

### Deltakelse fra FORF i LRS

#### Participation by FORF in LRS

The rescue service in Norway is organized with two main rescue centres (HRS) and 28 local centres (LRS). HRS has a collective leadership with representatives of various public administrations and services. The Chief Constables of Rogaland and Salten chair the two HRS.

The LRS is organized on a pattern similar to that of HRS. Normally, LRS leads all land rescue activities. The voluntary organizations are under no legal obligation to participate, but choose to do so on an unpaid basis. They represent a reliable resource on which the authorities can count - the collaboration principle. The Department of Justice wants to strengthen this principle by letting the voluntary organizations, represented by their Forum (FORF) take place in the LRS leadership on an equal basis. Norwegian Speleological Society (NGF) is one of nine associations making up the FORF. Responding to a request from the Department of Justice, FORF has appointed a representative and a substitute to each LRS. FORF is responsible for filling vacancies that may occur, so that LRS can be fully operative at any time.

Because cave accidents are rare, it is unnecessary that the FORF representative comes from NGF. However, persons who are members both of Norwegian Cave Rescue Service (NGRT) and other rescue organizations will be suitable representatives in future list revisions in districts with many caves.

The FORF representatives should know about all FORF resources and so must be informed about NGF. In the first common meeting of LRS representatives on 28-29 February 2004 the author described the extent of caves in Norway and the organization of the cave rescue services. The response suggests that such presentations strengthen the network of NGF.