

Wild Fire Fighting Safety: “ The Fire Engine becomes The Ultimate Shelter”

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Abstract

The end of the last century was marked by a recrudescence of accidents, fatalities included, during Wild FIRE Fighting in France. The accidents were generally the consequence of a sudden inflammations. Fire Fighters where found dead burned when tryng to escape the fire, running away.

An official Government Report about Fire Safety (rapport Pourny) proposed to reconsider the tactical approach of an situation of escaping. Considering that during a Defensive phase of fighting, Fire Fighters are never very far from their Fire Engine, the report proposes to regard the Fire Truck as an “Ultimate Shelter”. Consequently the French Standards of Wild Fire Engines are evolving radically. Moreover the protocols of FIRE Protection of an Engine or of a Platoon must hold account of the new standards.

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