

FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT THROUGH FIRE AND FLAMES 5

6 × 45' (GER, ENG subs)

A tribute to the unsung heroes who constantly put their lives at risk while in service.

Once again we accompany a German fire brigade for 50 days, 24/7. We are not only involved in large-scale operations, experiencing the dangerous work of the fire brigaders up close, but also in smaller incidents with heart and soul. Among the challenges that test the firefighters is a difficult building fire and a chimney that cannot be extinguished with water. Can they overcome all of the hurdles?

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1. Large-scale operation and blocked entry

The city in the early evening: local residents call the fire brigade. Dense clouds of black smoke rise from a company building. The emergency services arrive quickly, but the site is locked. While the fire threatens to spread and every minute counts, the fire brigade must gain access and get to the scene of the fire as quickly as possible. As more time passes, the more destructive the fire becomes. Are the firefighters there in time to prevent worse things from happening?

2. Chimney fire - water is not an option

The fire brigade is called to a chimney fire. The fire must be brought under control quickly - but extinguishing with water is not an option. In addition to the ambulances, the brigade paramedic accompanies an emergency doctor from the hospital to serious emergencies. An elderly woman complains of shortness of breath and chest pains. Everything points to a heart attack - every minute counts. And the resettlement of a colony of bees from the garden of a residential building is also a matter of life and death.

3. Danger to life - a public bathroom blazes

A disused toilet building is blazing. It is suspected that people are still inside - there is a danger to life! Every second counts for the firefighters, because the smoke from the fire is life-threatening for the missing people. But not only this operation keeps the emergency services in suspense: A little boy falls from a great height. Also: An injured roebuck gets lost in a private garden and has to be rescued.

4. Injured on the highway

After an accident on the highway, an elderly couple is injured in one of the affected vehicles. The emergency services move out to the rescue. In addition, firefighters are called to a late-night fire at a tennis court. When they arrive at the scene, a tree is already fully engulfed in flames. And: A worried wife dials emergency services. Her husband can no longer get up. However, when the rescue workers decide to take the man to the hospital, he refuses.

5. A sauna on fire

The brigade is called to a sauna fire. When emergency services arrived, flames were already blazing out of the house. Will the fire spread? In addition, a man with shortness of breath independently notifies the emergency services and can thus be rescued in time. And: A so-called "eCall" is received at the control center. This is an emergency call service that automatically alerts the fire brigade after a traffic accident.

6. Forest in flames

An alarm for the trainees of the station: In a forest, an area of more than 100 square meters is on fire. Can they prevent it from spreading? In addition, there is an emergency doctor's visit to a patient with suspected corona: the emergency services provide the woman with special protective clothing. Meanwhile, in rough terrain, the fire brigade has to save a man with a dislocated ankle. And: Can the training group free an injured gray heron from a deep basement shaft?