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CIVIL PROTECTION PRACTICE IN BULGARIA

THE CONTRIBUTION OF EVANDE PROJECT



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

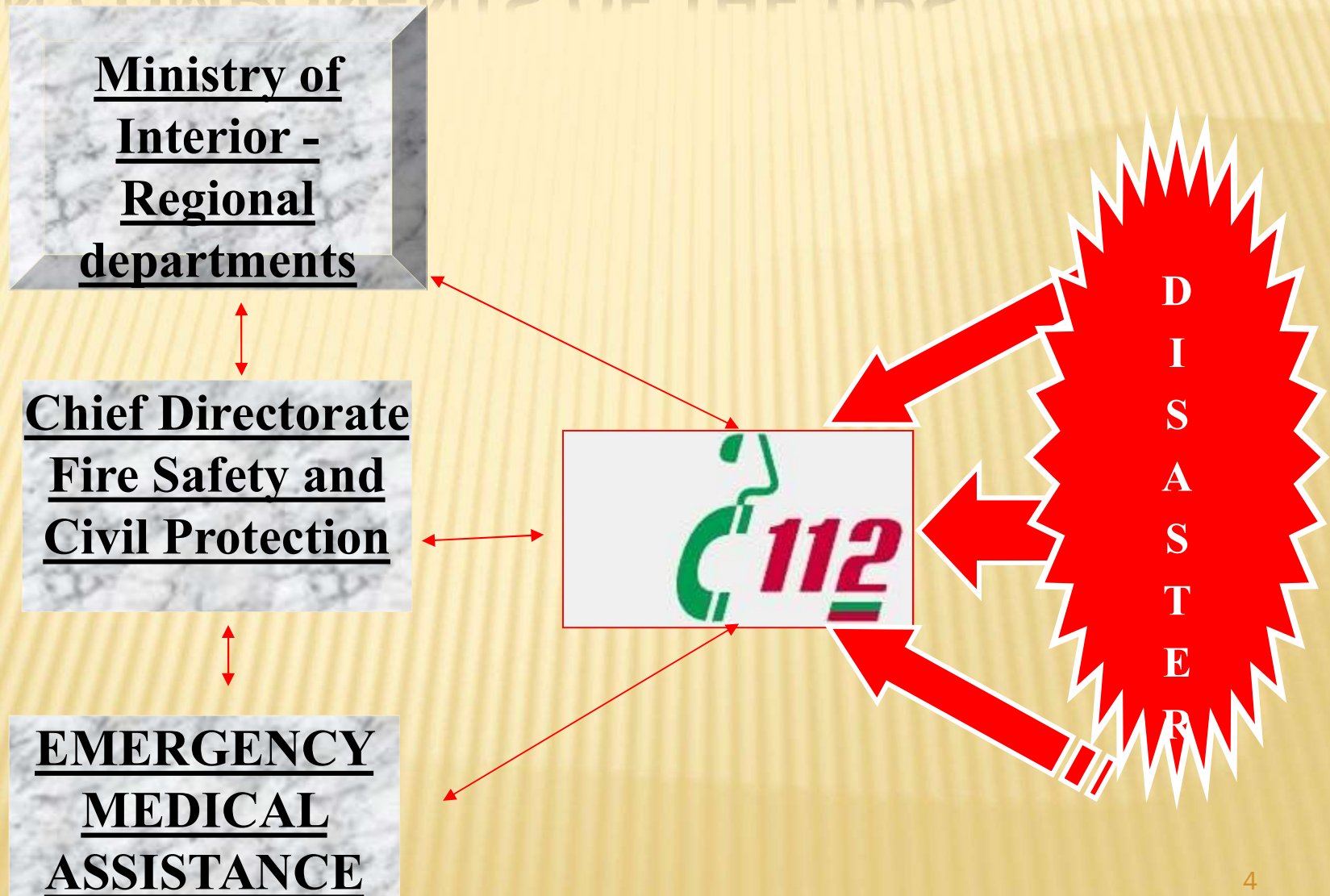
- Law on Disaster Protection;
- Law on The Ministry of Interior;
- Regulation for creating and organizing the activities of voluntary units to prevent or handle disasters, fires and emergencies and their consequences (adopted by Decree № 123 / 25.06.2012);
- Regulation for establishing, maintaining and keeping a register of voluntary units (reg. № Iz-1669 / 17.08.2012);
- Ordinance laying down procedures for obtaining of remuneration of volunteers for training and tasks for Disaster Protection (adopted by Decree № 143 / 20.06.2008);
- Annually by a decision of The Council of Ministers are adopted standards for State delegated activities.

RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS:

Authorities, which are involved in disaster response are organized into a “*United rescue system*” – *URS*

- Main components are : *Fire fighters, Police, Emergency medical assistance*
- In different cases other components are: *Army, Regional and local authorities, Redcross, Voluntery units, Companies, NGOs etc.*

MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE URS



EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

- ✘ Designed for individual warning and alert. It operates through a database, including predefined groups for disclosure.
- ✘ System capacity is up to 28,000 officials
- ✘ The system requires confirmation from the person by entering a personal identification number (PIN) for registration of disclosure.



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Law on Disaster Protection

- Voluntary units are established by the Mayor
- Volunteer can be any able-bodied person over 18 who is clinically healthy and has not been convicted
- Person under 16 years and over 18, can be trained to volunteer without taking part in real activities

Law on The Ministry of Interior :

- The Law specifies the powers of the volunteers as professional firefighters;
- The authorities for Fire Safety and Civil Protection are assigned to provide methodological and expert assistance to mayors of municipalities in the establishment of voluntary units;
- The authorities for Fire Safety and Civil Protection are given the right to attract volunteers if necessary.



TRAININGS

1. Initial basic course;
2. Specialized training;
3. Support training;
4. Training for leaders of voluntary units;
5. Training of trainers of volunteers.
6. Ongoing training.



Initial basic course (3 modules)
Module I – 1915 volunteers
Module II – 1748 volunteers
Module III – 1139 volunteers

**Ordinance laying down procedures for obtaining of remuneration
of volunteers for training and tasks for Disaster Protection
(adopted by Decree № 143 / 20.06.2008)**

Ar. 7. (1) Amount of remuneration of volunteers :

1. 100% of the minimum hourly wage for the country – **for training lasting up to 10 days per year** (in proportion to the hours of participation in training)
2. 200% of the minimum hourly wage for the country - for the execution of rescue activities **up to 20 days per year** (in proportion to the working hours of participation in rescue activities)

Decision of The Council of Ministers for adoption of standards
for State delegated activities in 2016

№	Activities	Measure	Levs
1	2	3	4
1.	For traininge	volunteer	50
2.	- Annual personal accident insurance		150
	- Insurance for persons between 16 and 18 years	volunteer	50
3.	Equipment for volunteer	volunteer	1 000

Numbering Standards

№	Categories of municipalities	Measure	Number
1	10,000 people	volunteer	Up to 10
2	10 001 and 20 000 people	volunteer	Up to 15
3	20 001 and 35 000 people	volunteer	Up to 25
4	35 001 and 50 000 people	volunteer	Up to 35
5	50 001 and 75 000 people	volunteer	Up to 40
6	75 001 and 100 000 people	volunteer	Up to 45
7	100 001 and 200 000 people	volunteer	Up to 60
8	200 001 and 400 000 people	volunteer	Up to 110
9	Sofia Municipality	volunteer	Up to 166

Standards of distance

Municipality	From the remoteness of the main components of the Integrated Rescue System up to 15 km	From the remoteness of the main components of the Integrated Rescue System from 16 km to 25 km incl.	From the remoteness of the main components of the Integrated Rescue System over 25 km
Increase the number of volunteers in accordance with the Numbering Standards	5	10	15

“Strategy for development of voluntary units for protection in case of disasters, fires and other emergencies on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria 2012 - 2020 ”

- Establishment of political framework for development of comprehensive and sustainable legal and institutional basis for successful state policy in the field of fire safety and protection of the population in case of disasters and other emergencies and for involvement of the civil society and local authorities in its implementation;
- Establishment of effective voluntary units within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for ensuring acceptable level of protection of the population and achieving average European level of first response in case of emergency.



