

CTIF NEWS



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE & RESCUE

Fire & Rescue Service

Today's society is getting more and more complex and so are the fires and the accidents.

Protecting citizens and communities

In order to better protect and ultimately save the citizens, Fire and Rescue personnel need to constantly maintain their skills and knowledge, and also constantly learn, share, improve and develop their abilities.

Knowledge: ctif.org

The website is the place to share information about meetings, seminars, games and other events.

We are developing ctif.org into a center of knowledge. There is already a lot of quality material available on the site; videos, manuals and other training material, interactive scenarios... Searches can be done through the **library** function.

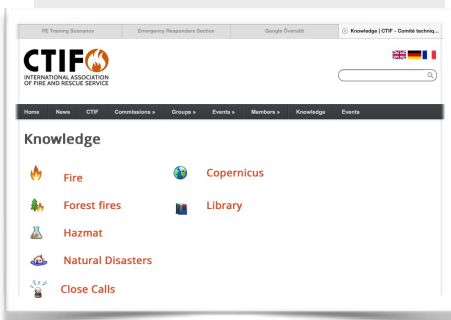


Firefighters have a Dangerous work

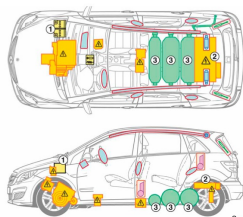
Firefighters are injured and some times even die at work. Some accidents could perhaps be avoided through an increased level of knowledge. Important knowledge has to be shared by all Firefighters regardless of organisation, region or country. If you are a volunteer, part-time employee or full-time Firefighter, the level of knowledge, education and training has always a strong need to be in focus. Fires, accident sites, natural disasters are by definition dangerous workplaces. In many situations the security and final survival of the Firefighter is mainly a matter of his or her own skills and knowledge.

Smoke is combustible

There are areas within Fire and Rescue where new findings and knowledge spread over regional or country borders very slowly. How come Firefighters still die in indoor fires? Smoke is (or can be) combustible. Fires produce Carbon Monoxide and that is a combustible gas. An increased knowledge must be spread throughout the Firefighting community.



Concrete situations...

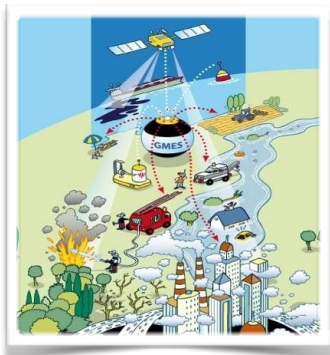


New Knowledge

CTIF is moving into new areas. The **Commission of Extrication and New Energy** is one example. Next meeting 28 and 29 May 2014, Vienna, Austria.

We need interested members from more countries!

Satellite images free of charge over major accidents, floods Information on how to trigger the service under **Copernicus** on **CTIF.org** used in Serbia - Bosnia



Cooperation with other organisations

CTIF, FEU and CFPA-Europe have decided to cooperate. Such an agreement already exists between CTIF and the US organisation Metro Chiefs but will be updated. The cooperation will be based on a so called MOU, Memorandum of Understanding. The agreements will be signed with METRO this spring and with FEU at the Delegates Assembly in Serbia.

The Associate Members

are very important to CTIF. Their support to our work is indispensable. Also their work and their expertise is very important. We will develop the communication, interaction and involvement in everyday's activities. We are looking forward to a more active participation from the Associates in the CTIF working groups and commissions.

Delegates Assembly: Belgrade, Serbia. 18-19 September

At the next Delegates Assembly in Belgrade the main topic will be Forest Fires.

Japanese delegation visting CTIF office in Stockholm

Japan will host the autumn meeting for Women in Fire and Rescue Service

New Statistics

Have been developed by the CTIF Statistics Centre. Check it at the website!

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