



MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Security challenges and needs

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Building a safe and diverse Finland

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COMMAND & COORDINATION

COMMUNICATION

INFORMATION

ADVICE

THREAT
DANGERS

PREPAREDNESS

monitoring
giving the alarm
protection
evacuation
rescue activity

care
repair
recovery
rebuilding

PREPAREDNESS

LAWS PLANS ORGANISING EQUIPMENT

TRAINING EDUCATION SHELTERS



OUR VISION

- Finland will be the safest country in Europe
- Finland will have a good safety culture and the most effective rescue services in Europe



OUR MISSION

- We are responsible for our service level objectives:
 - Good safety culture
 - Fewer accidents and less damage
 - Fast and effective help in accidents and emergency conditions
 - Good cooperation



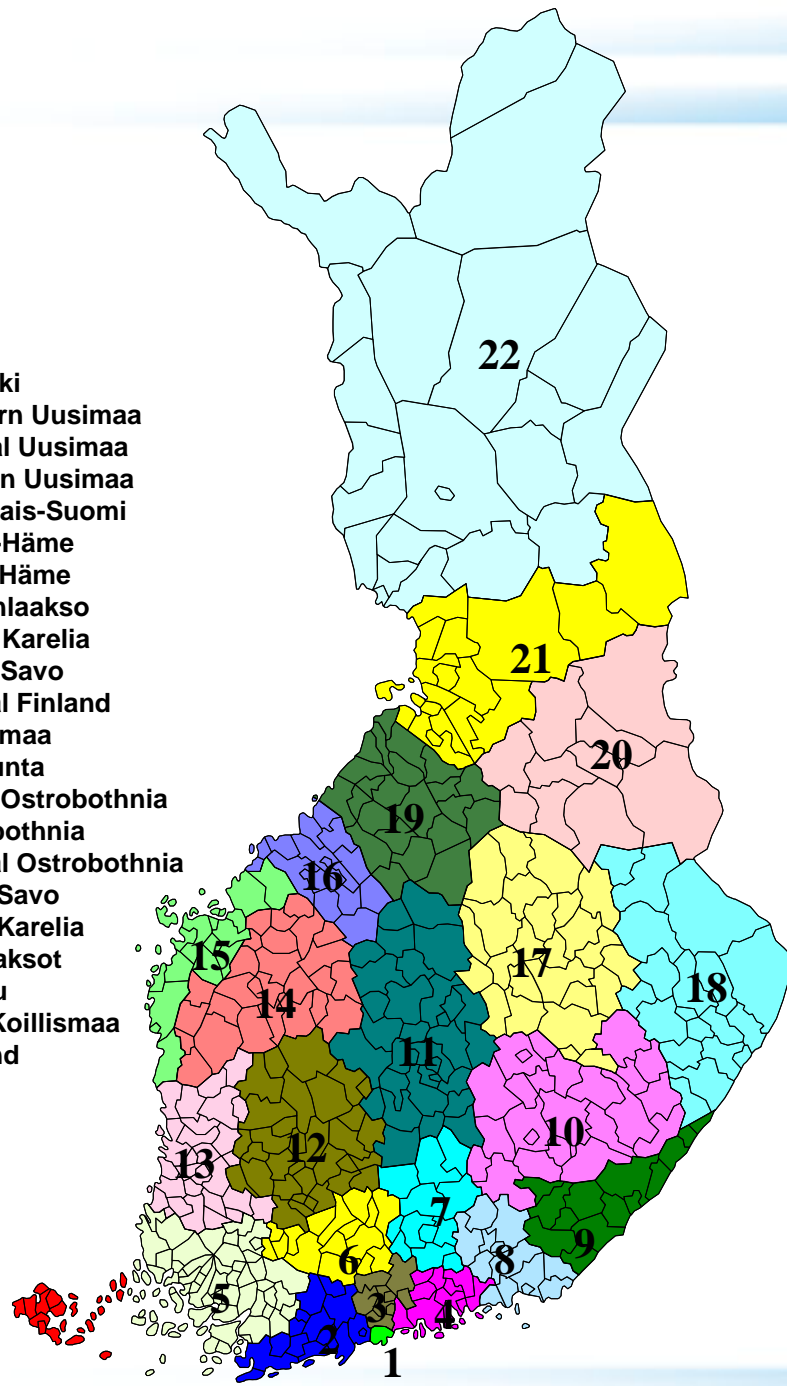
CHALLENGES OF THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

- Increase in risks and vulnerability and “new threats”
- Ageing, migration, multiculturalism, social exclusion
- Availability of workers and volunteers
- Changes in government and structure of society
- Economic pressures
- Internationalisation



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

1. Helsinki
2. Western Uusimaa
3. Central Uusimaa
4. Eastern Uusimaa
5. Varsinais-Suomi
6. Kanta-Häme
7. Päijät-Häme
8. Kymenlaakso
9. South Karelia
10. South Savo
11. Central Finland
12. Pirkanmaa
13. Satakunta
14. South Ostrobothnia
15. Ostrobothnia
16. Central Ostrobothnia
17. North Savo
18. North Karelia
19. Jokilaaksot
20. Kainuu
21. Oulu-Koillismaa
22. Lapland





IN DAILY ACCIDENTS

- Level of preparedness according to risks
- Rescue, police, health care and border guard authorities the most important parties
- Fire service made up of full-time (5,000), voluntary (15,000) and part-time (4,000) staff



IN MAJOR ACCIDENTS

Rescue authorities have general management responsibility and a central role in most types of accident

Joint action by the authorities essential

Additional help from voluntary organisations

Local government responsibilities increasing

Responsibility and self-preparedness of subject emphasised – ensuring continuity of operation etc.