Expected outcomes from implementation of the Strategy are as follows:



- Achieving average European level of availability of firefighters and rescuers for ensuring acceptable level of civil safety;
- Adequate legal basis regulating activity of the voluntary units;
- Establishment of efficient tools and mechanisms for encouragement of the population to participate in voluntary units;
- Enhancing volunteers' qualification;
- Raising awareness and participation of individuals and private sector in activities for ensuring their own safety and support the voluntary activities.

Plan for implementation of Strategy for development of voluntary units for the period 2013 - 2020

2015

- ✓ Construction of 15 self contained Voluntary Units;

2016

- ✓ Construction of effective Voluntary Units;
- ✓ Participation in courses under the Mechanism for Civil Protection of the EU and the Volunteer Corpus of the EU.

2017-2020

- ✓ Participation and implementation of European projects and programs to ensure the activities of Voluntary Units;
- ✓ Formation of a module of volunteers to be included in the Civil Protection Mechanism of the EU;
- ✓ Preparedness for participation in international rescue operations.

National program for gradual establishment of self-acting Voluntary Units (VU)

Year	VU to participate in activities the case of fires, disasters and other emergencies	VU to support the activities of the authorities for fire safety and civil protection (mixed type VU)	Self-acting VU
2014	37	2	2
2015	52	16	15
2016	15	14	21
2017	5	16	11
2018	0	1	0
2019	0	5	0
2020	0	2	4
Total	109	56	53
	218 municipalities with established VUs		

CURRENT STATUS

172 VOLUNTARY UNITS WITH 2 470 VOLUNTEERS, 41 VU ARE EQUIPPED WITH FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES

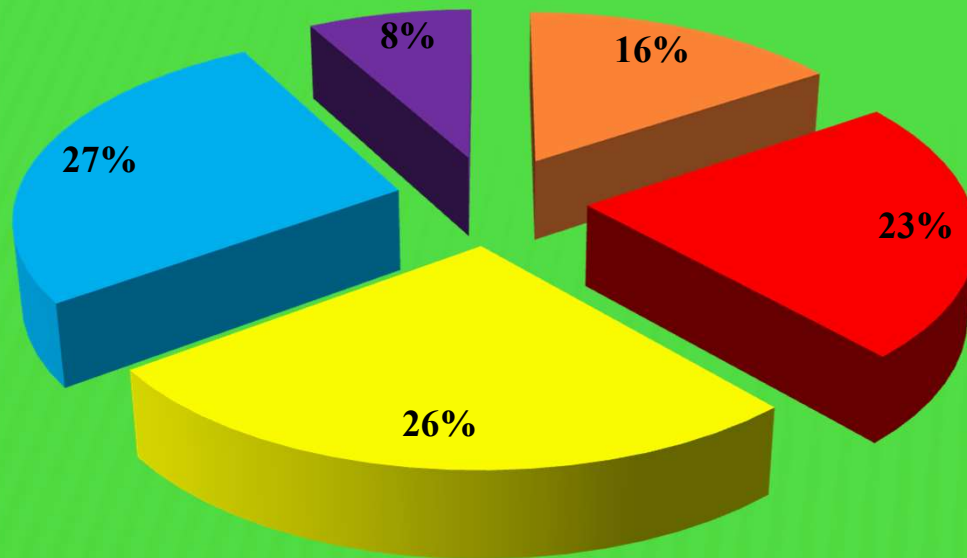
РАЗПРЕДЕЛЕНИЕ НА ПА/СА НА ДОБРОВОЛНИТЕ ФОРМИРОВАНИЯ В Р БЪЛГАРИЯ



Status of voluntary units

Distribution of volunteers by age

до 30 год. до 40 год.
до 50 год. до 60 год.
над 60 год.



