

THW: The Federal Agency for Technical Relief



THW - a governmental organisation
based on volunteers

THW

- Founded in 1950 as a public agency belonging to the Federal Ministry of the Interior
- 80,000 Volunteers
- 800 full time
- Annual budget of ~180 Mio €
- Mandate:
 - Local and national disaster relief on request of the local authority (e.g. Fire Department)
 - International operations on behalf of the Federal Government



Structure of THW

- 80.000 volunteers,
800 staff
- 668 local sections all over
Germany (volunteers only)
- 66 regional offices
- 8 state associations
- National School in Hoya
(Bremen) and in
Neuhausen (Stuttgart)
- Headquarters in Bonn



Technical platoon

- In every local section (668)
- Basis for all THW-units
- Standardised all over Germany



Regional units

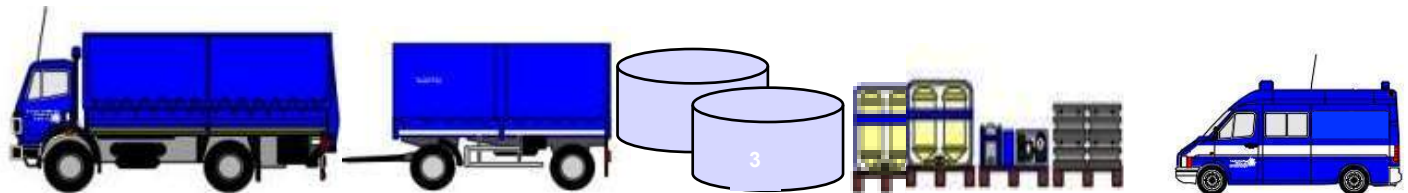
- In all 66 regions
- Specialised units: e.g. location, water hazards, electrical infrastructure etc.



Over regional units

- In all 8 state associations
- Highly specialised units: e.g. bridge building, water supply etc.

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Modular system - national



Locate



Cleaning



Vacate



Coordinate



Repairs



Pumping



Catering



Illuminate



Wire



Blast



Re-build



Purify

Modular system international



SEEBBA



SEEWA



HCP-Module



SEC



ETS-Modul



Camp Support



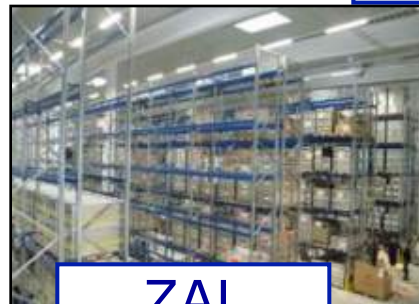
Experts



ICT/Admin
Support/TAST



SEE-Lift



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Basic training at local sections



- 75 training units, 45 min. each
- In the evening or during weekends (out of regular working hours)
- mix of lectures and practice
- common curricula, standardised examination

- Basic knowledge on: THW & Civil Protection, Safety and Security, Rescue Basics, Operations in general, First Aid etc.



Advanced training at schools

Training Centre Hoya
(technical training)



THW Training Centre
Neuhausen
(leadership training,
International training)



Coordination of THW units

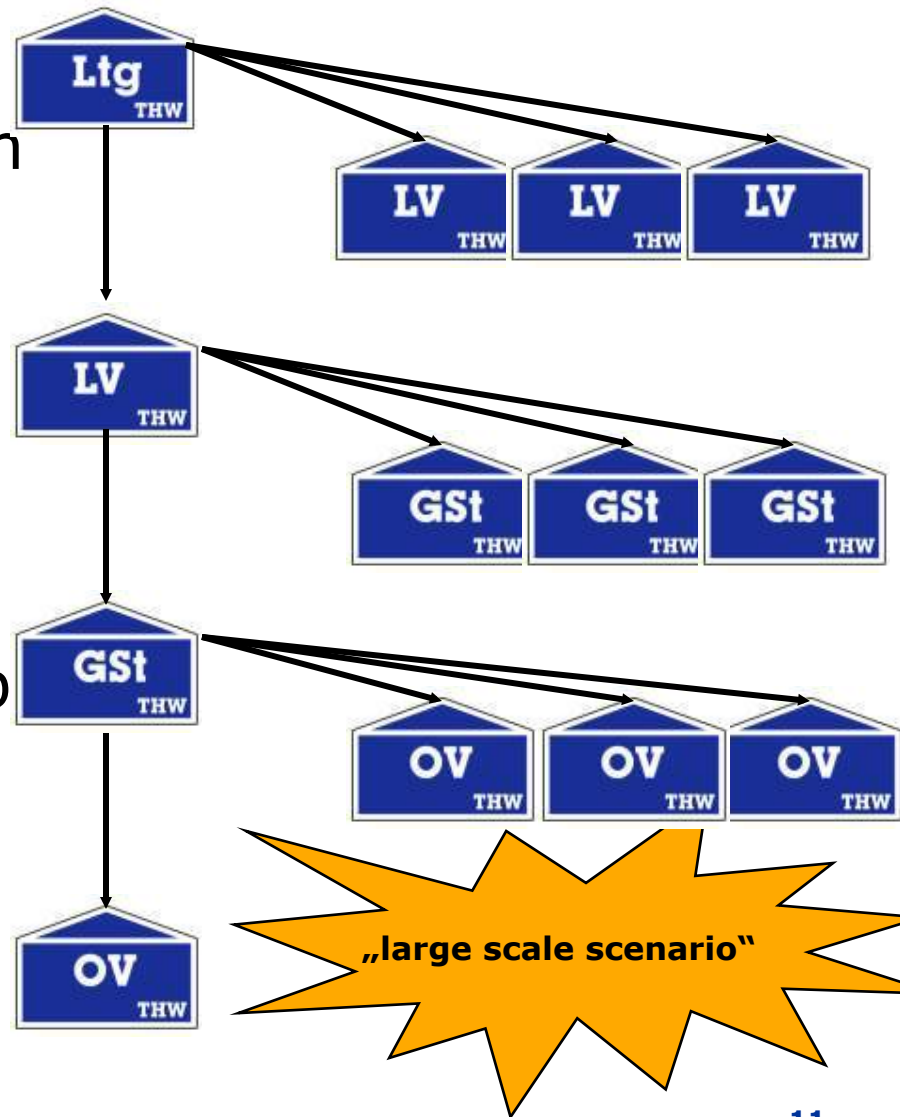


International and nationwide coordination by the headquarters

Supra-regional coordination by the state associations

Regional coordination by the regional offices

Local interventions by the local sections



Thank you!



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