



New from MAN ProfiDrive: specialist driver training for emergency workers

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Training ensures safety for the fire service, THW and rescue service operators during the emergency callout.

The specialist training from MAN ProfiDrive for drivers of emergency services vehicles is based on four key elements:

Vehicle instruction: The aim here is to optimise the use of vehicle technology. ProfiDrive trainers spend an entire day in explaining the MAN emergency vehicle. A balance of theory and practice ensures that correct conduct on the emergency callout is revisited and revised, that participants are familiar with switches and operating equipment, are able to deploy all-wheel-drive technology using locking management appropriate to the situation and feel secure when using the vehicle.

Driver safety training: Here the aim will be to learn to control the MAN fire service vehicle in extreme driving situations. This will take place in a driver safety centre or at another location prepared for the purpose. Once relevant factors relating to the physics of driving, tyres, assistance systems and other external influences have been discussed in theory, then the practical begins. Experienced drivers provide tips such as how to cope with critical driving situations. Steering, braking and hazard avoidance on carriageways with different degrees of grip are all on the programme, as well as information about driving uphill, downhill and around bends.

Off-road training: One day's training is scheduled in to ensure that operators can manoeuvre the emergency vehicle safely off road. Traction, tyres, all-wheel drive technology, locks, gears and axles are not only discussed in theory, but extensively put to the test in driving on off-road routes. The aim of the day is to learn to read the terrain and apply the correct technique. In accordance with the EU professional driver guidelines, MAN ProfiDrive has certified training sites in Unterwattenbach near Landshut and in Bad Grönenbach near Memmingen. Training can also be conducted at other locations by agreement and with the relevant preparation.

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Rescue guidelines for fire services MAN has prepared rescue guidelines in collaboration with experts in accidents relating to trucks and buses/coaches. ProfiDrive trainers with experience in a voluntary capacity with a fire service, explain the commercial vehicle technology and the advice for rescue. The fire services use their own rescue equipment with which they are familiar.

Load securing for the THW (Federal Agency for Technical Relief): The fourth topic is aimed in particular at members of the THW, who load rescue equipment on to trucks and multi-purpose vehicles which are used extensively by them. Load securing plays an important role in safe transport. The one day course covers knowledge of vehicle structure, fastening options, securing equipment and loading methods as well as legal provisions, safety regulations and the underlying physical principles involved.

This training concept will be introduced at Interschutz 2015 and is available with immediate effect. The cost of the individual modules differ and are affected by factors such as number of participants, terrain and vehicle availability. The daily rate in Germany for vehicle instruction, rescue guideline training and load securing is € 1,500. Driver safety training - depending on the circumstances - is charged at a basic € 240, and off-road training at € 360 per person. Thanks to the international presence of MAN ProfiDrive, qualified trainers are also available in many other European countries to deliver this training.