces and capabilities of the armed forces,
- Other armed security services,
- Other rescue services,
- Public health authorities,
- Emergency, stand-by, specialized and other services,
- Civil Protection facilities,
- NGOs and citizen associations that may be used for rescue and relief works.

Other components are included in the IRS under the Agreement on planned assistance on request usually concluded with FRS CR. Other IRS components are required to communicate in determining extent of the planned assistance upon request, at the request of the IRS Operational and Information Centre

- a) persons authorized for providing the assistance and the way of their communication,
- b) forces and capabilities to provide the assistance,
- c) time required for providing forces and capabilities, in case of requiring assistance.

Permanent coordination of the IRS are Operational and Information Centres of the IRS, i.e. the operational centres of regional FRS and the Operational and Information Centre of the DG FRS CR.

Fire Protection Units cooperate with other IRS components in a joint intervention with other IRS components in average in 100,000 cases of emergency events per year.



Fire Protection Units

The Fire Protection Unit is considered as an organised system composed of professionally trained personnel (firefighters), fire equipment (vehicles) and material means of Fire Protection (car equipment, diesel generators, etc.).

The primary mission of Fire Protection Units is to protect lives, health and property against fires and provide effective assistance during emergency events, which threaten lives and health of people, property or environment, and which require rescue, respectively relief work.

Firefighters in the Fire Protection Unit are divided into platoons, teams, teams of a reduced number, eventually groups. One platoon consists of 2-3 teams or groups. Each team consists of one commander and other firefighters. The group consists of a group commander and 1-2 firefighters.

Types of Fire Protection Units

- **FRS CR Unit**
unit established as regional FRS CR Unit, DG FRS CR Unit or Emergency Unit of the FRS CR, which consists of members of the FRS CR.

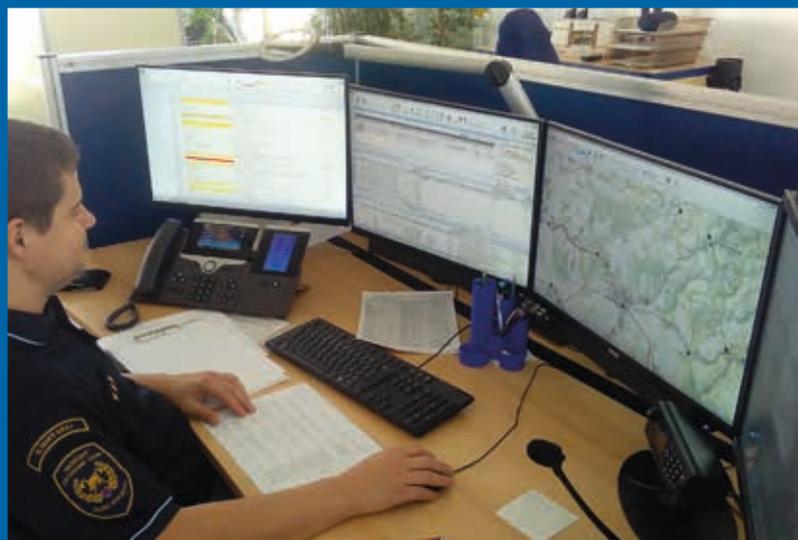


- **Enterprise FRS Unit**
consists of company employees, who perform that activity as their profession. This Unit is established by a legal person or by an entrepreneur, usually based on the decision of a regional FRS.
- **Municipal Unit of voluntary firefighters**
members of this Unit do not perform their firefighting duties as their profession. This Unit is established by municipalities in their own sphere of authority.
- **Company Unit of voluntary firefighters**
consists of company employees, who do not perform their firefighting duties as their profession. This Unit is established by a legal person or by an entrepreneur, usually based on the decision of a regional FRS.
- **Military Fire Unit**
consists of employees or members of the Army of CR. Establishment, internal organisation and equipment of Military Fire Units are in responsibility of the Ministry of Defence.

Basic tasks of Fire Protection Units

- firefighting
- rescue work during emergency events,
- Population Protection
 - evacuation,
 - marking of areas where hazardous substances are present,
 - warning,
- decontamination of affected inhabitants or property,
- humanitarian assistance to the population and providing conditions for the emergency survival.

