



ROMANIAN GENDARMERIE

MOUNTAIN STRUCTURES



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"Following the mountain gendarmes on the mountain, it's like following a Ferrari on the highway,,

Dan Burlac, director



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GENDARMERIE MOUNTAIN



The Romanian Gendarmerie is the specialized institution of the Romanian state, with military status, a component of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which exercises its activity in the interests of the citizens, of the community and in support of the state institutions. It is organized on military principles, across the entire national territory and has specialized structures for mountainous structures.

The mountains structures (Gendarmerie mountain sections and stations), are the specialized forces, prepared and equipped appropriately for the missions entrusted in the mountainous area of Romania.

Historical reference



April 3, 1850

The ruler of Moldova principality, Grigore Alexandru Ghica, signs the founding document of the Gendarmerie: The Legislation for the reform of the Body of Servants in the Gendarmerie.

October 5, 2001

At the request of local authorities, the first platoon of mountain gendarmes is set up, with three groups of gendarmes, deployed in the resorts of the Prahova Valley: Sinaia, Bușteni and Azuga, having as main missions: maintaining public order in the mountain resorts, on the ski slopes and on the tourist trails, search and rescue of endangered tourists and the protection of the environment.

October 5th 2001 represents the official date for setting up the Mountain Gendarmerie.

September 1, 2002

The platoon of mountain gendarmes was reorganized in the Gendarmerie Section of Prahova Valley, comprising mountain Gendarmerie posts Sinaia, Bușteni and Azuga. Later, another mountain Gendarmerie post was established on the Bucegi Plateau.

October 15, 2003

The mountain station in Borșa, Soveja, Straja, Slănic Moldova, Șuitor Mogoșa are set up similar with those from Prahova Valley. Maintaining public order and safety, searching for and rescuing endangered people in the mountains area as well as protecting the environment will now be the main missions carried out by the mountain gendarmes, with new stations being set up every year.

July 1, 2004

The Gendarmerie Mountain Training Center "Regele Carol I" Sinaia is established, as a military institution training in the mountain area for the Romanian Gendarmerie, according to the Minister of Administration and Interior's order no. 1 / 0558, in 2004.

March 13, 2005

Law no. 550 of 2004, setting the place and role of the Romanian Gendarmerie in the public order system comes into effect. Within the county gendarmes' inspectorates, there are mountain structures of specialists sections and posts of mountain gendarmes, staffed by trained and adequately equipped personnel.

May 1, 2005

The mountain gendarmes' stations in Poiana Braşov, Postăvaru, Predeal and Zărneşti are set up, as part of the mountain section of Braşov.

September 7, 2010

The Framework Agreement between Romania's Government and Swiss Federal Council is signed in Bern, to implement the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Program on the reduction of the economic and social disparities within the enlarged European Union.

July 5, 2011

The Order of the General Inspector of the Romanian Gendarmerie no. 9 of 2011 comes into force, on the use of the mountain structures of the Romanian Gendarmerie, an internal legal act that establishes the attributions and missions of the Mountain Gendarmerie.

January 2, 2013

As a result of the Framework Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Swiss Federal Council, it debuts the implementation of the European project Building Capacities of the Romanian Gendarmerie, stretching for 5 years, with a total of 2,352,941.17 CHF, following the Swiss model of action in the mountain area.



October 18, 2017

The procedure PS 05 MAI comes into action, on the management of information and the coordination of resources in search-rescue operations in the mountain area and other areas with difficult access.

January 23, 2018

Within the Romanian Gendarmerie project, "A team. A flag. An ideal", marking the centennial of the Great Union, 10 mountain gendarmes formed the National Mountain Team to celebrate the important moments of the 1918 Union. Their original mountaineous exploits caught the media attention, documented by the director Dan Burlac in the film called For the heroes who left us a country.

December 15, 2018

Within the Gendarmerie of Hunedoara county the first mountain detachment is established, the Lupeni 3rd Detachment, consisting of 6 mountain stations and 2 intervention teams specialized in alpine search and rescue operations.

August 15, 2019

With the creation of the mountain station in Colibița, their total number reached 70 and stretched the entire 910 km of the Carpathian Romanian Mountains.



