

# NATO/PfP Course on International Rescue Operations

12–23 May 2003 in Revinge, Sweden



Course information and application form

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*As commissioned by the Swedish government, the Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) will be offering an International Rescue Operations course within the scope of the NATO/PfP Programme. The Course forms part of Sweden's Individual Partnerships Programme, IPP.*

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## General information

The International Rescue Operations Course is included in the Individual Partnership Programme between NATO and Sweden, approved by both parts. It is based on the NATO/Partnership for Peace (PfP) Programme.

The Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) is responsible for rescue services and disaster relief. The SRSA maintains a standby capacity to send personnel and equipment to international rescue and humanitarian relief operations.

## Target audience

The course is intended for professional personnel expected to, or with experience of, working in rescue operations, national or international. (e.g. team leaders, SAR workers, communication experts, logistic officers, administration officers etc.). However, others with a background from or with future obligations related to international rescue operations are welcome to apply. There is a maximum of 24 students and it is therefore requested that the applying nation ranks its applicants in order of priority.

## Qualifications required

Skills and experiences from national/international rescue operations are recommended.

## Objective

The course will provide participants with increased ability to organise, implement and participate in international rescue operations – based on their own country's resources – during all types of disaster situations in another country. In this instance, rescue operation refers to an operation carried out following a request from a UN organisation, another international organisation or directly from the country affected.

Also, during the course, the participants will establish a network of experts in the area of rescue operations

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The theoretical basis of the course focuses on giving the participants an understanding of the working methods of international organisations - how to co-operate with other organisations in a disaster area, how to plan and implement training for personnel for a rescue team. It also contains lectures on how to organise international rescue operations and thereby increase preparedness, the different parts of a rescue operation and on the importance of cultural awareness.

## Type of training

The course is divided into lectures, group discussions, study visits and national presentations. The training is based on a high degree of participant involvement.

## Course language/interpreters

All theoretical and practical parts of the course will be held in English. It is therefore essential that participants are able to speak and understand English. However, interpretation English/ Russian is available if needed.

## Practical issues

The International Rescue Operations course is conducted at the SRSA Rescue Services College in Revinge, Sweden. The college is easily accessible from Copenhagen in Denmark (Kastrup Airport), or Malmö in Sweden (Malmö-Sturup Airport).

Lectures are held between 8 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. and include lunch and coffee/tea breaks.

A number of evenings are used for additional lectures as well as field studies. Social activities during the weekend are included in the programme.

The course is free of charge to NATO and Partner Countries, including lectures, literature, board and lodging. Participants themselves must meet any additional costs incurred, e.g. travelling to and from Sweden.

Board and lodging is provided at the College

Application deadline is **12 March 2003**

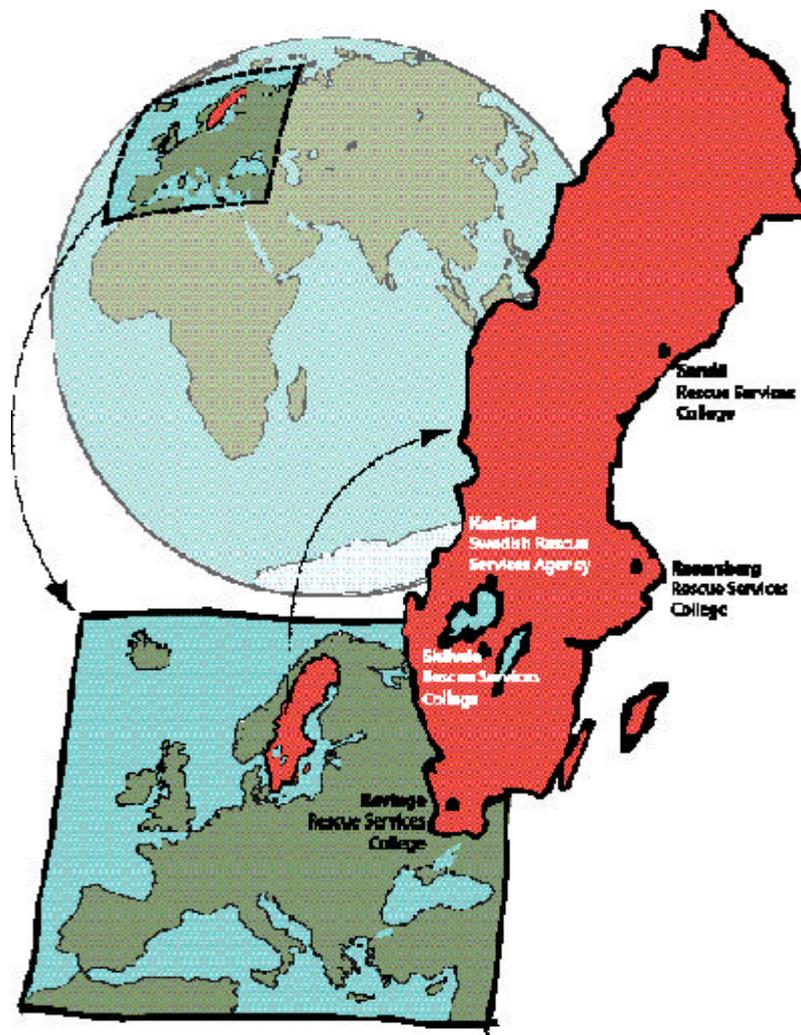
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