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Fire and rescue station

New emergency vehicles for the Bocholt fire brigade

Old technology can be replaced // Vehicle fleet up to date again

The Bocholt fire brigade received three new emergency vehicles at the end of 2022. The vehicles were put out to tender throughout Europe in 2019 and delivered to the Bocholt fire brigade after a construction period of approx. 2 ½ years.

"The "old" vehicles have been replaced by modern vehicle technology due to the fixed depreciation periods," reports the head of the Operational Services Division, Dirk Arping, from the Bocholt Fire Brigade.

The command vehicle replaces a 22-year-old vehicle and has state-of-the-art radio and communication systems. It is used for command and control of large-scale operations and has two communication workstations.

The auxiliary fire-fighting vehicle is used to deal with fire emergencies and traffic accidents with trapped persons. It is manned by the full-time fire and rescue station. The hydraulic rescue kit was taken over from the previous vehicle. An older vehicle of the same type is thus transferred to the volunteer fire brigade.

The new turntable ladder replaces a 20-year-old vehicle. It is needed to provide the second escape route for rescuing people. The vehicle can also be used to fight large fires or to support the rescue service in rescuing people from a flat through the window with a stretcher.

The auxiliary fire-fighting vehicle and the turntable ladder are already in use. The command vehicle is expected to enter service at the beginning of February.

"We were able to continue to bring the vehicle fleet up to the state of the art with the replacement purchases. We would also like to thank the representatives of the council and the administration who agreed to the procurement or supported the procurement process. The Bocholt fire brigade is now well equipped with the necessary tools," reports the head of the fire brigade, Thomas Deckers.





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