

## Facts and Figures

### 1. City of Berlin

3.4	Mio	population				70	km	motorway
892	km <sup>2</sup>	total area	1		Airport (Tegel)	400	km	railway, national train
160	km <sup>2</sup>	wooded area	1		Airport (Schönfeld, in the surrounding area of Berlin)	150	km	underground
60	km <sup>2</sup>	water area	38		Hospitals	330	km	urban train

### 2. Organization

The Berlin Fire Brigade was founded by the Royal Chief Fire Officer Ludwig-Carl Scabell 1851 as a Royal-Prussian Fire Brigade. Today, the authority is led by Chief Fire Officer Wilfried Gräfling and Deputy Chief Fire Officer Karsten Göwecke. The Berlin Fire Brigade is divided in chief's office ("Staff" and "General Planning") and 3 districts: North, West, South and 5 Service Units: Command and Control Centre, Budget and Internal Services, Training School, Vehicles and Gears, Information and Communications.

37 fire stations

58 voluntary fire brigades, 41 with own response area

19 Medical service points (located in hospitals and in the fire stations )

46 youth fire brigades (stationed at voluntary fire stations)

6 non-public fire brigades (industrial fire brigades)

### 3. Staff

3,230 fire fighters (civil servants and employees ready for use)

220 staff on basic training

596 employees, workers and civil servants (workshop and administration)

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**4,046 Total**

1,360 voluntary fire fighters (110 women)

787 members of youth fire brigades (121 girls) aged between of 9 and 17 years

Professional fire fighters on service:

587 in a Day-shift

557 in a Night-shift (less incidents = less vehicles)

## 4. Vehicles

- 248 fire appliances
- 41 turntable ladders  
(39 turntable ladders 30 m/1 ladder 37 m, 1 skylift 50 m)
- 177 ambulances  
(151 ambulances, 25 ambulances with doctor, 1 another kind of transport: e.g. vehicle for transport hospital beds, baby ambulances with doctor)
- 221 other vehicles (lorries, vehicles for officers in charge and disaster control)

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### 687 Total

- 42 roll-off equipment carriers for special incidents
- 78 trailers
- 91 rescue boats and fireboats

## 5. Budget 2008

<b>76.9</b>	<b>Mio €</b>	<b>Income (mostly by emergency medical service)</b>
150.7	Mio €	costs for staff (wages)
72.7	Mio €	costs of consumption/investment (buildings and IT- equipment)
10.5	Mio €	vehicles and equipment
<b>233.9</b>	<b>Mio €</b>	<b>total expenses</b>

## 6. Operation Figures

Year	Fire	Fire death	Technical Assistance	Emergency Medical Service	False Alarms	Total	+/- % compared to previous year
2004	6,900	44	20,600	217,400	34,000	<b>278,944</b>	- 3.1
2005	7,200	44	19,600	230,400	34,800	<b>292,000</b>	+ 4.7
2006	8,200	32	28,300	236,100	37,500	<b>310,200</b>	+ 5.8
2007	7,100	27	31,000	291,000	65,000	<b>394,700</b>	+27.2
2008	8,100	27	26,000	253,500	65,000	<b>405,000</b>	+2.61