Powers according to normal legislation



IN EMERGENCY CONDITIONS (threat of war and war)

Same threat and war scenario as in military defence as the basis for preparedness

Operation is based on the authorities' tasks and division of responsibility in normal times

Resources to be strengthened

- reserves of staff
- self-preparedness and protection especially important



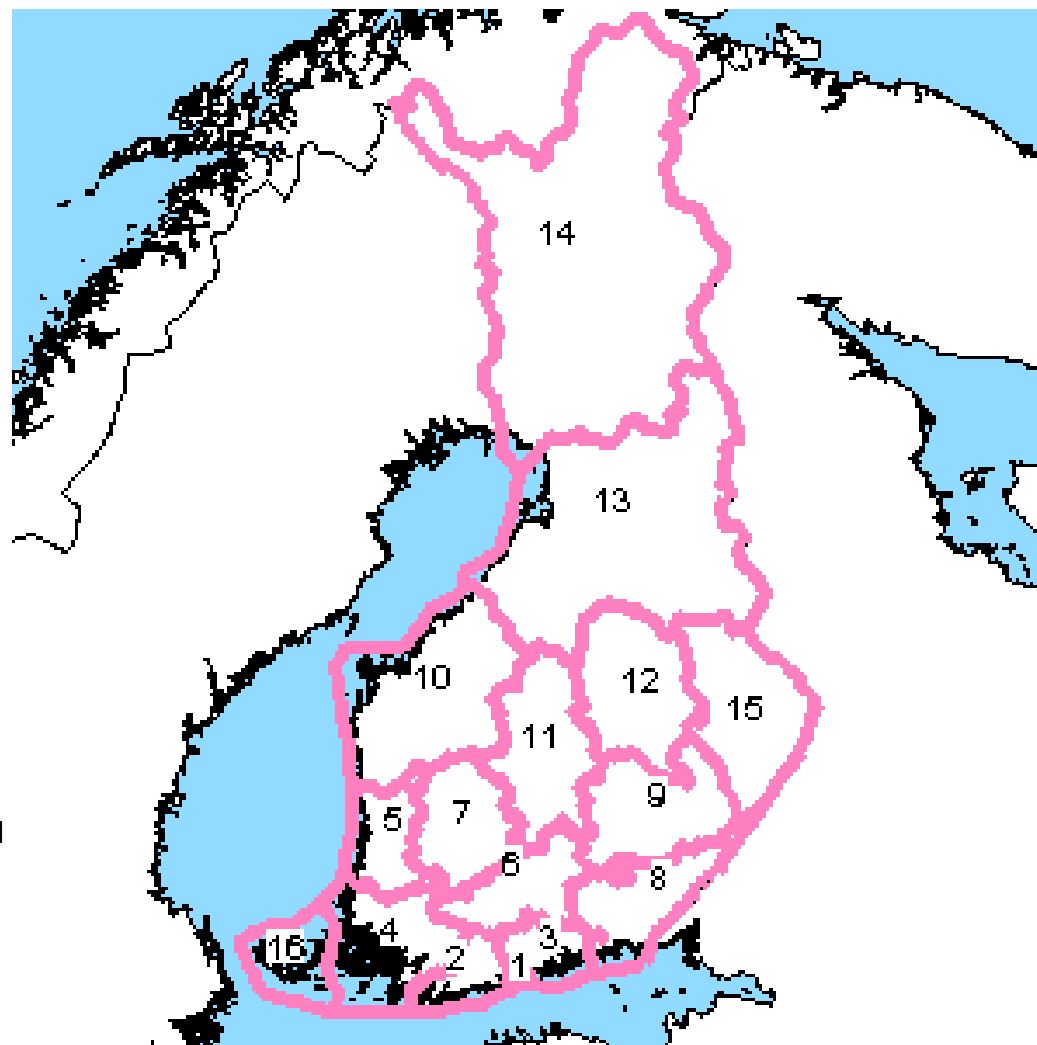
IN EMERGENCY CONDITIONS (threat of war ...)

