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## **CP YOUNG RESCUERS**

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Good cooperation of all rescue services when dealing with emergencies is one of the preconditions for quality managing of their consequences. That is why the members of the Civil Protection Joint Unit for the territory needs of Senica and Skalica Districts take part in several joint exercises with other rescue services every year. So it is

this year participating in two such events in April. The first one was Presentation of Voluntary Rescue Services Activities, on April 6, organized by the Voluntary Fire Brigade of the town of Senica. The second event that the members of the Civil Protection Joint Unit participated in was the co-operation exercise titled SENNIK 2019 (Hayloft 2019). It was held on April 26 in the village of Sobotište. Together with our unit the Fire and Rescue Brigade unit and 9 Voluntary Fire Brigades took part in it. The topic of the exercise was high-capacity hayloft firefighting using remote water transport. Read more on pages 9 to 10.

Dealing with consequences of emergencies and major incidents with mass casualties is provided by rescue services organized in the integrated rescue system in Slovakia. Considering the character of the emergencies that usually

occur, two basic services are used the most on the site/location – fire and rescue brigade and medical rescue services. Existing experience of the rescue services practice points out the fact that in major emergencies in particular, knowledge of competences, procedures and operations of the IRS rescue services on the emergency site, is



absent! This drawback can be removed by expert training of rescue services and implementation of cooperation tactical exercises with specific orientation. With this aim, the second tactical exercise titled Kysak 2019 was held in the Training Centre of the University of Security Management in Košice. Read more on pages 28 to 29.

From April 17th to May 17th district rounds of the Civil Protection Young Rescuers Competition took place in each district. Some districts organized the competition solo; in other districts merged district rounds were held.



More than 700 competing teams took part in them. Teams placed at three first positions at the district rounds advanced to regional rounds. Three best teams from each region take part in the Civil Protection Young Rescuers Competition Championship. This year it will be held in the recreation facility of Vihorlat at Snina ponds, Slova-

kia. (Sninske rybniky). During this year's district rounds the weather was not on the side of both organizers and competitors. Rain and cold made organizers to use so called a wet variant of the competition, it means to hold it in inner spaces, to leave out some competition events or to shorten the competition track. In this issue of the journal we report on the district rounds in 7 districts. Read more on pages 46 to 50.