Statistics by gender :

Women: 120

Men: 2 350

Statistics by age :

Up to 30 – 16%

Up to 40 – 23 %

Up to 50 – 26%

Up to 60 – 27 %

Over 60 – 8 %

PARTICIPATIONS OF VOLUNTARY UNITS

Totally from 2012 to 2015 – 1210 participations

2015 – 339 participations

Rescue operations - 34

Fire fighting - 197

Search and rescue – 9

Emergency recovery – 41

First aid – 7

Other - 51



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Established on 28.08.2014. Aim to:

- Create an active network of volunteers;
- Ensure coordination and cooperation between state and local government, NGOs, businesses and citizens for the development of organized voluntary movement;
- Ensure promotion and development of volunteering in Bulgaria;
- Increase motivation of citizens to be included in VUs;
- Ensure cooperation with foreign and international counterparts, etc.

Membership:

- Voluntary Units;
- Natural and legal persons (sports clubs, social groups, etc.):

Off-road Bulgaria

University rescue team

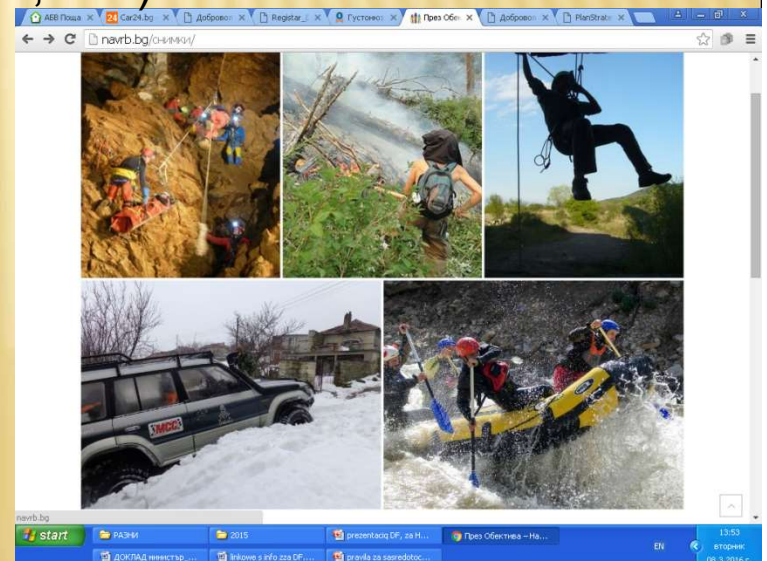
BULGARIAN RAFTING FEDERATION

Rafting club "REFLIP"

