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Subject: Introduction about the Cave Rescue Team of the Hellenic Federation of Speleology

The Cave Rescue Team was founded in 1989 and together with the Canyoning Rescue Team, it has been part of the Hellenic Federation of Speleology (FHS) since 2001, the year the Federation was founded. It is inscribed in the General Secretariat for Civil Protection's register of volunteer groups and cooperates with the Special Disaster Management Unit (EMAK) of the Fire Brigade, which is the official body responsible for dealing with accidents in caves and canyons. The Team has about 80 active members, who are speleologists from the clubs making up the FHS and from elsewhere, while there are a total of over 140 trained cave rescuers.

In Greece, there are no other organized groups which can act in case of accidents inside caves. The team can intervene throughout the country as its members belong to clubs across the country. In case of a major incident it is possible for additional rescuers to be transferred by helicopter by the Fire Brigade.

The team has intervened in all the major cave accidents in Greece and conducts regular exercises and training for its members.