

## Fire and rescue service

### Rescue, extinguish, recover, protect ...

... that's our job! When it comes to fighting fires and providing assistance in the event of accidents and other public emergencies caused by natural events, explosions or similar incidents, the fire brigade is in demand.

The Bocholt fire brigade controls its operations from the control centre on Dingdener Straße. From here, the fire brigade goes out on rescue missions and coordinates emergencies. Because often every minute counts.

Even when there is no fire, the fire and rescue station is used for drills and training to be prepared for emergencies. Full-time firefighters ensure a quick response in an emergency. They are supported by more than 300 volunteer firefighters.

## In action for your safety





## Our focus

### – Preventive fire protection

Preventive fire protection involves measures to ensure escape routes and prevent the spread and development of fires.

#### **The fire brigade is responsible for...**

fire protection opinions and advice

Fire inspections and inspections

Fire safety watches

Fire water supply in the city area

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### – Fire prevention education

The fire brigade informs about fire hazards and correct behaviour in case of fire.

Suitable for...

- Children in primary schools
- Pupils in secondary schools
- Employees in companies
- Old people's and nursing homes
- Senior citizens' groups

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## — Operational Service

The term "operational service" covers a multitude of tasks whose primary goal is to provide the citizens of the city of Bocholt with an efficient fire brigade 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to rescue, extinguish, recover and protect.

The main tasks are in the area of technology, operation planning and preparation, the operative rescue service, personnel software and the office of the volunteer fire brigade.

The following are some explanations of the main activities:

- Administration and planning of the staff of the operational service.
- Preparation and maintenance of operational documents for the emergency services so that effective damage control can be carried out.
- Determination of the fire brigade's alarm and deployment order, i.e. planning which vehicles and which personnel will be deployed to an incident.
- Vehicle and equipment procurement and maintenance for the existing vehicles and equipment of the fire brigade and rescue service. Most of the maintenance and testing is carried out in the fire brigade's own workshops.
- Ensuring operational health protection through the fire brigade's own safety officers.
- Planning and control of communications. This includes, in particular, the processing of emergency calls and radio communication.
- The office of the volunteer fire brigade serves as the central point of contact for all matters relating to the volunteer fire brigade.

## — Rescue service

The rescue service is one of the essential tasks of the Bocholt fire brigade.

The task of the rescue service is emergency rescue, patient transport and the care of a large number of injured or sick people in the event of extraordinary incidents. The Bocholt Fire Brigade has several ambulances and an emergency ambulance manned around the clock for emergency rescue.

## — Special units

The fire service has three special units that are deployed in special hazardous situations.

### **Height rescue team**

Rescue operations from special heights require specially trained emergency services. The Bocholt fire brigade is also equipped for this with its height rescuers.

### **ABC" team**

Specially trained emergency personnel are familiar with hazardous substances. "NBC" is the abbreviation for **nuclear, biological and chemical** hazards.

### **PSU team**

PSU stands for "Psycho-Social Support". Firefighters are supported after difficult operations in order to be able to process these operations. Stressful operations are followed up.

## **Mission statement**

**Fire protection - Assistance - Rescue service**


**Bocholt fire brigade**

**close to the people - attractive - innovative**

- People are at the centre of everything we do.
- We help as unbureaucratically and as close to the people as possible.
- Our dealings with each other are characterised by appreciation, openness and fairness.
- We are a reliable and loyal team with creativity and initiative.
- We take a responsible and supportive approach to promoting young talent and the volunteer fire service.
- We achieve and maintain our physical, mental and professional performance through sport, training and further education.

- We utilise change as an opportunity for further development.
- We utilise our means and resources economically and in an environmentally friendly manner
- We never stop improving.

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### Over 14,000 deployments per year

Every year, the Bocholt fire brigade responds to an average of 800 fire-fighting missions and 13,500 rescue and ambulance missions. In order to meet the demands of fire-fighting, technical assistance, environmental protection and rescue services, it has a modern fleet of vehicles.

### Training in our own academy

Both full-time and volunteer [firefighters](#) are trained to the latest standards at the [fire and rescue service's own academy](#). Paramedics, emergency paramedics and fire chiefs are trained.

Would you like to work in the [volunteer fire brigade](#) in a highly motivated and well-trained team with modern vehicles and equipment? Call us: **02871/2103 102**

### Suderwick district with its own fire station

In watch area 2 in the Suderwick district, there is another fire station with 42 volunteers. During the day, they are supported by a unit from the Dutch Brandweer Dinxperlo (NL).

## German-Dutch cooperation



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Catastrophes and emergencies do not stop at borders: that is why the Bocholt fire brigade and the Dutch Brandweer work closely together. They are improving the protection of the population across the border.

The aim of the "Crossfire" project is a joint fire station in the immediate vicinity of the border.

[Learn more about Crossfire...](#) 

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