

The **basic function** of the Disaster Management Directorate of Somogy County (DMDS) is protecting the lives and the property of the population living in Somogy County and insuring the safe operation of the national economy and protecting the elements of the critical infrastructure. It is a highly important **public safety task**; therefore DMDS is a law enforcement body with a national competence.

Its main mission is **preventing** disasters as an authority; carrying out **rescue** operations in civil emergencies; organizing and controlling **protection** activities; eliminating the negative consequences of emergencies and performing **reconstruction** and **rehabilitation**.

In order to fulfill its function:

- It possesses a wide range of industrial safety, fire safety and civil protection **authoritative competences**: regulates, permits, prohibits, restricts, controls and sanctions. In order to prevent emergencies it coordinates the activities of other authorities.
- It has county and local **professional organizations**, voluntary and obligated civil protection bodies, a large **pool of equipment**, a well-established **logistics** background.
- It possesses important competences in identifying and monitoring the **critical infrastructure** in Somogy County, and in **civil emergency planning**, in **defense/protection administration**, in the **mobilization** of the **national economy**.
- It regulates and directly commands and controls the national **fire protection system**. Its local on-call professional bodies perform firefighting and conduct technical rescue operations, protect, inform and alert the population. It controls the participation of municipal and industrial fire brigades, and voluntary fire associations in firefighting and technical rescue operations. It effectuates the county level deployment control.
- It maintains **international relations**, based on bilateral agreements.
- It maintains an up-to-date telecommunications network, a **deployment control** and **IT system**, furthermore, measuring, detecting and public alert systems, covering the entire area of the county.
- It **cooperates** with other law enforcement bodies, the Hungarian Defense Forces, municipalities and other authorities ensuring public safety.
- It **maintains relations** with non-governmental and charitable organizations, with their federations, educational and scientific institutions and the media.