

The Mandate of the Task Group Regarding the Transfer of the National Emergency Management Agency under Danish Defence

A decision has been made to gather the tasks of the national emergency management agency under Danish Defence. In the light of this decision, a task group has been appointed and charged with the task of drafting a proposal for the best possible integration of the national emergency management response and Danish Defence.

It is generally perceived that two factors are of particular importance for the successful integration of the national emergency management effort and Danish Defence. Firstly, it must be ensured that the integration of the national emergency management agency and Danish Defence causes the greatest possible synergising and strengthening of the overall emergency management capability. Secondly, it must be ensured that the efficient management of the daily emergency management organisation is upheld and developed.

It is noted that the political agreement on the emergency management organisation after 2002 which was entered into by all parties of the Danish parliament on 21 June 2002 runs until the end of 2006.

In the light of this, the task group must set up models for the integration of the national emergency management agency and Danish Defence. Among other things, the models must involve proposals for

- Handling official tasks and tasks regarding coordination, management and development of the overall emergency management organisation.
- The voluntary aspect.
- The future command structure.
- The future establishment structure.
- The future conscript training programme.
- The future depot, maintenance facilities and distribution structure.
- The future school structure.
- The future, interdepartmental services within Danish Defence, such as the Personnel Service, Material Service, Construction Service, Accounting Service, etc.
- International missions
- The chemical and nuclear emergency response, including a consideration of the working relationships with the radiological and biological emergency response units.

The most expedient implementation of each individual element, including the date of integration, should be considered.

In conjunction with setting up the models, the task group must also describe the technical and financial benefits and drawbacks connected to the models.

The task group comprises representatives from the Department of the Ministry of Defence (chairman), the Defence Command, the Department of the Ministry of the

Interior and the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Justice, the Emergency Management Agency and the Department of the Ministry of Finance.

The Agency for Governmental Management, which possesses unusual expertise regarding the most appropriate organisation of public officials, will assist the task group in connection with the planning, process organisation, analyses and preparation of papers, including model proposals, etc.

The results of the task group's efforts are to be presented to the Government's Coordination Committee by the end of 2004.