

Cologne Fire Department, Office for Fire Protection, Rescue Service and Civil Protection

The Cologne Fire Department is made up of the professional fire brigade, the volunteer fire brigade, the rescue service and the civil protection units.

The range of tasks of the Cologne Fire Department in the field of hazard prevention includes the core tasks of rescue service, technical assistance, fire protection and civil defence.

To ensure that all people in need in Cologne can be helped promptly and in a qualified manner, several partners at different locations work closely together under the umbrella of the Cologne Fire Department.

To ensure daily basic protection in its core tasks, the Cologne Fire Department maintains eleven combined fire and rescue stations as well as seven rescue stations, a fire boat station, a helicopter station and 28 locations of the voluntary fire brigade throughout the city.

The fire and rescue stations, the fire boat station and the fire brigade control centre are staffed daily and around the clock by 190 professional firefighters. They are supported in the rescue service by the members of the aid organisations and companies involved in the rescue service. They provide their service directly at the locations and from there they move to the respective places of action.

The members of the volunteer fire brigade are alerted in case of need and in relation to the operation. They then interrupt their respective professional or private activities, go to their fire equipment shed as quickly as possible and then move out with their vehicles to the assigned places of action within a few minutes.

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