



## DJIBOUTI



### **National Inspectorate of Civil Defence** **(Inspection Nationale de la Protection Civile)**

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#### **1. Legislation :**

A first official emergency assistance organisation was set up in 1970 with the creation of the Inspection territoriale des services de secours et incendie -ITSSI, (Assistance and fire services territorial inspectorate) whose staff is seconded from the Garde territoriale (Territorial guard).

In 1980 the ITSSI became the Inspection nationale de la Protection Civile (National inspectorate of Civil Defence) which is an integral part of the Force nationale de Sécurité (National security force).

#### **2. Mission :**

The Civil Defence service has three main functions :

- *Preventing the risk of fire and panic in public establishments:*

To this end, the Civil Defence Inspector has available an Office of Prevention and holds the presidency of two national commissions: the Commission nationale d'hygiène et de sécurité (National commission for hygiene and security), and the Commission d'expertise des immeubles (Buildings evaluation commission).

- *Operational management.*

The Inspector manages all relief operations either from the command post of the Civil Defence Inspectorate or, in most cases, from the field. He also directs all fire-fighting operations.

- *Training (see 6)*

### **3. Organisation :**

The Civil Defence service consists of :

- an Inspectorate and
- three units: City, Balbala and Harbour.

These units intervene in a «first call» sector within ten minutes and support each other. The firemen can be alerted through a single telephone number. Civil Defence's centralised command post manages and coordinates the calls.

At the Inspectorate level, the operational command consists of a commander, the National Inspector of Civil Defence, a captain, a deputy to the Inspector. Two operators from the city barracks man the command post switchboard permanently.

There has been close cooperation with France ever since independence and a professional fire services officer is currently acting as technical counsellor to the Inspector of Civil Defence.

### **4. Staff :**

- Inspectorate: two officers,
- City unit: three officers and seventy men,
- Harbour unit: two officers and twenty-four men,
- Balbala unit: two officers and twenty-four men.

Overall, Civil Defence numbers one hundred and twenty-seven professional firemen who are in charge of all fire-fighting operations, taking care of the wounded on public highways and watching the beaches.

### **5. Training :**

Since 1989, the personnel are trained at the Police School and, mainly, at the Centre for Security Training which trains firemen in particular :

- for the Brevet élémentaire de pompier (Fireman's elementary certificate);
- for the Brevet national de secouriste (national first-aid certificate);
- in resuscitation and roadside rescue.
- in lifeguard skills.

As part of the cooperation with France, many firemen from Djibouti attend specialised courses in France. Some officers have trained at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Officiers Sapeurs-Pompiers-ENSOSP, (Higher national school for officer firemen), in Nainville-Les-Roches.

### **6. Equipment :**

- City: two FPTs, three VSABS, one ICS, a CCGC and two light vehicles
- Harbour: one ICS, a VSAB, a CCIM, a MPR 2000/15
- Balbala: two ICS and a VSAB