

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR CIVIL PROTECTION AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

As part of the Ministry of the Interior, the Directorate General for Civil Protection and Crisis Management (la Direction Générale de la Sécurité Civile et de la Gestion des Crises - DGSCGC) is the central structure which is responsible for the management of risks, whether it consists of accidents in daily life or major disasters.

Under the authority of a « préfet », it comprises some 2.500 civilian and military staff across 60 sites and has its seat in d'Asnières-sur-Seine. On a daily basis, they support the actions of local fire brigades, volunteers, organisations, prefectures and municipalities.

In emergency situations, this panoply of personnel and competencies works in concert with the other ministries, such as the ministry of Defence, Health, Environment and Transport so as to mobilise experts and specialized equipment. At times, these men and women carry the colours of France abroad at the request of a disaster-stricken country.

The DGSCGC has 4 major competencies:

- The direction of fire personnel and other emergency responders
- The operational services and national means
- Crisis planning and management
- Administration and logistics