Nearly 78,000 firefighters work in Fire Protection Units, approximately 9,000 of them are professionals and 69,000 are voluntary firefighters. The number of Fire Protection Units as of 31st of December 2017 was 7,348 and the number of interventions is approximately 107,000 on average per year.



Operational Management

Operational Management is one of necessary activities of the FRS CR and it is processed at the Operational and Information Centres of regional FRS and Operational and Informational Centre of the DG FRS CR.

Operational and Information Centres of the Regional FRS deals with emergency events after their reporting by sending



the Fire Protection Units to cope with the consequences and by providing information support to the intervention commanders.

The Operational and Information Centre of the DG FRS CR carries out the coordination of rescue and relief works during emergency events, which spread beyond the borders of regions. In this context, the Operational and Information Center of the DG FRS CR is a partner of a number of operational centers and permanent services in the Czech Republic and a contact point of the Czech Republic for neighboring states and international organisations in the field of Population Protection.

The data generated by the operational management and the intervention commander are put together in form of statistical outputs and documents for strategic decisions of the FRS CR. A necessary premise for the operational management is the background of information technologies and information systems of the FRS CR, IRS and geographic information systems.

A part of regional Operational and Information Centre is also the Emergency Call Centre, which is responsible for receiving and evaluating calls made to the European emergency number 112 and to the national emergency number 150. Based on the information received from the emergency call, the IRS components initiate their activity, in particular they implement an intervention on the site of reported emergency event. Emergency Call Centres are equipped with the technology necessary to receive automatized emergency call from vehicles based on a European eCall system.

The communication between Emergency Call Centre and the operational centres of the basic IRS components, as well as mutually between the operational centres, takes place through the National information system of the IRS. This system ensures single communicational and data area for all components and it also provides sharing the operational data, immediate request for cooperation and joint view of situation on the site of emergency event.



Humanitarian Aid abroad

Providing Humanitarian Aid to foreign countries is an integral part of Czech foreign policy. Humanitarian Aid has been provided either on bilateral level or through international governmental and non-governmental organisations. Humanitarian assistance abroad is provided based on the request of affected country, which directly requests assistance through embassies or international organisations.

Humanitarian Aid is governed by Act N. 151/2010 Coll., on international development cooperation and humanitarian assistance abroad, as amended.

Due to the Act N. 239/2000 Coll., on the Integrated Rescue System and on amendment of certain acts, as amended, the Ministry of Interior fulfils the tasks in the field of Czech Republic's involvement in international rescue operations in emergency events abroad and providing the humanitarian assistance to foreign countries in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The task of the DG FRS CR is particularly organisation of rescue and material assistance to foreign countries, serving as a contact point for requesting humanitarian assistance abroad by an affected state or an international organisation and providing information on forces and capabilities (predetermined to provide Humanitarian Aid) to relevant international organisations.



Basic forms of assistance:

- **rescue** – taking part in international rescue operations or dispatching an independent rescue team. Rescue humanitarian assistance of CR is provided through the FRS CR, which has established special operation teams (so-called Civil Protection Modules). In addition to these teams, the FRS CR is ready to assemble rescue teams, e.g. for fighting forest fires or to assist in the heavy snow outbreak,
- **material** – providing material according to the needs of an affected country,
- **financial** – provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Financial assistance is provided in forms of donation, contribution to international organisations and integration groups or to non-governmental organisations in the Czech Republic for the purposes of providing assistance abroad – out of the European Union or the European Economic Area,
- **consulting** – dispatching of specialists and experts, or providing the necessary information. Consulting or expert assistance is provided on the basis of affected state's request, directly or through the EU Emergency Response Coordination Centre, which establishes so called coordination and assessment teams of the EU,
- **combined** – combines the previous four forms of assistance.

Civil Protection Modules established by the EU standards

- **MEDIUM and HEAVY USAR** – search and rescue works in urban areas in medium or heavy conditions,
- **HCP module** – high-capacity pumping of water,
- **CBRNDET** – chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear detection and sampling,
- **FRB module** – flood rescue using boats,
- **AMP module** – advanced medical post.



