

Tverrfaglige redningsamlinger

Cross-disciplinary rescue meetings

1) Cooperation at the site of injury

This course was held in November 2004. The various rescue services were presented, mostly from police, fire brigades, ambulance personnel. We from FORF (Forum for rescue activities of voluntary organizations) got less time for our presentation. Questions from participants revealed that many were unaware of the resources of the voluntary organizations. However, in the plenary discussion it was emphasized that volunteers were always to be reckoned with when accidents happen.

On available personnel when something happens: 1/3 reacts suitably, 1/3 more than suitably, 1/3 unsuitably. To reduce accident risk one may, prior to launching an operation, exclude persons in less than top form, persons with little experience/education, and persons closely related to the accident victims.

The Swedish-Norwegian rescue exercise in Plurdalen in July 2004 is a good example of cross-services cooperation.

2) Seminar at HRS

In November 2004 the Main rescue centre for southern Norway invited to a seminar at Sola. More than 100 participants came from a number of administrations and services.

The emphasis was on clarifying tasks and responsibilities of participants in search and rescue operations.

Organizations - and Norway health undertakings in particular - are going through substantial changes. Better planning and coordination is needed.

Communication and warning systems were discussed on basis of the government's proposal for a common digital radio system for fire brigades, police, and health services, expected to be completed by 2009.

Search tactics were discussed, such as the use of dogs and aircrafts. The need for joint training by police and volunteers was once again emphasized.

The increasing number of missing persons with a psychiatric background is a matter of concern.