- More centralised management and control systems
- Civil defence shelters
- Preparedness for evacuation
- Need for exceptional powers



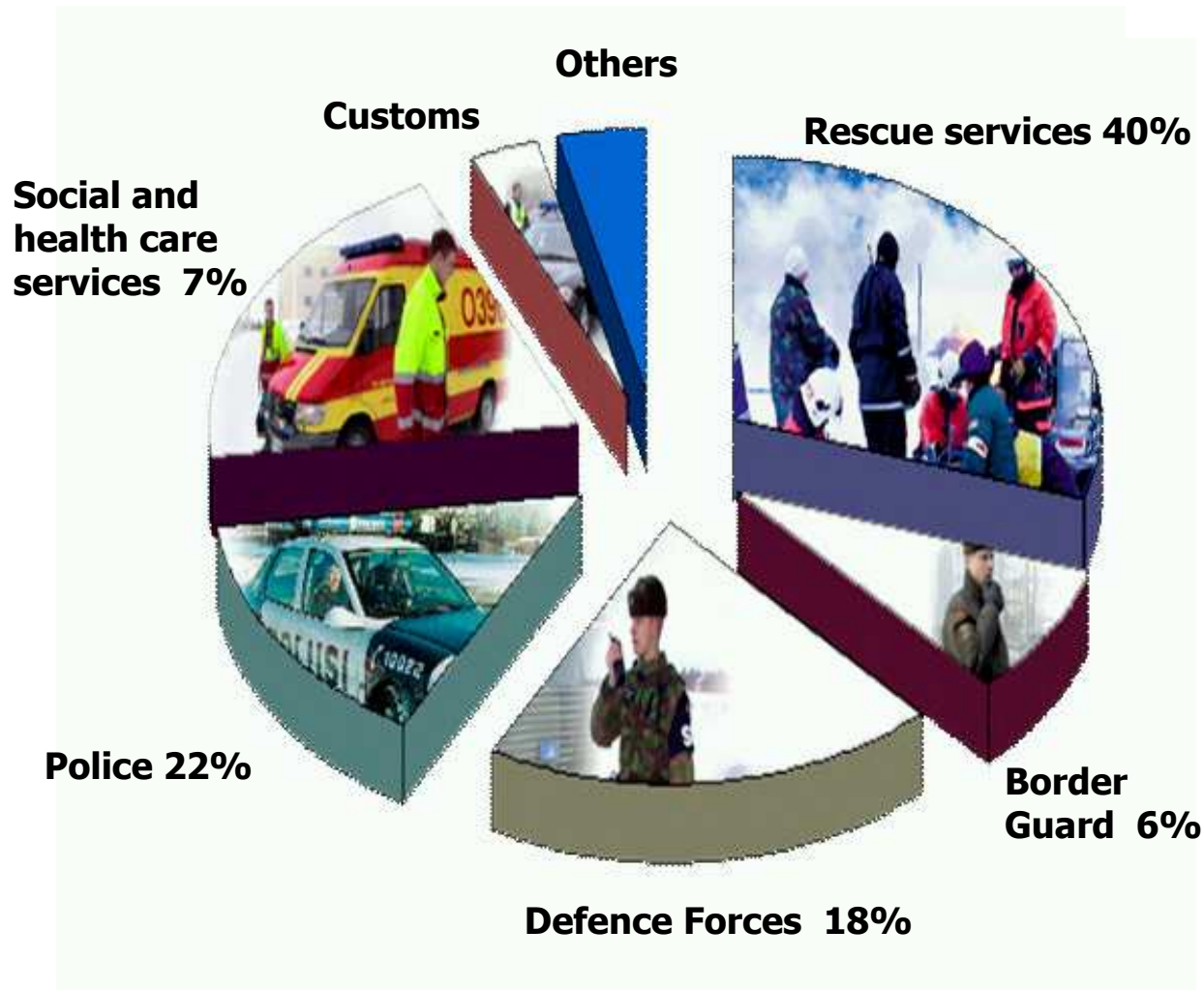
EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRES

- 1 Helsinki
- 2 Western Uusimaa
- 3 Eastern and Central Uusimaa
- 4 Varsinais-Suomi
- 5 Satakunta
- 6 Häme
- 7 Pirkanmaa
- 8 South-East Finland
- 9 South Savo
- 10 Ostrobothnia
- 11 Central Finland
- 12 North Savo
- 13 North Ostrobothnia and Kainuu
- 14 Lapland
- 15 North Karelia
- 16 Åland (its own legislation)





VIRVE, ~100,000 users, 31,000 radios





CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS

- Updating of Rescue Act, emphasis on accident prevention
- Better preparedness for “new threats”
- Development of rescue services as a national service
- Strategy for developing emergency response centres



CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS

(CONTINUED)

- Development of monitoring, alarm and management systems
- Development of crisis communications
- Improving the preparedness of the rescue services to provide international assistance
- Development of safety and security research



RESCUE SERVICES AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

- Relatively dispersed and small sector
- Little of its own product development and research activity
- Procure what is available on the markets
- Large companies in the sector outside the Nordic region
- There could be synergy between the security authorities (police, rescue services, defence...)
- Markets for highly developed special products a possibility
- International interest in the "Nordic countries' model"