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**INTRODUCTION**

The fast pace of industrialization in Tamil Nadu with the extensive use of hazardous materials/chemicals and increased construction of high rise buildings, especially in urban areas, have enhanced the risks due to fire accidents. Fire safety consists of numerous disciplines that begin with proper fire vehicle access to the building, exit requirements in the building design, fire detection and alarm, evacuation and extinguishing of danger. These have to be carefully planned so

that the buildings are properly protected. The increasing fire safety awareness coupled with strict regulatory standards and Government efforts are the requisites for bolstering the safety of people and preventing significant loss due to fire. In addition to their conventional role of firefighting and rescue, the role of this department has dramatically changed over the years and presently the Fire and Rescue Services is called to respond to almost any/all kind of emergencies viz. hazardous material incidents, high angle rescue and confined space rescue incidents, trench and collapse operations, underwater rescue and much more.

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

The motto of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services **Department is “*we serve to save*”** and it is a service oriented department. The department concentrates mainly on fire-fighting and rescue operations. It plays a major role in fire prevention by creating safety awareness among the public through propaganda and publicity and by conducting mock drills in schools and among people visiting commercial complexes and those residing in high-rise buildings. The focus is to provide safety to the public who congregate in public places like commercial establishments, business centers, malls, multiplexes and cinema theatres in Chennai City and major towns in the State.

The Fire and Rescue Services Department is a multi-hazard response unit, which has diverse roles in emergency situations. The Fire and Rescue Services Department undertakes rescue operations during natural calamities, responds to emergency calls in rescuing humans and animals from hard and inaccessible locations. Extrication from vehicle wrecks, retrieval of mortal remains of humans, removal of animal carcasses from water bodies and deployment of the sniffer dog squad to locate missing humans are some other emergency services rendered by the Fire and Rescue Services Department.

It works hand-in-hand with other departments such as the Police, Revenue, Local bodies and the Medical/Health services at times of

threats of terrorist attacks, caste and communal clashes and for bando-bust arrangements during elections, fairs and festivals and during pandemic situations. This Department also undertakes standby arrangements during the visits of VIPs and during important conferences and meetings especially where extensive pandals are erected. Standby arrangements are also provided for private functions on payment of prescribed charges. Further, the department performs an advisory role to the various licensing authorities by issuing No Objection Certificates/Compliance Certificates/Fire Licenses after inspection of premises to ensure that they conform to the stipulations in various Acts and Rules from the fire safety point of view. For the purpose of



prevention of fires through more technology based fire safety enforcement measures, action is being taken to overhaul the existing Fire Services Act, 1985 thoroughly.

### **3. HISTORY**

In the year 1908, a small city-based Fire Fighting Force called "*Madras Fire Brigade*" was formed under the control of the Commissioner of Police, Madras. In the year 1967, the '*Fire Services Department*' was established as a separate entity by carving it out from the Police Department. Thereafter, this Department was entrusted with the dual-tasks of fire fighting and rescue related ambulance services. In the year 2001, this Department was given a new identity

corresponding to its role and renamed as the "**Fire and Rescue Services Department**" by the Government. In the year 2001, the Government appointed women in the officers cadre in this department, and thus becoming the first Fire and Rescue Services Department in the country with women officers. The Government have various schemes to modernize the department and motivate the personnel with various welfare measures.

The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department has firmly established a reputation as one of the largest and most efficient fire fighting organizations in the country. Now, the Department has 361 Fire and Rescue Services Stations apart from 3 exclusive Rescue Stations at

Hogenakkal, Kotagiri and Marina Beach, in Chennai City.

#### **4. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The Fire and Rescue Services Department functions under the administrative control of Home Department, Government of Tamil Nadu. The Director, Fire and Rescue Services is an I.P.S. officer in the rank of Director General of Police and is the Head of the Department. This Department is divided into five Regions. Each Region is headed by a Joint Director or Deputy Director. A Joint Director is in-charge of the State Training Centre, Tambaram. Apart from this, in the Directorate, the Director is assisted by Additional Director (Operations and Training),

Additional Director (Administration), Deputy Director (Headquarters), Deputy Director (Administration), Financial Advisor cum Chief Accounts Officer in the cadre of Under Secretary to the Government and two Administrative Personal Assistants. The Regions are further divided into 37 Districts and each District is headed by a District Officer, Fire and Rescue Services. The basic unit in the Administrative setup of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is the Fire and Rescue Services Station, which is headed by a Station Officer, functioning under the overall control of the District Officer. The State Training Centre, Tambaram organizes and conducts foundational training to the personnel in the cadre of Firemen, Station Officer and District

Officer and refresher courses for all the personnel of this department and the public in basic firefighting. There is also a State Workshop in Chennai which undertakes repairs and maintenance of vehicles functioning under the control of the Joint Director (Training and Rescue Operation). The Administrative setup of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is given in Table-I and Table-II.

