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# **Introduction to the Rescue Services**

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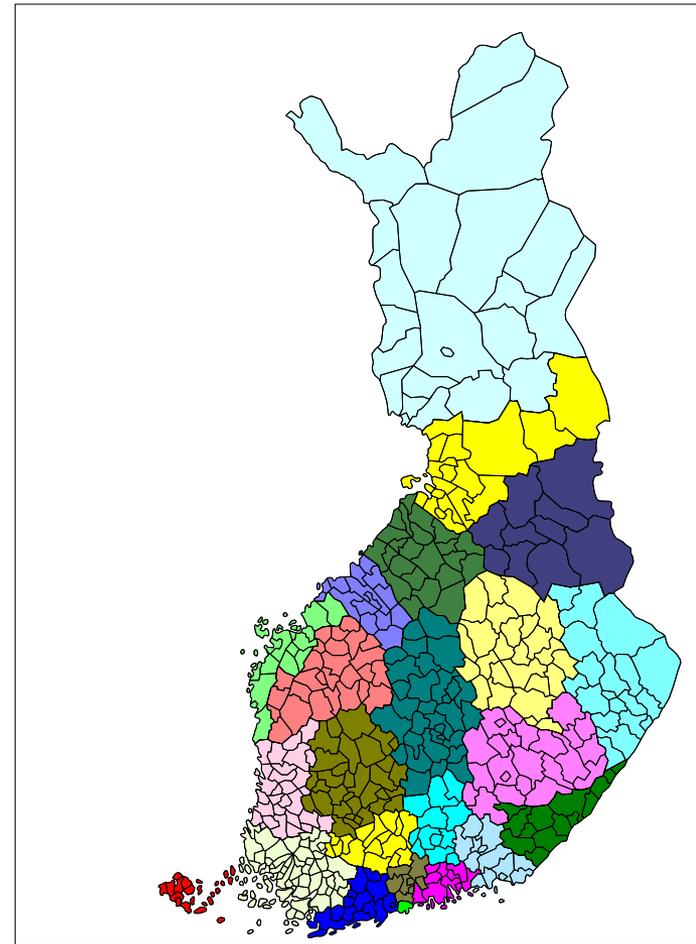


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### **MISSION**

A rescue system is efficient, economic and works for and among people.

Motivated and well trained personnel are responsible for managing all kinds of risks.





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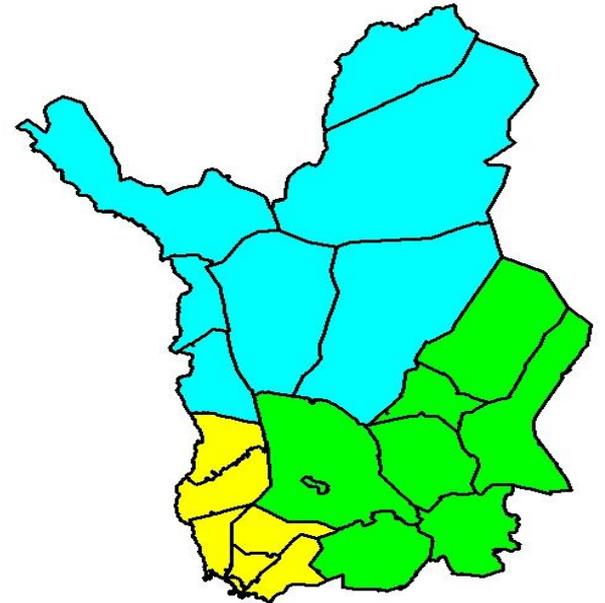
## THE ULTIMATE AIM IS:

- **To reduce** the number and frequency of different types of accidents and their consequences, as well as **to promote safety** and manage all kinds of risks.
- Focus will be more preventive measures than on operations.



## From the Baltic Sea to the mountains – from the cities to the wilderness

- 100 000 sqkm, 183 000 inhabitants, 1,7 million tourist / year; 6-7 million registered overnights
- arctic conditions, international cooperation
- 3 professional fire brigades
- In 18 municipalities voluntary fire brigade are in charge
- **Personnel;**
  - - professionals 145
  - - voluntaries 850
  - - vehicles 150 (500)
  - - budget 15,6 m€





## ARCTIC CONDITIONS

- Arctic conditions effect all our activities;  
(HYPOTHERMIA, LOGISTICS)
- In winter (7 months); is covered by snow and the lowest temperatures are between -25 and -48.
- Long preparedness
- Challenging, difficult conditions / small resources
- Preparedness and resources have not been adjusted to accomodate for peak tourist seasons.
- everyone is needed; authorities (rescue, police, frontier quard, military, voluntary etc.), in crisis also international aid!



# RISKS AND THREATS

- **” even the best preparedness do not reduce the emergency missions”**
- traffic accident; touristbus (40-60 injured)
- flight accident (200 – 280 injured)
- fire (60 injured),
- ski lift accident (200-300 to rescue)
- new challenge; growing mine industry!
- floods, stormy weather (problems with electricity, connections, water, heating etc.)
- daily rescue missions!



# RESCUE OPERATIONS ON THE BARENTS REGION

- Region; NOR, SWE, RUS, FIN
- The aim is to provide and receive help in the event of daily missions, crisis or catastrophes where assistance is justified to safeguard life, the environment, or property.
- Rescue operations may include firefighting, searches, rescue, first aid, cleanup of oil and chemical spills, damage assessment, and water rescue missions.



## **COOPERATION IS BASED ON:**

- **Multi and bilateral international agreements.**
- **Agreement on Rescue Services between Nordic countries.**
- **The Agreement on Rescue Services between Finland and Russia.**
- **Agreements between municipalities lying on the borders of states.**
- **Agreements between Rescue Departments.**
- **In a long historical tradition (helping the neighbours).**
- **In real life situations (the closest rescue unit receives the alarm first).**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

