



THE NATIONAL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Staff	
Firefighters	28.134
Administrative/Technicians	3.253
Total	32.487

The Italian National Fire and Rescue Service is a State Civil organization under the Ministry of the Interior. It guarantees the rescue service all over the national territory through 103 Provincial Central Fire Stations (three of which belong to the autonomous regions), and their respective 508 operational district stations and 259 volunteer fire stations. It handles the technical emergency rescue operations to protect human life and to safeguard property and environment from damages or potential damages caused by fire and other accidents, as well as from major industrial risks, including nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological

ones. The Italian National Fire and Rescue Service carries out other tasks such as fire prevention, surveillance in public places and in stadiums, training of those responsible for job security and training and deployment of units for the safeguard of civil population in case of natural disasters or war.

More than 28,000 Firefighters carry out every year in Italy about 800,000 interventions including people rescuing, fire extinguishing, inspections, relief operations, hazardous material interventions, road, railway and air accidents, collapses, flooding or emergencies caused by chemical radioactive agents, structural fai-



lures, natural disasters such as earthquakes and landslides. For all dangerous situations the Italian National Fire and Rescue Service is operating 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Over 5,000,000 calls per year requiring assistance are handled by the 104 operations rooms located all over the national territory, including 103 Provincial Central Fire Stations and the National Fire Operations Centre

Operations are carried out within 20 minutes from the call by the fire service teams at the nearest districts, whereas the supporting teams and the specialized crews and equipment come from the provincial cen-



tral Fire Stations and reach the operations site after a longer time.

Rescue is always free of charge.

In case of Civil Protection (natural disasters, earthquakes, etc.) and civil defence operations or forest fire extinguishing and operations to safeguard the environment, the Italian National Fire and Rescue Service, within its own technical emergency competence, guarantees direct emergency operations aimed at safeguarding and protecting human life and property.

