

The Civil Protection Department



The Civil Protection Act was enacted under Chapter 411 of the Laws of Malta in 1999. The main functions of the Civil Protection Department are;

- to prepare contingency plans to respond to a disaster as well as to natural, industrial and other emergencies that may occur
- to organise and co-ordinate training facilities and courses for personnel that may be required in a national or regional disaster or in an emergency as aforesaid;
- to establish the infrastructural set-up required to ensure co-ordination between the various departments of Government, local councils and nongovernmental organisations which can be called upon to respond in a national or regional disaster or in an emergency as aforesaid;



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- to carry out vulnerability and risk assessment studies;
- to promote public awareness of civil protection issues;
- to maintain an assistance and rescue force;
- to prepare regulations under this Act and under the <u>Emergency Powers Act</u> that may be required to respond to a national or regional disaster or an emergency as aforesaid; and
- in general to perform such other functions in connection with civil protection as the Minister may from time to time assign to it.



Furthermore the Civil Protection Act empowers the highest ranking officer present in an emergency to;

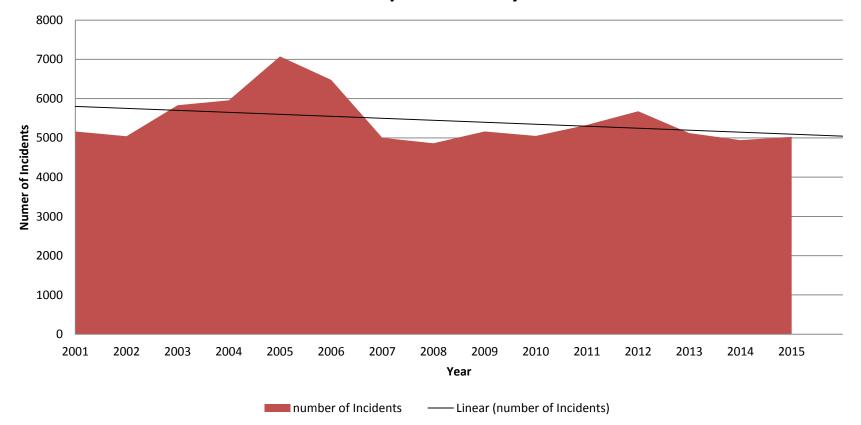
- to order the immediate requisition of any movable or immovable thing, which is indispensably necessary in his judgement for any operation;
- to order the evacuation from any premises of persons and to debar any person from entering on any such premises;
- to enter any premises, including a private residence, at any time without the need of a warrant from any higher authority;
- to cause damage to private property where this is indispensably necessary to avoid any threat to the life of others, or the spreading of the effects of any event.



The following is a breakdown of Civil Emergencies that the Civil Protection responded to during its 17 years of operations.



Incidents responded to by the CPD





Statistics from January 2015 till -

December 2015

Fire Stations Incidents

Vehicles / Trucks	152	29
Rubbish / Skips	227	30
Grass / Trees	1,326	26
Gas Lkg / Gas Fire	13	9
Houses / Apartments	124	28
Shops / Restaurant	12	8
Hotel / Gst Houses	12	-
Factories / Hospitals	19	-
Electrical Fires	26	-
Ind Stores /	4	-
Oil Spillages /	1,462	22
RTA's /	74	1
Farms / Scrap Yard Fire	7	3
Ind Garage/ Hse Garage	6	18
Sea Craft Pmp / S.C Fires	2	8
Floods / Floods Pumping	11	1
Collapsed Building/	4	-
Rescue of Persons /	44	1
F. Work Factories /	-	-
Historical Buildings /	-	-
Animal Rescue /	53	-
Assistance / PLO	579	162
Others /	138	3
False Alarms / Hoax	225	6

Marine Section Incidents

R.O Vehicle from Sea	1	-
Ship Fire / Boat Fire	2	-
Assistance at Sea	3	-
False Alarm / Hoax	-	-
Pumping / Floods Pumping	27	-
Site of Large fish	-	-
Boat Adrift / Aground	-	-
Rescue of Person at Sea	-	-
Search Msng Person at Sea	-	-
Rescue Diving	3	-
Rescue of Animals / Birds	1	-
Reptiles	-	-
Oil Spills / Oil Slicks or Drums	31	-
Stand by duty / Detail	5	-
Dead person at sea	-	-
HAZMAT	-	-
Chemical / Organic chemicals	13	-
Radiation	-	-
Bio-logical	1	-
Inspection	10	-
Strange ouder	20	-
Gas Leakage / or LPG	26	-
Others	6	-

