

FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT

THROUGH FIRE AND FLAMES 3

9 x 45' (GER)

They battle through fire and flames, risking their lives and need nerves of steel: the firefighters of a German fire station.

We follow a German fire brigade with bodycams and helmet cameras 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through their everyday lives full of dangerous situations. Welcomed to the station in Season 3 are: a new chief, an emergency paramedic and a fire-engine driver - all female Firefighters who actively enrich the fire station. From a major fire in a sports hall, a blaze on a farm, an operation at a construction site after an accident, to a water rescue - we are up-close with the emergency services as they extinguish fires, save lives and go about their everyday lives at the station.

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1. Apartment block ablaze

A fire in a residential building, a serious cut, an accident drill and an exotic snake in a garden kick off the operations of Season 3 at the fire brigade. It's a fight against time for the emergency services as flames erupt from an apartment building in the city centre and some residents are believed to still be stuck inside. In a kitchen accident, a young man has severed the tip of his finger and when he wants to drive to the hospital on his own, his vision goes black and he alerts the control centre. And in the suburbs, a snake in the home garden of a married couple caused a great stir!

2. Tragedy in the Ruhr

A tragic swimming accident: two men fall into the Ruhr and seem to be drowning. One is rescued from the water by lifeguard forces, the other is still missing when the fire brigade arrives. A race against the clock begins for the emergency services in this large-scale operation: will they find the missing person in time or will the rescue turn into recovery? In addition, the circulatory collapse of an elderly lady causes a kitchen fire in an apartment building, a dizzy spell ends in a practical driving test and a trainee firefighter attempts to free a wild bird from a drugstore.

3. Rural rescue

In the third episode of Season 3, a barn fire on a farm requires an urgent rescue operation, as the dry hay and straw storage is alight. When the emergency services arrive, the fire had suddenly spread to two locations! Every second counts in a medical emergency in a private apartment: At lunch with the family, the father collapses unconscious. The fire brigade sends the rescue service and emergency doctor to help.

4. First on the scene

The roof of a sports hall has caught fire - already on the way, the emergency services see a huge cloud of black smoke rising. In addition, a woman becomes aware of knocking noises from her neighbor in the middle of the night. Upon opening the front door with a spare key, she finds her neighbour in agony and unable to move due to severe leg pain. Concerned, she alerts the emergency services and the fire department sends an ambulance to the scene. And: A five-year-old boy is stuck in the output chute at a packing station.

5. Alarm at dawn

The fire brigade is alerted in the early hours: the beeping of a smoke detector has alerted a neighbour, who notices the smell of burning. The firefighters have to hurry because they suspect someone is still in the apartment. In addition, a special unit of the fire brigade for rescues at high-altitude have a training drill with the trainees on the program: A person is injured while working at dizzying heights and needs to be rescued. An elderly woman complains of tachycardia and shortness of breath, several school children get stuck in an elevator at a train station and a car is on fire - all in a day's work for our firefighters.

6. Beneath the surface

A construction worker is seriously injured in a deep excavation pit during engineering work. He lies hundreds of meters away from the surface opening, calling for help. His colleagues alerted the fire brigade, who attempt to jack the pipes from underground in the pit. An apartment is on fire: the resident has fled to the balcony. The emergency services have to hurry to this large-scale nighttime rescue. Will they save him in time?

7. Mass casualty drills

Smoke rises from a vacant building downtown, but when the emergency services arrive, there is a fire on the ground floor and it turns out that the building is inhabited after all! There are practices in place for emergencies such as explosions in a building with many people inside. What if the emergency services are faced with a large number of casualties after such a disaster - a so-called mass casualty incident?

8. Fire Brigade Olympics

The fire brigade is faced with two complicated situations - a hedge fire and the rescue of a senior citizen. A burning hedge fire has spread to the adjacent residential building. Every second counts now! To make matters worse, one of the two cars is a hybrid vehicle - another new challenge for the emergency services, who have not had to extinguish such a vehicle before. Also: An elderly gentleman has been seriously injured in a fall into his garage pit and needs the help of the fire brigade. The team celebrates its annual Fire Brigade Olympics, which takes place at the inner city police station, employees can compete and challenge each other in various disciplines.

9. Chemical challenges

A caller has alerted the fire brigade to puffs of suspicious smoke rising from a window in an apartment building. The forces of the inner city guard have to hurry, because it is suspected that there is still a person in the apartment. Will they make it in time? Concerned employees dial emergency services, their colleague complains of extreme headaches and dizziness. The fire brigade sends the rescue service. There is an explosion on a factory site: Caustic soda is leaking, causing several fires to spread rapidly and one person is missing. Fortunately, it is not a real operation, but an unannounced large-scale drill. A huge compost heap is burning, the cloud of smoke is visible beyond the city limits and presents the firefighters with a tedious task. Just another day saving lives for the team in the Season 3 finale.