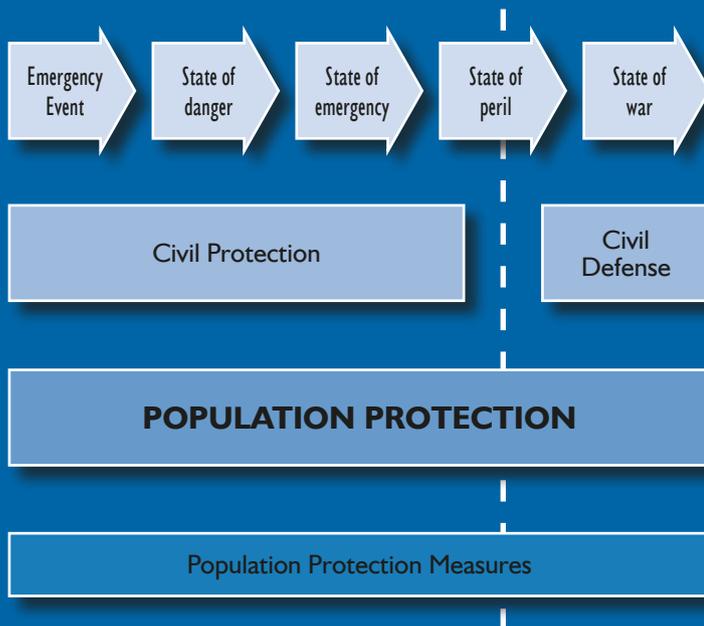
Population Protection

Protection of lives, health and property, together with sovereignty, territorial integrity, and protection of democratic principles of the Czech Republic, are principal liabilities and also the function of the State.

Population Protection in the Czech Republic is defined by the Act N. 239/2000 Coll., on the Integrated Rescue System and on amendment to certain acts, as fulfilling the Civil Protection tasks, namely warning, evacuation, sheltering and emergency survival of citizens, and other measures ensuring protection of lives, health and property.

Population Protection Concept

This is an essential conceptual material approved by the Czech Government for medium perspective (until 2020)



and long-term perspective (until 2030) planning population protection measures. Fulfilling of the tasks stated in the Concept is evaluated in three-year cycles.

Warning

The Czech Republic has introduced the single warning signal “General Caution” to alert the population in the threat or occurrence of an emergency event.

This signal is a wavering siren tone for 140 seconds and can be heard three times at approximately three-minute intervals. This acoustic siren tone is followed by an emergency information, provided by mass media.

Evacuation

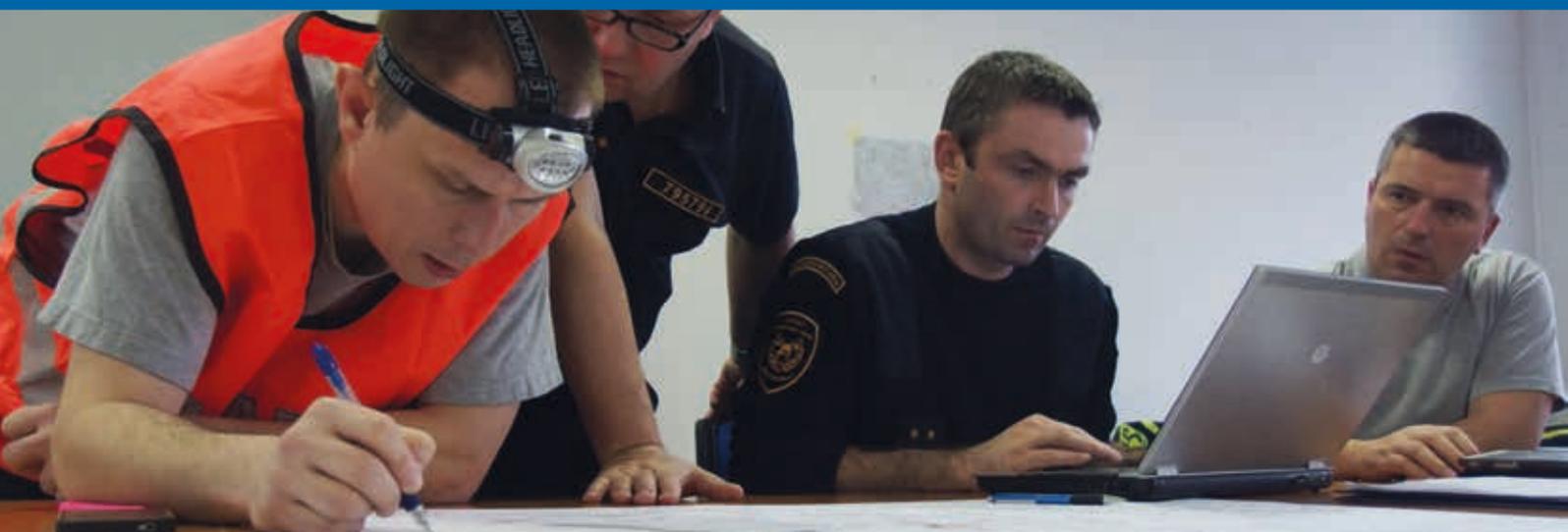
Evacuation is relocation of persons, animals, objects of cultural value, technical equipment, machines and material to preserve the necessary production and dangerous substances from places threatened by an emergency. Citizens carry their evacuation luggage.