A separate Dog Squad is formed for use of the Fire and Rescue Services department. The dog squad will enable locating persons who are buried and/or struggling for survival under the debris of collapsed buildings. During the year, 6 puppies were purchased to replace retired and dead sniffer dogs. The puppies and their handlers were trained

in the National Training Centre for Dogs, Border Security Force Academy, Tekanpur, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. The trained dogs are now put into use.

## **5. BASIC UNIT**

The basic unit of the department is a Fire and Rescue Services Station. In order to reduce response time with the help of Global Positioning System (GPS), the new fire stations will be located on the basis of a scientific mapping exercise.

The Government emphasis is on prevention of fire through more technology based fire safety enforcement measures. The staff pattern prescribed by the Government for formation of a

single unit Fire and Rescue Services Station, is as follows: -

Station Officer	-	1
Leading Firemen	-	2
Driver Mechanic	-	1
Firemen Driver	-	2
Firemen	-	11
Total=		<u>17</u>

The break up details of District-wise Fire and Rescue Services Stations are given in Table-III.

## **6. RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

### **a) Man Power**

The Fire and Rescue Services Department has an executive and ministerial strength of 8069 persons. The posts of District Officer, Assistant Engineer (Automobile) in the State Workshop,

Station Officers, Junior Assistants, Typists and Steno-Typists are recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Direct recruitment of Firemen is done by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB).

## **b) Vehicles**

This Department has been provided with 329 water tenders, 32 water lorries, 29 small foam tenders, 19 advanced tenders, 3 aerial ladder platform vehicles of 54m height, 2 aerial ladder platform vehicles of 104m height, 21 emergency rescue tenders, 115 mini water tenders (350 ltr), 5 mini water tenders (600 ltr), 22 ambulances, 18 cars, 38 jeeps, 3 vans, 4 pickup vans, 3 buses/mini bus, 23 motor cycles,



60 bullets 350cc, 6 bowzers, 5 education vans, 100 motor cycles for Station Officers, 25 jeeps for Assistant District Officers, 1 crane, 11 special motor cycles, 9 troop carrier vehicles and 3 commando buses.

### **c) Equipment**

This Department has been provided with Fire and Rescue vehicles to undertake rescue activities. In order to undertake rescue activities very effectively during emergency situations such as Flood and Cyclone, Landslides, Building collapse, Earthquake, Industrial Explosions and Road/Rail Accidents, this department has been provided with the following modern and specialized gadgets: -

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Equipment</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
1.	Inflatable Rubber Boat with Life buoys and Life jackets	125
2.	Inflatable Rubber Boat and with Motors	73
3.	Thermal Imaging Camera	19
4.	Multi-Gas Monitors	13
5.	Search Lights	1095
6.	Rechargeable Torch Lights	377
7.	Inflatable Emergency Lighting System	98
8.	Power Saws with Generators	80
9.	Portable Type Petrol Driven Power Saws	300
10.	Concrete Cutters	61
11.	Smoke Extractors	66
12.	Portable Electric Drills	51
13.	Life Buoy	4790
14.	Life Jackets	3419
15.	Public Address System	1536
16.	Telescopic Ladders	54
17.	Breathing Apparatus Sets	626
18.	Helmets	4617
19.	Personal Protective Equipment	3778

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Equipment</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
20.	Heat Resistant Gloves	120
21.	High Range Portable Pumps	34
22.	Dewatering Heavy Duty Pump	9
23.	Submersible Dewatering Pumps	6
24.	Manual Combi Tool	30
25.	Manila Ropes 50 Meter	460
26.	Manila Ropes 100 Meter	608
27.	Manila Ropes 130 Meter	1222
28.	Hydraulic Combi Tools	53
29.	Battery Operated Combi Tools	6
30.	Hydraulic Cutters	38
31.	Hydraulic Spreader	30
32.	Extension Ladder	396
33.	Rope Ladder	65
34.	Single Ladder	285
35.	Snake Catcher	383
36.	Bore well Rescue Equipment	9
37.	Stretchers/Spine Boards	336
38.	Air Lifting Bag	48
39.	Rope Launcher	5
40.	Victim Location Camera	10

