

Search and Rescue training ground

Rubble training center

Rubble training center is specialized area in which are simulated conditions of collapsed buildings. This can be caused by earthquakes, man-made disasters or complex emergencies. In this area is possible to perform exercises and trainings for different scenarios in urban search and rescue operations. Also is possible to test and train coordination with various units, teams and stakeholders.

Current situation

Specialized training center is not existing right now in Slovak republic. All trainings and exercises are conducted in temporary and improvised conditions. In these conditions it is not possible do perform each task and SAR teams are forced to search for new areas. In neighbour countries these specialized training centers already exists and they are used for international exercises which is key element for exchange of experiences.

Main goal of project

Whole area will be surrounded by fence and it will be divided into two parts.

In first part will be mainly light rubble (e.g. bricks, wood, small pieces of concrete) this is suitable for creating hides 1.5 meter below surface

In second part will be mostly big concrete blocks and reinforced concrete blocks. This part can serve also for firefighter exercises and rescue exercises.

In training center will be also obstacles for obedience and dexterity for k9 SAR dogs.

2018

Our organization started building specialized training ground for these units in 2016. Our training base occupies 7.000 m² near Rohoznik, little village 50 km north from Bratislava, 125 km north-east from Vienna (by highway).

Rubble training ground is focused for training SaR K9 team but there is also possibility to train procedures for urban search and rescue teams, medical teams, and other teams which can be deployed during mass-casualty incidents (focused on earthquake, building collapse, car accident).

For K9 teams we have already prepared training ground for obedience and dexterity. There are 50 different hides prepared for training, to simulate real scenarios which you can meet during the deployment.

Training center is prepared for procedures and scenarios according to INSARAG guidelines (breaching, shoring, cutting, cribbing and many others). In case of special needs, we can prepare it in advance before your visit. All procedures can be also performed in confined space.

Of course, creating and improving center like this, is never ending story. Training center is updated each month, providing and improving the best way how to prepare for real scenarios during deployment in case of mass-casualty incidents.

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