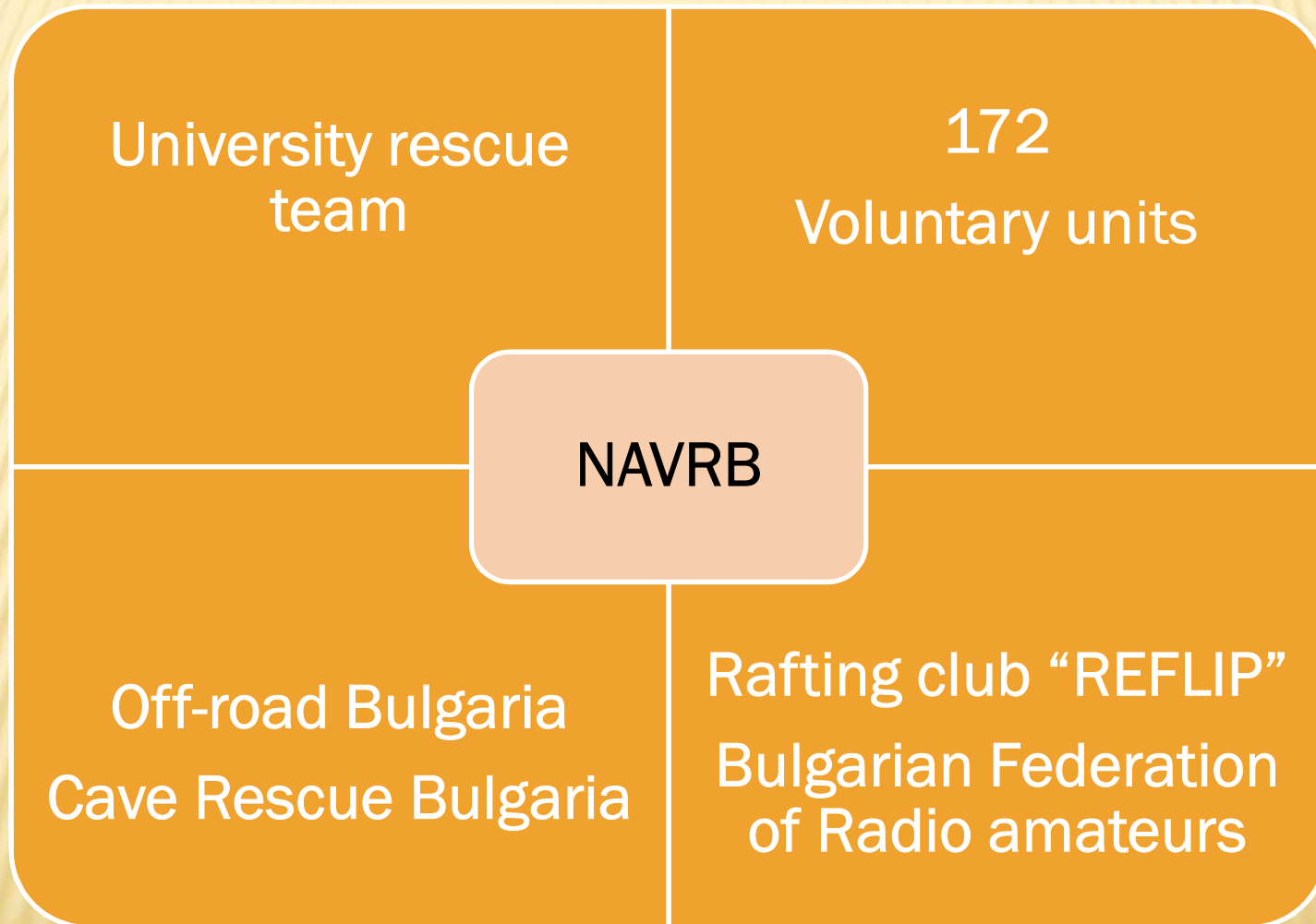
Bulgarian Federation of Radio amateurs

Cave Rescue Bulgaria

Website: <http://navrb.bg>



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



The contribution of EVANDE project



Good and deep cooperation with:

- Municipality authorities;
- Voluntary formations;
- Chief directorate "Fire Safety and Civil Protection;
- Training center for fire brigade officers and rescuers of Ministry of Interior/ International training center for rescuers of NATO;
- Ministry of education, schools, universities;
- Media;
- Others;
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Municipalities officials:



Our Civil Protection expert
Yasen Tsvetkov met the chief
of Security Direction of Sofia
Municipality Mrs. Mariela
Naidenova.



EVANDE Staff
at the
Sofia Municipality
Emergency Centre

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Voluntary formations:



Participants of the International
Volunteers' Meeting at the
headquarters of Centro Studi Villa
Montesca



Partnership with volunteers

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Chief directorate “Fire Safety and Civil Protection :



Meeting between Mr. Tzvetanski and chief Inspector Stefanov – a head of Education and prevention department

Discussions were useful during the common trainings with fire fighters



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Training center for fire brigade officers and rescuers of Ministry of Interior/
International training center for rescuers of NATO :



Presentation and discussion about EVANDE with the training center staff

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Ministry of education, schools, universities:



Dissemination in schools and universities

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Summary of the activities:

- Implementing the planned project activities



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Summary of the activities:

- Good partnerships were created with few Municipalities – Sofia, Plovdiv, Novi Iskar, Belovo etc.
- Permanent discussions and assistance from Chief directorate Fire Safety and Civil Protection; The project was presented on the national tournament of young firefighters day.
- Common meeting with fire fighters and instructors from the international rescue training center of NATO in the city of Montana.
- 3 big events – demonstration seminars with over 20 different voluntary formations.
- Common work with educational experts from universities, schools and Ministry of education.
- 4 participations in the program of Bulgarian national radio station, during the “prime time”.



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