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Equipment</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
41.	Rope Riders	5
42.	Floto Pumps	56
43.	Portable Pumps	56
44.	Breathing Apparatus Set Compressor	1
45.	Oscillating Monitors	4
46.	Video Camera	2
47.	Fire Entry Suits	169
48.	Chemical Protective Suits	84
49.	Scuba Diving Suits	30
50.	Generator	18
51.	Mechanized Fiber boats	8
52.	Life Detectors	4
53.	Reciprocating Saws	50
54.	Portable Electrically Operated Circular Saws	70
55.	Power Saw with inbuilt motors	116
56.	Electric Gloves	100
57.	Rubber Gloves	60
58.	Tent	1

## **7. COMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

### **a) Telephones and Wireless Sets**

Timely service is an essential element in fire fighting and rescue operations. Every Fire and Rescue Services Station has been provided with telephone facility. A modern fire control room with toll-free telephone numbers '101' and '102' is functioning in Chennai City and the Toll-free telephone number '101' is available in all District Head quarters and large towns. To render service to the public, Common User Group (CUG) has been introduced in Cell phones in order to ensure effective communication system among fire fighting officers from the rank of Station Officer and above with effect from December 2009. This system serves as a wide network throughout the

State with free call charges among the officers. It is easy for the public to remember the mobile number of the Station Officer in their area, since the number will be a permanent one.

All officers and executive staff have been connected on a CUG mobile number. All the Fire and Rescue Services Stations in Chennai City, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram Districts are linked with the head quarters (Directorate) with a wireless communication to cater to the communication needs.

The Government have ordered the implementation of Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) by integrating Police and Fire and Rescue Services Departments into a nationwide single emergency No. "**112**" for setting up of

modernized integrated State Control Room for the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services.

To implement the ERSS scheme, all the Fire and Rescue Services Stations have been provided with desktop computers with high band width landline/Broadband connections. Further, 371 rugged tablets were also provided to all fire fighting vehicles to monitor the movement of vehicles. Now, all emergency calls relating to the Fire and Rescue Services Department are received and dispatched at the State Emergency Response Centre (SERC). Thus, all the Fire and Rescue Services Stations are fully integrated with the SERC system and the scheme has been fully implemented.

## **b) Response Time**

Response time is the time taken by the first fire unit to reach the scene of a fire accident/rescue spot. Response time is one of the essential factors which determines the efficacy of fire fighting and rescue works undertaken by the Department. Despite traffic congestion, this department is constantly endeavoring to reduce the response time to the minimum. Apart from telephone and wireless communication facilities available with the Department, in order to monitor and reduce the response time taken by the fire fighting vehicles to reach the spot of fire/rescue accident, Vehicle Tracking with Geo-Positioning System have been provided. The location of new fire stations will be on the basis of a scientific mapping exercise to reduce response time.



### **c) Departmental Website**

The Department website <http://www.tnfrs.tn.gov.in> is user friendly and contains information needed by the public. This website provides information about the Department and its activities and plays a vital role in educating the public on fire safety, providing inputs on norms for fire licenses, safety provisions to be adopted in various occupancies as per the National Building Code of India and other Statutory Rules.

## **8. TRAINING FACILITIES**

As a public utility service, the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department focuses on improving the quality of training given to its personnel at the entry level and as well as refresher courses at all levels, so as to keep

abreast of the modern developments in rescue techniques and fighting technology. These training courses are conducted in a well-maintained State Training Centre at Tambaram.

The State Training Centre at Tambaram is equipped with necessary vehicles and gadgets to impart quality training to its personnel at all levels. This includes modern developments and techniques. Air-conditioned class rooms, Media projectors, Computers and Internet connection, Library and Excellent accommodation with canteen facilities help to enrich the quality of training. The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs has designated the State Training Centre of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department as one of the Regional

Training Centers in the Country for conducting Sub-officers course offered by the National Fire Service College, Nagpur. The State Training Centre is also conducting training for fire fighters from other States, Public Sector Undertakings, Government Institutions and Public. Basic Fire-fighting training is offered to private individuals at all District Headquarters for a period of one week on payment of a fee of Rs.1000/- per person.

