

Assistance from the Danish Emergency Management Agency

The Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) offers assistance to e.g. the municipal fire and rescue services and the police in major environmental, rescue and fire-fighting responses.

The national, regional fire and rescue service

DEMA has at its disposal five national fire and rescue centres and a volunteer centre that on a daily basis constitutes an assisting emergency management system. The system is targeted at assisting authorities and organisations with emergency management responsibilities, including the municipal fire and rescue services and the police.



DEMA has special-purpose equipment and manpower to assist the municipal fire and rescue services.

The national fire and rescue centres offer assistance in major, personnel-intensive responses, or in situations requiring special-purpose equipment.

The five fire and rescue centres have special-purpose vehicles and equipment, including four-wheel drive emergency response vehicles, equipment for chemical spills, modern communication devices and management facilities as well as equipment for international responses.

The fire and rescue centres have turn-out duty

The turn-out duty personnel at the fire and rescue centres are able to depart 24 hours a day within five minutes and reach all parts of the country within approx. two hours.

The turn-out duty involves a minimum of 14 conscripts and non-commissioned officers. In the event of major

incidents, DEMA can rapidly muster up to 1,200 conscripts, non-commissioned officers and volunteers.

Response examples

In 2010, DEMA responded to 792 incidents.

Major fires, storm damages, chemical spills, biological incidents and oil pollution are examples of incidents that often require assistance from the fire and rescue centres.

Extended response within 48 hours

The government has decided that, in the event of particularly major accidents, DEMA can call on additional manpower in the shape of 500 former conscripts and non-commissioned officers of the reserve to assist the fire and rescue centres within 48 hours.

Volunteers

In addition to conscripts and permanent civilian employees and non-commissioned officers, a number of volunteers are attached to each fire and rescue centre.

These are mainly former conscripts who have signed a contract with DEMA to assist the fire and rescue centres on a voluntary basis, if needed.

DEMA also has at its disposal two voluntary response forces deployed in Hedehusene and Herning. They can reinforce the other emergency management systems with approx. 400 volunteers.



The vehicles are highly flexible and can be used for a variety of purposes at a damage site.