

DISASTER MANAGEMENT: PREPAREDNESS FOR THE CHALLENGES

Rapid response system

- construction principles, resource provision, international cooperation

The basic instrument governing the management of crisis in Poland:

- Act of 26 April 2007 on Crisis Management

Emergency management:

- preventing emergencies;
- taking control during emergencies;
- responding in the event of emergencies;
- removing the effects;

The structure of the authorities appropriate for the emergency management:

- state;
- province (voivodship);
- district (powiat);
- commune;

The structure – Level I (central):

- The Council of Ministers;
 - Prime Minister;
 - Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration;
 - Government Group for Emergency Management;
 - Government Security Centre.
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- Emergency Management Groups;
 - Emergency Management Centres;

Emergency Management Centres:

- performing round-the-clock duty in order to ensure information flow for emergency management needs;
- exercising supervision over the functioning of the detection and alert system and the early warning system;
- cooperating with the entities responsible for carrying out rescue, search and humanitarian aid actions;
- cooperating at all government administration levels in the scope of informing and transmitting those orders to be carried out;

The structure – Level II (voivodship level):

- Province Governor (Voivod);
- Province Emergency Management Group;
- Provincial Emergency Management Centres;

The structure – Level III (poviat level):

- District Governor (Poviat Starost);
- District Emergency Management Group;
- District Emergency Management Centres;

The structure – Level IV (commune level):

- Commune Head (Town/City Mayor);
- Commune Emergency Management Group;
- Commune (Town/City) Emergency Management Centres (optional);

LEVELS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS:

- State;
- Province;
- District, and;
- Commune;

Structure of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS:

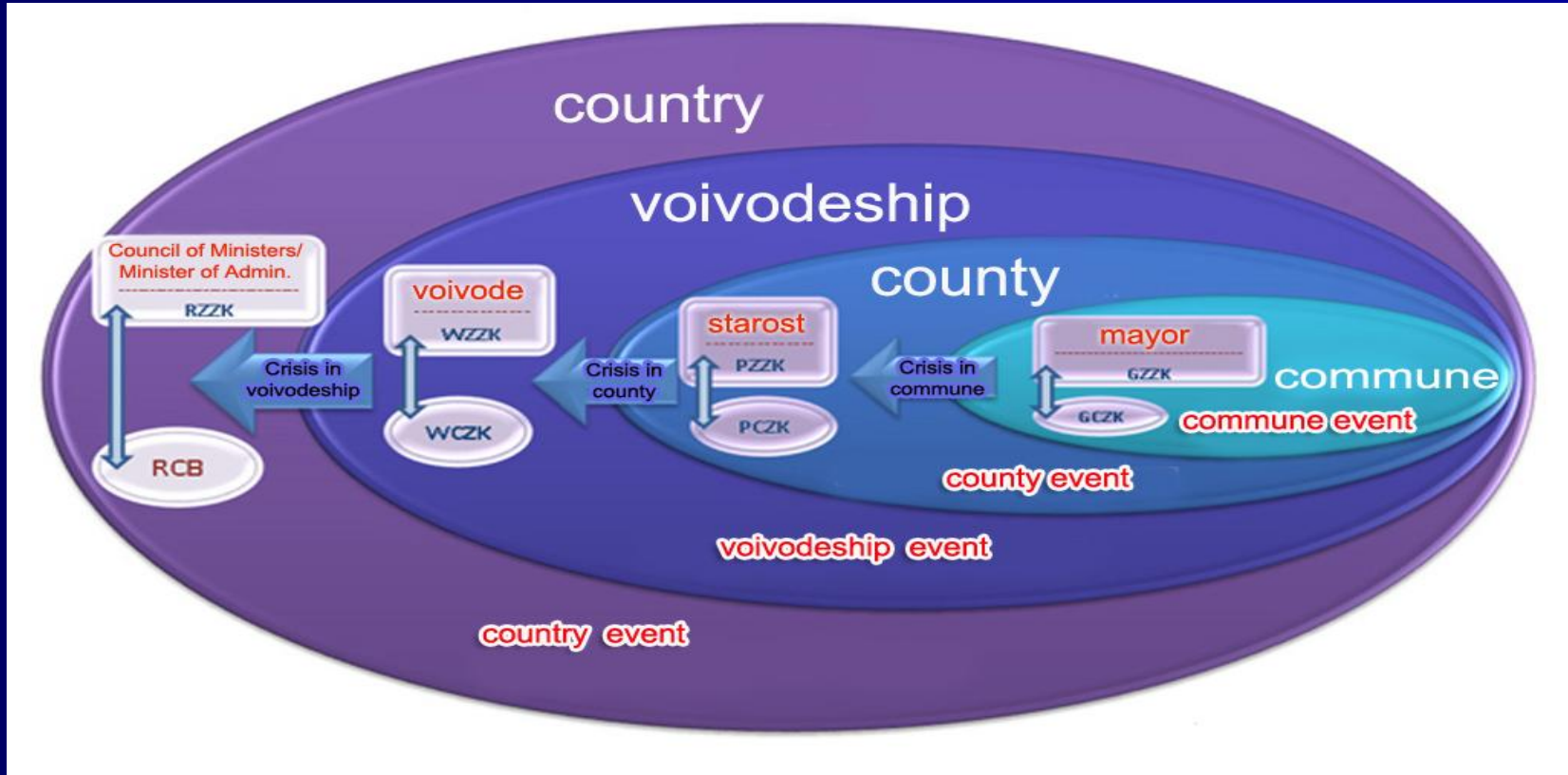
- main plan (threats and forces);
- emergency response procedures (list of undertakings in the event of a specific emergency);
- functional appendices (the typical operational procedures for all entities performing the tasks);

STATUTORY PRACTICE OF THE SERVICES :

- action must be taken by the authority appropriate for emergency management that was the first to learn of the occurrence of a threat;
- inform the high and low level authorities of the occurrence and give its assessment thereof along with information about the intended action.

Local level is the execution level. Other levels mainly perform a role of coordinators.

In an emergency, the province governor (Voivod) may currently apply to the Minister of National Defence for putting the regiments of the Polish Armed Forces at his disposal.



Emergency management

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SYSTEM FINANCING:

1. poviat and commune levels:

- part of the budgets of the communes, districts and province self-governments
- subsidies from the state budget for the financing of the government administration tasks with which they have been entrusted

2. state level:

- part of the state budget in those parts that remain at the disposal of the province governors, the ministers appropriate for the internal affairs and other ministers

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

- Government Security Centre;
- Director of Government Security Centre;