This department also aims at creating resource persons in society towards fire and life safety and in Disaster Management.

Basic training is imparted at State Training Center to all candidates selected for the post of fireman and by creation of temporary Training Centers at various Districts.

## **9. BUILDINGS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES STATIONS**

The Fire and Rescue Services Station functions round the clock and they are the lifeline of the Department. It is therefore necessary to house them in buildings with adequate facilities so as to keep the costly vehicles and other equipment in good condition and also to provide adequate working space for the personnel. About 45 cents of land is required for construction of a Fire and Rescue Services Station building. Out of the 364 Stations in the Department, 273 Stations are now functioning in own or rent-free Government buildings and 91 Stations are housed in rented buildings.

For construction of 19 new buildings for Fire and Rescue Services Stations by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited, work is in progress at various stages.

## **10. FIRE PREVENTION**

*"Prevention is better than cure"*. With this aim in the back ground, the Fire and Rescue Services Department is concentrating on fire prevention as its primary function though its functions are manifold. Fire prevention is a proactive method for reducing the number of emergencies and the ensuing damage. Fire prevention wings and all Fire and Rescue Services Stations are mainly entrusted with the job of imparting fire prevention education to both rural and urban population. In order to intensify the fire prevention work, this department has Fire Prevention wings in 13 Districts. Fire prevention work is one of the main functions of the Fire and Rescue Services Stations. Fire safety awareness

programmes in the form of Mock drills, Exhibitions, Stage plays, Short films are conducted in Schools, Industries, Offices, Hutment areas, Multi-storied Buildings etc.

Evacuation Drills are conducted in any one of the schools in each District to create fire safety awareness and to educate children about the evacuation procedures, in case of emergency arising from the outbreak of fire. Annual National Level Fire and Evacuation Drills in schools is being observed on 21<sup>st</sup> January of every year, throughout the country.

In order to ensure fire and life safety in the premises, mandatory fire safety inspections are being undertaken in educational institutions by the Station Officers. The Station Officers in the

concerned jurisdiction issue a 'No Objection Certificate' to the schools after an inspection and audit on whether fire and life safety systems are maintained/installed.

During Deepavali festival, awareness programmes are screened in television and theatres throughout the State by using famous actors for enlightening the public in reducing the fire accidents. Further, pamphlets on safety tips for fire protection are distributed in public places.

## **11. SAFETY VOLUNTEERS**

For assisting the fire service personnel at times of emergency, fire safety volunteers are being enrolled from Schools, Colleges, Self-Help Groups and socially enlightened citizens. They are

trained in various elementary fire fighting skills and rescue methods. The department presently has 4956 volunteers.

## **12. PREVENTION OF FIRE IN HIGH RISE BUILDINGS AND HOSPITALS**

Inspections are conducted in high-rise buildings, Educational Institutions, Commercial Complexes, Public Buildings, Hospitals and Multi-occupancies by the High Rise Building Inspection Committee and they send reports to the appropriate Licensing authorities. In addition, this department also conducts fire safety audits in Government buildings.



## **Important preventive measures to be verified before granting Licenses to multiplexes and hospitals:-**

- i. Provision of adequate Emergency Exits.
- ii. Provision of adequate fire buckets with sand and water.
- iii. Provision of adequate water storage for continuous fire-fighting.
- iv. Provision of adequate fire extinguishers and a First Aid box in the Cinema Theatre **Operator's** room.
- v. Provision of sprinklers and smoke detectors in multiplex cinema theatres.
- vi. Training of attendants and staff in the use of fire-fighting equipment maintained in the premises.
- vii. Construction of false ceiling and wall decoration with fire proof materials.
- viii. Provision of adequate fire extinguishers and Hose reel systems.

- ix. Provision of sprinklers and smoke detector as per the suggestion of the local fire authority.
- x. Provision of adequate width of corridor and exits for the movement of stretcher patients.
- xi. Provision of smoke check doors or compartments
- xii. Provision of adequate emergency exits and mandatory ramps in hospitals.
- xiii. Illuminated signages and fire order.
- xiv. Training of nurses and staff in the use of all fire-fighting equipment maintained in the premises.

### **13. MOBILE PATROLLING DURING SUMMER SEASON AND DEEPAVALI**

During summer season, every year from April to July, a system of Mobile Patrolling is

followed. Vulnerability mapping is done by identifying vulnerable areas based on statistics of the **previous year's fire and rescue incidents** and patrolling vehicles are placed strategically.