Organization



MOUNTAIN GENDARMERIE:

74 mountain structures
(1 detachment, 3 sections, 70 stations)
1 training center in the mountain area

21 counties with mountain structures

650 mountain gendarmes

14 certified aerial rescuers

150 paramedics

10 ropeway rescuers for cable transport installations

455 tourist objectives

758 tourist routes

142 leisure areas

167 protected natural areas





Main m

The gendarmes' mountain structures are called to:

- maintain public order and safety in the mountain resorts and on the tourist routes in their area;
- oversee, control and ensure the protection and conservation of hunting and fisheries natural funds, the forest and the environmental funds;
- prevent and combat antisocial acts and prevent accidents in the mountain area;
- search, rescue and evacuate people lost, missing or in distress in mountain area;
- intervene for the removal or immobilization of dangerous or distressed animals.





missions



Public order



Maintaining public order and safety is the set of measures and activities taken daily to protect and respect the fundamental rights of citizens, the rules of civic conduct, the rules of social coexistence, the other supreme values as well as the public and private assets.

The mountain gendarmes carry out public order missions in the mountain resorts or on the tourist routes as well as in other areas of operational interest, such as tourist leisure areas (ski slopes, tourist camping areas etc.).

On the tourist routes, maintaining public order and safety is carried out by independent gendarme patrols, on foot or car patrol, or escorted by service animals, activities adapted to the particularities of each mountain area.



Accident prevention

The prevention activities target tourists and children, trying to raise their awareness regarding the protection of the environment, the risks in carrying out mountain activities and feeding of wild animals, learning the rules of conduct on the mountain, avoiding the mountain-specific accidents.



It is realized through:

- a. guiding, informing and assisting tourists
- b. participation or organization of specific activities: outfit and mountain equipment presentations, hiking trips, school camps;
- c. conducting awareness, prevention and education activities in schools or placing important information panels on important tourist routes.
- d. raising public awareness, by publicizing events or actions carried out by gendarmes in the mountain area.



Alpine

The main role in search and rescue operations in mountainous areas is performed by the Romanian Alpine Rescue Service.

GD no. 557/2016 regarding



Mountain G

Leads, coordinates and intervenes with own resources in search and rescue operations.

Acts as a first response team to assist the victim (first aid, rescue, evacuation).

Conducts specific missions to assist the victim (first aid, rescue, evacuation).

System Procedure PS-MAI-05 ... search and rescue operations.

rescue

and difficult environment is played by Salvamont and General Inspectorate of Gendarmerie.

g management of risk types



Gendarmerie:

ch and rescue operations of people whose health is not affected.

(providing first aid) until the rescue teams intervene.

to identify the persons involved.

- rescue operations in the mountain area



The search and rescue of people in distress in the mountain area is a legal duty and is carried out with priority, permanently, 24 / 7, by the Romanian Gendarmerie.

The Romanian state ensures / supports the prevention of accidents, the search, rescue and evacuation of people in distress in the mountain area ... through: creation / sizing, equipping and properly functioning the structures of the Romanian Gendarmerie, with specific attributions in this area.

The law of the mountain no. 197/2018, art. 5





The mountain gendarmerie and other similar public institutions can have trained personnel in providing specialized first aid, acting within the specific rescue missions provided by these institutions

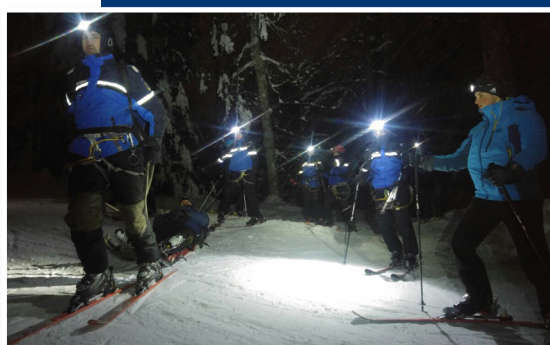
Law no. 95/2006 on health reform

Failure to provide the necessary help ... by the person who has found someone whose life, bodily integrity or health is in danger and has no power to save himself is punished by imprisonment

The new Penal Code, art. 203

Preventing aid intervention to save a person from imminent and serious danger to life, bodily integrity or health is punishable by imprisonment.

The new Penal Code, art. 204



Wildlife control

In carrying out their duties, the military personnel of the Romanian Gendarmerie are authorized to carry and use weapons with tranquilizers, rubber bullets, ultrasound or irritant devices, as well as any other means of protection and immobilization in order to:

a) remove or neutralize animals threatening the life or the physical integrity of persons or the integrity of their goods;

b) neutralize animals whose life or physical integrity is endangered as a result of human intervention.

