

## Different Training Models for Volunteer Firefighters in Ukraine

The process of decentralization in Ukraine started in 2014 with the adoption of the Concept for the reform of local self-government and territorial organization of power. In accordance with the provisions of the European Charter of Local Self-Government this process allowed the formation of a significant and efficient institute of local self-government at the basic level - united territorial communities.

The main strategic goal of the reform is the creation of conditions for the dynamic development of the regions and the provision of high-quality and affordable public services to the citizens.

It is important to note that after the Government approved new reforms, the gradual reform of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine began. This applies to the construction of new fire stations, as well as the renovation of the old ones. There will also be many volunteer stations.

One of the key directions for the reform of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine is the creation of new and re-equipment of existing local and volunteer fire brigades, as well as the involvement of a large number of firefighters to ensure fire safety in the united territorial communities.

The system of volunteer fire protection in Ukraine is being reformed in accordance with the experience of Germany and Poland. In recent years, cooperation with international partners in this direction is intensified.

Regarding educational perspectives, the reform assumes that the heads of volunteer and local fire brigades must obtain an educational bachelor's degree in specialty 261 "Fire safety" in the higher educational establishment of the State Emergency Service system. Specialized Training programs for volunteer firefighters in Ukraine, depending on the geographical location and the needs of the territorial communities were created:

1. Fire prevention activities.
2. Tactics of fire extinguishing and emergency response reduction:
  - emergency and rescue works on water objects;
  - emergency and rescue works on transport;
  - fire extinguishing and rescue works in industrial enterprises;
  - fire extinguishing and rescue works in settlements;
  - extinguishing fires in natural ecosystems;
  - fire and rescue equipment.

In order to consolidate the theoretical knowledge and acquiring practical skills in accordance with the indicated training programs, it is envisaged to practice process-oriented training on the territory of the educational institution and on other objects.

**Fire fighting and rescue operations** are aimed at acquiring theoretical knowledge and practical skills of cadets and students in the organization and tactics of extinguishing fires and carrying out emergency rescue works on various objects and infrastructures of settlements.

**The extinguishing of fires in ecosystems** involves studying the characteristics of forest fire and peat fires. Practical testing of exercises is carried out in forests and peatlands of Cherkasy region.

**The extinguishing of fires in civil buildings** involves carrying out works in a smoky environment, conducting reconnaissance, providing medical assistance, emergency de-energization of the objects, etc.

Practical exercises on the extinguishing of fires at the industrial enterprises are carried out on the relevant objects of the city. Since industrial enterprises have a rich technological process, options for extinguishing fires are considered at various technological installations (sites, workshops).

In addition to theoretical and practical classes, cadets and students during their studies are involved into extinguishing of fire and the liquidation of consequences of the emergencies, which arise within the boundaries of the Cherkasy region. For example, after storms, floods and other troubles.