#### **14. FIRE SERVICE DAY**

Fire service day is observed on 14<sup>th</sup> April, every year. On this day the brave personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department who lost their lives are commemorated. Commencing from April 14, for a week, fire service day is commemorated every year by propagating fire safety campaign amongst all sections of people including public and employees through newspapers, television and radio. Several competitions relating to fire safety are conducted amongst students all over the State.

## **15. MOTIVATION AND INCENTIVES**

To motivate the personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department to perform their duties more effectively and to achieve the desired goals and objectives, the following awards and welfare measures are being provided: -

### **I. AWARDS**

In recognition of outstanding devotion to duty, meritorious service and gallantry exhibited by the personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department while performing duty, the following medals instituted by the State Government are awarded:

**(a) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal)**

Every year, on the occasion of Perarignar Anna's Birthday, on 15<sup>th</sup> September, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's fire service medal is awarded for outstanding devotion to duty (Anna Medal). The recipients of this medal for Meritorious Service are eligible for a lump sum grant varying between Rs.4000/- to Rs.10,000/- according to their rank.

**(b) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (Anna Medal)**

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's fire service medal for Gallantry (Anna Medal) recipients are eligible for a lumpsum cash reward amount of Rs.5.00 lakh.

**(c) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Services Medal**

Every year on Pongal day, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's fire service medal is awarded to recognize the services of personnel below the rank of Station Officers who enjoy a clean record of service for more than 10 years. The recipients are entitled to receive a cash allowance of Rs.400/-per month.

**(d) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence**

On the occasion of Fire Service Day i.e., April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's fire service medal for Excellence is awarded to six personnel in the rank of Station Officer, Leading Firemen and Firemen as a recognition of excellent performance of duty. Each awardee receives a

Gold Medal weighing 8 grams and a lumpsum grant varying between Rs.2000/- to Rs.3000/- according to their rank.

**(e) Other Medals**

Based on recommendations of the State Government, the following medals are awarded by the Government of India: -

- i. The President's fire service medal for distinguished/meritorious service on the occasion of Independence Day and Republic Day.
- ii. The President's fire service medal for Gallantry on the occasion of Independence Day/Republic Day.

## **II. WELFARE SCHEMES**

The personnel who have completed 15 and 25 years of service in Fire and Rescue Services Department are being automatically upgraded to the next level.

### **(i) Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent Fund**

The Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent Fund was created to render financial help to the members of the Fire and Rescue Services Department in distress. The number of persons registered with the fund is 6906. It promotes their welfare by granting financial assistance to the members for the following purposes: -

- (a) to purchase nutritious food for themselves and their dependents who are suffering from chronic diseases such as tuberculosis, leprosy, cancer etc.,



- (b) to offer medical assistance to self or for their immediate dependents having serious illness not covered under any insurance scheme on the recommendation of the competent government medical officers.
- (c) to meet the cost of higher education of their children.
- (d) to provide relief to the families of deceased members.
- (e) to meet the funeral expenses of the members and their dependents.

The Government sanction annual grant of Rs.20.00 lakh to match the employee contribution.

## **(ii) Group Insurance Scheme**

In order to help the family of Fire and Rescue Services personnel who die while on duty,

a "Group Insurance Scheme' covering all categories of fire fighting personnel is implemented. Under this scheme, a financial assistance of Rs.4.00 lakh is being provided to District Officer, Deputy Director, Joint Director and Rs.2.00 lakh is being provided to the rank of Fireman to Assistant District Officer.

### **(iii) Food Subsidy Scheme**

Food articles are supplied to Fire and Rescue Services personnel upto the rank of Assistant District Officer at subsidized rate through the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation. Under this scheme food articles such as wheat, sugar, maida and dal are supplied.

### **(iv) Dietary charges for personnel**

Fire and Rescue Services personnel upto the rank of Assistant District Officers and Station

Officers (Transport) are paid dietary charges for attending to fire calls, rescue calls and for mobilization duty during emergencies at the rate of Rs.300/- per day in Chennai City and Rs.250/- per day in the mofussil areas.

**(v) Canteen facility for purchase of commodities at subsidized rates**

The canteen facility catering to the families of serving, retired and deceased Police Personnel has been extended to the Fire and Rescue Services personnel and also extended to Ministerial Staff of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department by the Government.