Mountain gendarmes can use weapons against animals that endanger the life or integrity of their bodies or other persons.



Environmental protection

The mountain area of Romania represents about 33% of the national territory, namely the Carpathian mountains, with a total length of 910 km and a medium altitude, fragmented, with an alpine level, steep areas and large forested areas, an area visited annually by about 1,500,000 declared tourists.

The mountain gendarmes take part in environmental actions.

They also accompany other authorized institutions in overseeing, controlling and ensuring the protection and conservation of hunting and fisheries natural funds, the forest and the environmental funds through specific measures meant to prevent and combat any violations of legal acts.



Mountain center



The Gendarmerie Mountain Training Center "Regele Carol I" Sinaia is the military mountain training unit belonging to the Romanian Gendarmerie. The center offers modern learning materials , adapted to the requirements and specific of the training, has an accommodation capacity of 75 places, also training rooms and mountain training shooting ranges, providing the students with mountain equipment, material and specific technique from the field of mountaineering, skiing, nivology and first aid.



Sinaia



Within the center, the mountain gendarmes gradually complete the two programmes and nine training courses in the field of skiing, mountaineering, searching, rescue and evacuation of people in distress, each course lasting 3 weeks, the students having to acquire all the necessary skills.



Training



In order to be fully competent, the mountain gendarmes additionally follow other courses / forms of training in the field of alpine rescue:

- a. The certified first aid course organized by the Romanian Medical Ambulance Service;
- b. Certified course in first aid, extrication procedures and other rescue operations organized by SMURD and emergency general inspectorate in Târgu Mureș.
- c. Advanced training course in the field of winch rescue with air support organized by the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Gendarmerie, General Inspectorate of Aviation, SMURD and REGA.
- d. Rope rescue course (chairlifts and gondolas), organized by representatives of Doppelmayr and IMMOOS GmbH.
- e. Alpine rescue training exercises organized at local, regional or national level, with the participation of all the institutions involved.



Cooperation



The Romanian Gendarmerie is part of the European Gendarmerie Force, a European Union instrument for crisis management of any kind and is a full member in the Association of Gendarmerie and Police Forces with European and Mediterranean Military Status. It is also one of the founding members of the NATO Excellence Center for Stability Operations.



European projects carried out:

- Improving the connectivity of bears and wolves population with the help of a regional network of sites in Romania, Nature 2000, a project carried out by the European Commission and LIFE Connect Carpathians association, to improve the connectivity of the Ecological Corridor in Apuseni - Retezat - Tarcu Mountains.
- Support the development of the Ukrainian National Guard, a project by which military personnel from Ukraine were trained by the Romanian mountain instructors and gendarmes in the field of specialized intervention in the mountain environment.
- Improvement of the emergency response capacity, project with external funding of the Emergency General Inspectorate, in which the mountain structures of the Romanian Gendarmerie will receive 27 AWD medical ambulances .





PROGRAMUL DE COOPERARE ELVEȚIANO-ROMÂN
SWISS-ROMANIAN COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Strengthening the capacities of the Romanian Gendarmerie, the European project between Romania and Switzerland, aimed to strengthen the security of citizens and the environment in the mountain areas in order to have a sustainable development of tourism and an increase in the survival chances of the victims of mountain accidents.

The activities carried out between 2013 and 2019 were as follows:

- training gendarmes in the field of certified first medical aid, extrication procedures and other rescue operations;
- training courses in helicopter rescue techniques using the winch;
- purchase of mobile means and specific materials for alpine rescue.





CISA – IKAR

- The International Commission for Alpine Rescue (ICAR) is an organization in the field of alpine rescue that brings together about 100 civil or military organizations, federations, public or private services from 36 countries.
- Accident prevention, search and rescue of persons in distress in the alpine area is a legal duty and represents an important part of the activity performed by the mountain structures of the Romanian Gendarmerie.
- The Romanian Gendarmerie, by joining the organization, can directly benefit the exchange of international experience and the recommendations made by the International Commission for Alpine Rescue.
- The Romanian gendarmerie is directly interested in streamlining the alpine rescue, having qualified personnel, equipped and properly trained for the mountain area.