Sheltering

For sheltering people from contamination by radioactive dust, effects of penetrating radiation and toxic effects of hazardous substances, natural protective characteristics of structures, adjusted against penetration of such materials are used. While the state of peril or the state of war, using of improvised and permanent shelters is planned.

Emergency survival

Measures of emergency survival are usually planned as taking up measures after citizens' evacuation from endangered places. They include mainly emergency accommodation, emergency supplies of food and drinking water, basic emergency services and organisation of humanitarian assistance.



Crisis Management

In terms of Czech Republic's security policy, the Crisis Management is conceived as a set of managerial activities of Crisis Management bodies (Government, ministries and other central administrative authorities, the Czech National Bank, regional authorities and other bodies with activities in the regions, the authorities of municipalities with extended powers and authorities of the municipalities). The Crisis Management bodies' activities focus on analysis and evaluation of security risks and planning, organising, implementing and controlling activities undertaken within preparation for crisis situations and dealing with them, or within the Critical Infrastructure protection. In the Czech Republic we distinguish crisis to those that are related or unrelated to the provision of defence of the Czech Republic against external attack.

The sphere of authority and powers of Crisis Management bodies, rights and obligations of legal and natural persons preparing for crisis situations and dealing with them are governed by the Act N. 240/2000 Coll., on Crisis Management and on amendment of certain acts (Crisis Act), as amended.

Dealing with the crisis situation is particularly associated with the implementation of rescue and relief works, the implementation of measures to protect disabled people and their emergency survival, measures to ensure functioning of public administration and Critical Infrastructure, etc.

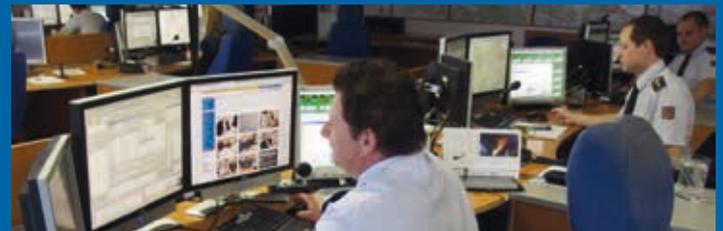
On the basis of the Crisis Act, the state of danger may be declared by the regional governor when lives, health, property, and environment are threatened, if the intensity does not reach the danger of considerable extent and it is not possible to avert threats by normal activities of administrative authorities, regional and municipal bodies, IRS components or Critical Infrastructure subjects.

In crisis of considerable extent the Government can declare a state of emergency for the whole state or a part thereof. When the sovereignty or territorial integrity or its democratic principles are threatened, the Parliament of the Czech Republic may declare a state of peril. The Parliament may declare the

state of war, if the Czech Republic is attacked or if it is necessary to fulfil international obligations concerning common defence against an attack.

The FRS CR tasks in the field of the Crisis Management

- unifies procedures in the field of Crisis Management,
- organises briefings and trainings in the field of Crisis Management,
- controls the preparedness to deal with crisis situations,
- fulfils the tasks in the field of Critical Infrastructure protection,
- takes part in fulfilling the tasks in the field of Economic Measures for the crisis states,
- keeps a list of possible sources of risks and performs the threat analysis of the region,
- ensures the elaboration of the regional crisis plan and the crisis plan of the municipalities with extended sphere of authority,
- creates the conditions for the operation of the regional Crisis Staff and the Crisis Staff of the municipalities with extended sphere of authority,
- takes part in dealing with crisis situations,
- informs municipalities and legal and natural persons (at their request) about character of possible threat, prepared crisis measures and the way they are implemented.