**(vi) Extension of treatment facilities to treat the fire personnel at the Police Hospitals:**

The Government ordered to extend the treatment facilities in the Tamil Nadu Police

Hospitals to the employees of the Fire and Rescue Services Department as available for Police personnel.

### **(vii) Construction of quarters**

For the personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department rent free quarters are allotted near the working place for easy and quick mobilization and also to augment strength in case of an emergency. At present, 1557 quarters are available throughout the State and construction of 239 quarters in various places is under progress. Quarters are constructed through Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited. In Melakottaiyur Village 113 houses have been allotted to the officers and personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department.

## **16. SPORTS**

In order to maintain the physical fitness of personnel, this department conducts Annual Sports and Duty Meet for its personnel. It also conducts competitions in sports and events such as athletics, badminton, volleyball, foot ball and swimming every year at the Regional and State level. In addition to enhance fire-fighting and rescue capabilities among personnel, competitions in quick fire fighting and rescue techniques, Hose Laying, Ladder Drills, Rope Climbing, Pump Drill and operation of fire fighting/rescue vehicles are conducted. Considering the importance of sports, the Government sanctions annual grants for conduct of Regional sports and State sports events.

## **17. NEW INITIATIVES**

This Government is keen to take care of the welfare of the personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department. The following important initiatives have been taken by the Government in order to improve the quality of service rendered by the fire fighters in saving of lives and properties of the public and also to motivate the personnel by grant of certain benefits to the personnel of the Department: -

- ❖ Opening of 8 temporary training centers for training of 1200 Firemen selected by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board.
- ❖ Enhancement of Risk allowance to Fire and Rescue Services Personnel on par with Police personnel.
- ❖ Enhancement of extra duty remuneration from Rs.200/- to Rs.500/- per day for the personnel below the rank of Station Officer in

Fire and Rescue Services Department, on par with Police personnel.

- ❖ Additional allotment of Rs.1.00 crore for repairs and annual maintenance of buildings and quarters of Fire and Rescue Services Department in addition to the existing allotment of Rs.1.04 crore.
- ❖ Approval for creation of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Academy at Kalavakkam in Chengalpattu District sanction was accorded in principle for Rs.19.30 crore in the first phase.
- ❖ Approval for up-gradation of Hosur, Tambaram, Ranipet Fire and Rescue Services Stations at a cost of Rs.2.51 crore.
- ❖ Approval for construction of quarters for one Station Officer and 32 Firemen at Sivakasi and quarters for 40 Firemen at Perumbakkam, Chennai at a cost of Rs.15.20 crore.

- ❖ Purchase of 6 sniffer dog puppies for the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Dog squad and training of pups and handlers at the BSF training Academy.
- ❖ Financial sanction has been accorded for construction of 100 quarters at Chennai Suburban District, Redhills-53 quarters (3 Officers and 50 Personnel), Theni District Bodinayakkanur – 10 quarters (2 Officers and 8 Personnel), Trichy District Thuriyur-18 quarters (2 Officers and 16 Personnel), Ranipet District, Ranipet-19 quarters (2 Officers, 17 Personnel) at a total cost of Rs.2331.70 lakh.
- ❖ Sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.10.51 crore for procurement of following special purpose vehicles and various rescue and disaster management equipment under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).



a.	Self-contained Breathing Apparatus set	100
b.	Breathing Apparatus set Compressor	4
c.	Smoke Exhauster	4
d.	Battery operated Combi-tools	5
e.	Body bag	500
f.	Troop carrier (4 Wheel Drive)	2
g.	Water Bowzer	4
h.	Mini Emergency Rescue Tender	2
i.	Light weight hydraulic tools	10
j.	Specialized training in water rescue, building collapse rescue, Special Task Force (STF) training and animal rescue including snake catching with training materials and equipment	Rs.50 lakh.

❖ Opening of six new Fire and Rescue Services Stations at the following places at a total cost of Rs.10.71 crore.

1. Anniyur, Villupuram District
2. Thiruparankundram, Madurai District

3. Ezhayirampennai, Virudhunagar District
4. Kolathur, Chennai North District
5. Kalavakkam, Chengalpattu District
6. Kannamangalam, Thiruvannamalai District.

❖ Opening of six more Fire and Rescue Services Stations at the following places were sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.9.76 crore.

