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### **Redningsøvelse med justisminister Dørum**

Rescue exercise in the Olav mine at Røros

FORF (Forum for rescue activities of voluntary organizations) invited the Norwegian minister of justice to attend an exercise in the Olav mine on April 5-6.

Prior to the exercise the Olav mine was inspected. The purpose was to find a pitch for lifting up a stretcher and to assess mine suitability for stretcher transport. However, the only suitable place turned out to be a long steep flight of stairs with railings. The stairs were rigged for stretcher lifting on the railings by means of a pulley system.

The minister duly arrived. After a tour of the mine, the marker was reported "poorly" at 18.08. Norwegian Cave Rescue Service took over. Two stretcher teams were organized. Security - for "patient" and attenders - was a priority. It took only 26 minutes to transport the "patient" out of the mine.

The minister appeared to be satisfied and asked numerous questions about caves and cave rescue.