Training and education of the population

The work of the FRS CR does not consist only of fire-fighting, technical assistance or assistance during emergency events; it also includes information to all population groups on possible emergency events and good practices in case of threat. The well-known experiences show that only well-informed citizen is better prepared to prevent the occurrence of an emergency event, and he is also able to protect himself more effectively and to help the others in case of an emergency event.

For this reason, the FRS CR places emphasis on the training and education of the population in this area. Training and education of the population is a system that consists of two basic elements. The cornerstone is regular education of the population as part of the standard education process. In addition, there are other projects and events for the public that are used to support or follow-up the regular education, develop and complement it, and serve to the target groups that are no longer undergoing the regular lessons. We call it a Preventive Educational Activity. The focus of education and training responds not only to the potential risks but also to legislation, changes in technological progress and the current needs of the society.

Primary focus of the training and education of the population

- supporting the children's and young people's education as a part of the educational process in schools
 - cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports on the development of educational documents from the field of human protection in case of emergency events,
 - preparation of teachers through accredited FRS CR educational programs or in cooperation with the education departments of regional authorities and with the National Institute of Further Education,
 - cooperation with universities to prepare future teachers in the field of human protection in emergencies,

- preparation or participation in the production of textbooks and manuals for teaching,
- help with preparation of practical exercises and project days in schools,
- implementation of projects and events for all population groups
 - informing citizens through regional radio and TV stations and through regional press,
 - organisation of professional conferences, seminars and discussions,
 - informational transfer in the framework of one-time events for the public,
 - creation of materials and their distribution to citizens,
 - organisation of competitions,
 - enabling excursions at the regional FRS stations.

The FRS CR implements also training of experts working in the area of Population Protection and Crisis Management. This training is conducted in accordance with relevant legal standards and it is regulated by the Concept of education in the field of Population Protection and Crisis Management. In this framework we focus on individual target groups (local government officials, civil servants, members of the armed forces and security services, elected officials, employees, whose work is affected by obligations in relation to the crisis and defense planning and Population Protection, academics teaching in the field of Population Protection and Crisis Management as well as university students).

The Crisis Management bodies, IRS components and other entities, which take part in emergency response, participate in periodical trainings. These trainings focus on the examination of planning documentation and established procedures for communication and dealing with emergency events and crisis situations.

International cooperation

The Ministry of Interior – Directorate General of Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic focuses on the development of international cooperation with other countries through the division of Civil Emergency Preparedness and Strategies, especially in the framework of the EU, NATO and other international organisations in areas related to the Civil Protection, Civil Emergency Planning and Critical Infrastructure Protection. This division is responsible for all administration related to official international business travels and reception of foreign delegations, furthermore it maintains liaison officers to the EU, permanent delegation to NATO and to Slovak Embassy.

Bilateral cooperation is mostly implemented with neighbouring countries and other EU countries. Bilateral agreements on cooperation are signed with all neighbouring countries, France and Hungary. Memorandum of Understanding is signed with other 15 countries. FRS CR focuses also on international development cooperation especially with Moldova, Ukraine or Georgia.



EU

In the Council of the EU the Civil Protection issues are addressed in the Working Party on Civil Protection (PROCIV). The aim of PROCIV is to improve Civil Protection at national, European and international level. Individual EU Member States alternately chair this working party due to its Presidency in the Council of EU. Within the European Commission the Civil Protection issues are addressed in particular in the Civil Protection Committee (CPC). The aim of CPC is to support the implementation of Union Civil Protection Mechanism, adopted to strengthen cooperation in the field of Civil Protection and to ensure more effective response to disasters inside and outside the EU. Directorate General of Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic is responsible for more than 10 other expert working parties belonging under European Commission. In the framework of Union Civil Protection Mechanism the practical cooperation of experts and rescue teams of the FRS CR is strengthened during international courses and exercises.

NATO

Pursuant to the national security policy objectives the Civil Emergency Preparedness and Strategies Division represents the Czech Republic in the NATO Civil Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC) and the Civil Protection Group (CPG). The division also coordinates policy across central administrative authorities within the NATO civil emergency planning framework.

Fire Rescue Service officials' rank promotion





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