1. Attayampatti, Salem District
2. Uthukuli, Thiruppur District
3. Ilayankudi, Sivagangai District
4. Vaiyampatti, Trichy District
5. Kumaratchi, Cuddalore District
6. Nayinarpalayam, Kallakurichi District

❖ Up-gradation of 39 posts of Station Officer posts in the District headquarters Fire and Rescue Services Stations as Assistant District Officers.

- ❖ Sanction has been accorded for creation of a new Region in Fire and Rescue Services Department with headquarters at Salem by bifurcating the existing Western Region, Coimbatore at an recurring expenditure of Rs.3 lakh and non-recurring expenditure of Rs.6.25 lakh.

## **18. CONCLUSION**

Fire Safety Audit is found to be an effective tool for assessing fire safety standards of an organization or occupancy. A comprehensive fire safety audit can address the inherent fire hazards associated with the day today activities in an occupancy and recommend measures to reduce the potential fire hazards. The Government is

making all efforts to minimize the cases of fire accidents in urban areas by overhauling the existing Fire Services Act to make mandatory provisions to ensure that all high-rise, institutional and public assembly buildings shall ensure compliance of fire and life safety measures. This Government is committed to ensure fire and life safety of the society by strengthening the Fire and Rescue Service Stations in all vulnerable areas and to ensure the safety of fire personnel by providing safety gadgets and equipment to its personnel.

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Chief Minister



TABLE III

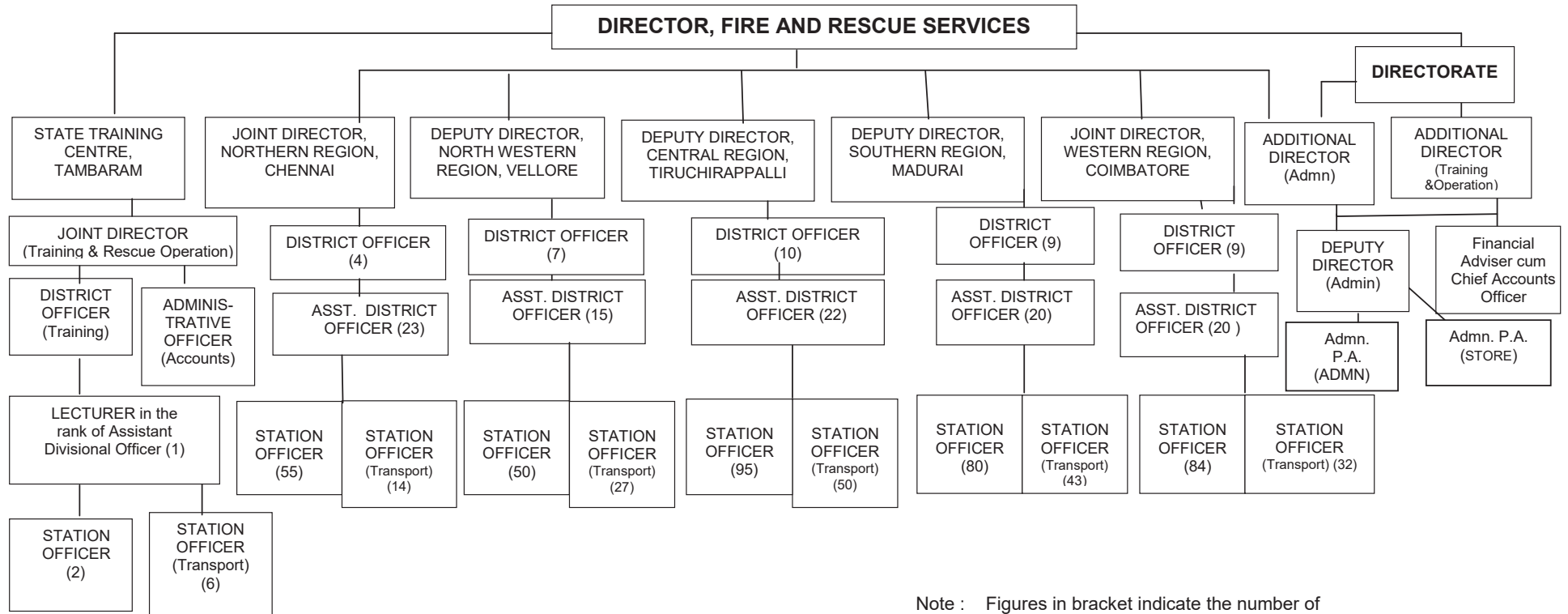
District Wise Fire and Rescue Services  
Stations