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Dog Section Incidents

DogSearch	1	-
Assistance - Sierra 1	-	-
Assistance - Sierra 2	-	-
Assistance - Sierra 3	-	-
Assistance - Sierra 4	-	-
Assistance - Sierra 5	-	-
Assistance - Sierra 6	-	-
Assistance - Police	1	-
Assistance - Animal Welfare	-	-
Others /	1	-
False Alarm / Hoax	-	-

Total

4875

149

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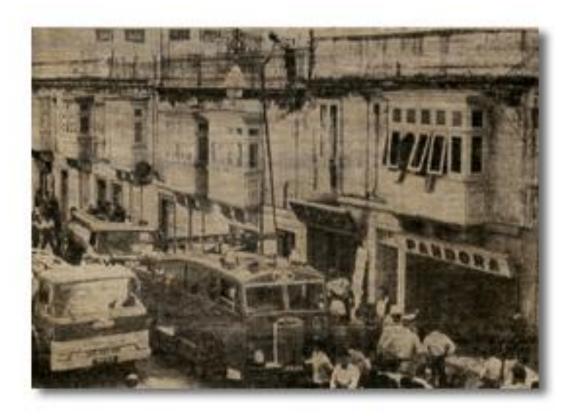


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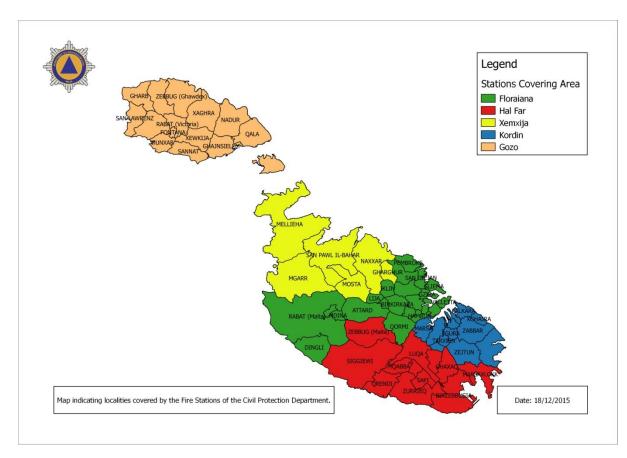


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Fire Appliance Fleet





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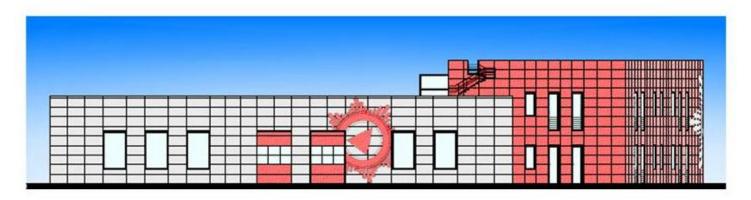
Civil Protection Department duties

- conduct training for government departments in general
- conduct awareness sessions for the general public as requested
- CPD is the main point of contact with the EU Civil Protection mechanism
- maintain National Contingency Plans as well as external emergency plans of all Seveso sites and major CI sites.
- provide consultancy to the planning authority on fire safety matters.
- educate the general public on CP matters and provide crisis communications in times of national emergencies.
- maintain a Volunteer force as well as liaise with Local NGO's



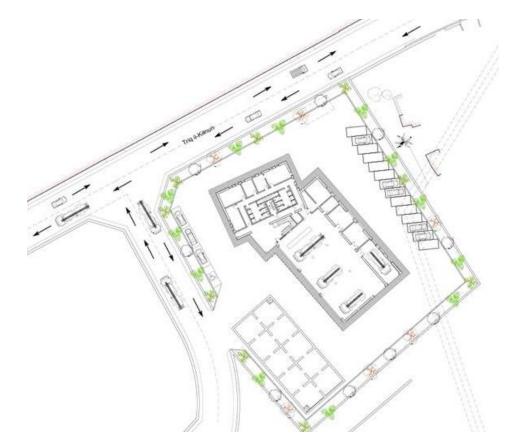
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Past Incidents







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