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On 17 October 2013, “Height 2013” – a seminar on rescue operations carried out at height – was organized in the International Training Center (ITC) in association with the Office of the Klaipėda County Fire And Rescue Board (CFRB).

The competition of the rescue teams was the culmination of the seminar. Rescue teams from the Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipėda fire and rescue services took part in the competition. Besides the participating teams, the heads of the Mažeikiai and Tauragė fire and rescue services were also watching the competition.



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The first competition task was a team one. Each team consisted of three rescuers. The rescue teams had to carry out rescue operations, i.e. to evacuate, safely and as quickly as possible, a casualty (a mannequin) working at height on a suspended platform (comfort podium GG-Span). The task was moderated by specialists of the International Training Center (ITC). The teams performed the task one by one, using a specialized structure designed for the training and skill improvement of rope access technicians.

The second stage of the competition was an individual task. Each competitor had to descend by using climbing equipment, from a height of 12 meters by passing deliberately created obstacles (safe passing of rope knots), thus improving his personal skills as a high-rise rescuer.

According to the results of the competition, specialists of the International Training Center performed an analysis of the actions taken by the participating teams and carried out error correction.

The competition was judged by: rope access instructors from the ITC, heads of the Klaipėda CFRB and a senior specialist of the Incident Management Department of the Fire and Rescue Department (PAGD).

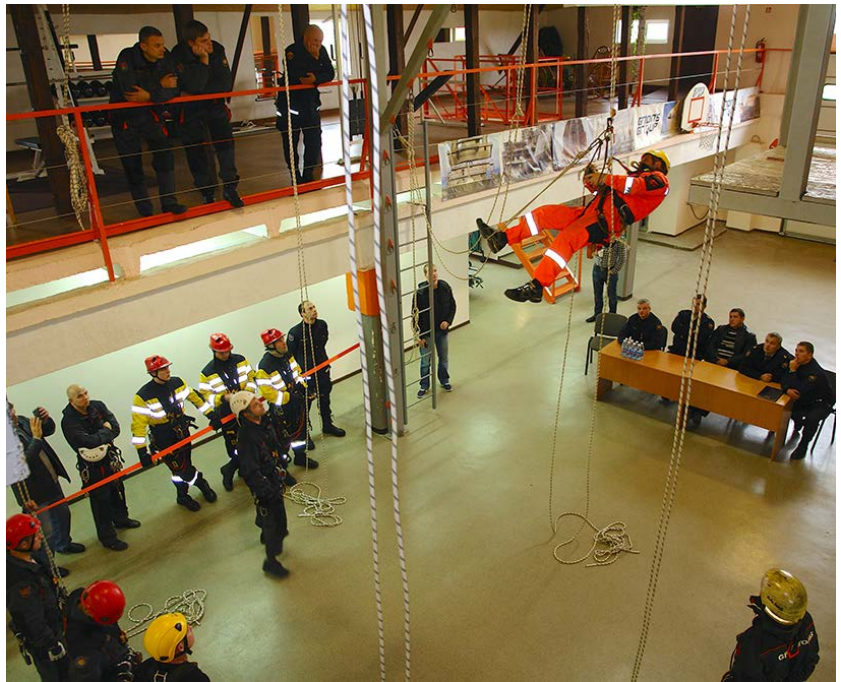
All the teams performed the competition tasks at a high level. The 1st rescue team especially distinguished itself. Such a result was achieved due to the fact that during 2011-2012, the specialists of the Klaipėda City Fire and Rescue Service had undergone informal training in the ITC International Training Center according to the programme “Rescue Operations Performed by Using Climbing Equipment”.

After the competition, all the teams received awards, which were granted to them by Colonel Gedeminas Karalius, head of the CFRB service.

According to the CFRB senior specialist Jan Pavliukovič, this event has met the expectations of both sides. The high-rise rescuers were given a perfect opportunity to develop their skills and improve the coordination and cohesion of their actions when executing rescue operations at height. Meanwhile, the ITC instructors could familiarize themselves with the work specifics of the State Fire and Rescue Service.









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