



Austrian Cave Rescue Service - Salzburg

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History

- Founded in 1966 within Federation of Caving
- Own legal entity since 1989
- Integration to Act of Rescue 1999

Call outs per year
70ties: 4-5
now: 2-3

Members 2007	
60	Overall
3	Doctors
4	Cave samaritans
35	Fit for the cave
20	Women

Financing

- Government (Yearly Rescue contribution)
- Rescue Fee
- Donation system
- Support of sightseeing mines (contribution per visitor)
- Sponsoring

Government Cooperation

- Financial Aid
- Specific training
e.g. operation management, press handling, peer education
- Various support
 - Initiate communication with other rescue services
 - Support on organisational topics as for example insurances or implementation of training quality checks
- Support during rescue operations
 - Organise e.g. helicopter, infrastructure, food...
 - For big incidents: overall operation management - no interference to cave rescuing

Insurance of the rescue team

- For rescue operations, rescue drills and other operations
- Accident insurance (death, disability, salvage expenses, hospital daily allowance)
 - Casualty insurance
 - Legal protection insurance
 - Comprehensive insurance for private automobiles

Rescue operations abroad

- Neighbouring countries
 - Direct request to the cave rescue service
- Other countries
 - Request to the Austrian state
 - e.g. by International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Rescue operations abroad

- Preconditions for a log into the EU-rescue database of MIC (Monitoring and Information Centre)
- Personell
 - Material and infrastructure
 - Response time

Caving in Austria

- For Expeditions a governmental permission is necessary. The Caving Federations are helping with the application.
- Permissions are also sent to the Rescue Services.
- Emergency numbers in Austria:
112 and 144

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