Sl. No.	District	No. of Stations
1	Ariyalur	3
2	Chennai ( Including one Rescue station at Marina)	43
3	Coimbatore	13
4	Cuddalore	16
5	Dindigul	10
6	Dharmapuri + One Rescue Station at Hogenakkal	6
7	Erode	11
8	Karur	4
9	Kancheepuram	4
10	Chengalpat	10
11	Kanniyakumari	8
12	Krishnagiri	7
13	Madurai	15
14	Nagapattinam	14
15	Namakkal	6
16	The Nilgirs + one Rescue Station at Kothagiri	4
17	Pudukottai	13
18	Perambalur	3

Sl. No.	District	No. of Stations
19	Ramanathapuram	11
20	Salem	15
21	Sivagangai	7
22	Thanjavur	9
23	Theni	9
24	Tiruvannamalai	14
25	Tiruchirapalli	10
26	Thiruvarur	12
27	Thiruvallur	9
28	Thoothukudi	10
29	Tiruppur	9
30	Tirunelveli	8
31	Tenkasi	7
32	Vellore	5
33	Thirupathur	5
34	Ranipet	6
35	Villupuram	9
36	Kallakurichi	8
37	Virudhunagar	11
	Total	364

**TABLE- I**

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES  
ORGANISATIONAL CHART**



Note : Figures in bracket indicate the number of officers in that cadre.



**TABLE – II**

**STATION AND OTHER UNITS FUNCTIONING UNDER THE REGIONS**

Northern Region				North-Western Region			Central Region			Southern Region			Western Region		
DIVN	FRSS	FPW	OTH	DIVN	FRSS	FPW	DIVN	FRSS	FPW	DIVN	FRSS	FPW	DIVN	FRSS	FPW
1. Chennai North	10	1	1*	1. Vellore	5	1	1. Thiruchira ppalli	10	1	1. Madurai	15	--	1. Coimbatore	13	1
2. Chennai South	12	1	1*	2. Thirupathur	5		2. Pudukottai	13	1	2. Tirunelveli	8	--	2. Ooty Kothagiri	3	--
3. Chennai Central Marina	10	-	-	3. Ranipet	6		3. Thanjavur	9	--	3. Tenkasi	7	--	3. Erode	11	1
				4. Tiruvanna malai	14	-	4. Naga pattinam	14	--	4. Kanniya kumari	8	--	4. Tiruppur	9	1
				5. Kancheepuram	4	1	5. Cuddalore	16	--	5. Tuticorin	10	--	5. Salem	15	1
4. Chennai Suburban	10	--	--	6. Chengalpat	10		6. Villupuram	9	--	6. Virudhunagar	11	1	6. Dharmapuri Hogenekkal	5	1
5. Northern Region	--		2**	7. Thiruvallur	9	--	7. Kallakurichi	8		7. Ramanathapuram	11	--	7. Krishnagiri	7	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>42+1@</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4**</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>	8. Karur	4	--	8. Sivaganga	7	-	8. Dindigul	10	1
							9. Perambalur	3	--	9. Theni	9	-	9. Namakkal	6	--
							10. Tiruvarur	12	--	<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>79+2 @</b>	<b>6</b>
							11. Ariyalur	3	--						
							<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>						

**Total Number of Fire and Rescue Services Station in the State : 361+3@**

**Other Institutions:**

State Training Centre - 1

State Workshop - 1

Rescue Station - 3@

Dog Squad - 1

Band Party - 1

Note:

DIVN - Division

FRSS - Fire and Rescue Services Station

FPW: Fire Prevention Wing

OTH: \*Photographic Section

\*\* Fire Control Room & Wireless Section



THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATED THE NEW FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES STATIONS ON 10.04.2023.



FIRE FIGHTING IN A PAPER GODOWN



FIRE FIGHTING IN A FILM DECORATIONS WAREHOUSE





FIRE PREVENTION MOCK DRILL CONDUCTED IN MULTI SUPER SPECIALTY HOSPITAL



RESCUE TEAM - MARINA BEACH, CHENNAI



WATER TENDER



QUICK RESPONSE VEHICLE



EMERGENCY RESCUE TENDER



AERIAL LADDER PLATFORM



WATER BOWZER

## FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES VEHICLES



FIRE FIGHTING IN LIC BUILDING



