

ABSTRACT

The work focuses on a historical development of the institute of emergency services as coordinated activities, including development of the personnel and materially-technical provision, legal anchoring and development of field prestige, including the latter-day prestige, with a focus on the territory of the Czech Republic. Therefore, the aim was therefore to map out each period in terms of providing coordinated emergency activities, describe their legal definition in time and record the personnel and materially-technical equipment. Qualitative research investigation using historical analysis together with a study of historical sources, including quantitative survey research for objectification of the data obtained from a questionnaire survey, mapping public opinion not only to the prestige of the field itself, but also through questions corresponding with this area was used for identification of the aforementioned objectives.

The work shows a summary of events set in a historical framework, leading to foundation of the first emergency and rescue service facilities, including their further development. From this point of view, it presents not only the individual periods, but also the providers of these activities. It presents development of the legal definition of emergency services as well as personnel and materially-technical conditions of the providers in various time periods. It answers the questions concerning the prestige of the field as well as its historical development. This information may serve not only to those who are interested in the history, but also to the healthcare professionals who provide such services or prepare for the performance.

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