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The Slovak Republic represented by the Ministry of the Interior of SR in cooperation with the district offices is the only member state of the European Union that celebrates the National Day 112 on December 1 – 1/12. This time again by the art-and-competition project titled *Emergency Number 112 and Civil Protection Little Rescuer* on the topic of *What Rescue*

*Machinery I Watched to Respond and How I Can be of Any Help...* 70 districts within the whole Slovakia succeeded in taking part in the 5<sup>th</sup> art competition. In total, 1 052 schools sent 8 147 art works to the competition that was held in four categories. That proves how attractive the topic is and that there is a need to spread the idea of emergency number 112 among the young, in particular. The aim of the competition is to give children and pupils the idea of civil protection and interconnection between CP and emergency number 112. Read more about the events of the National Day 112 at district offices on pages 8 – 10.

At present when construction of buildings designed not only for dwelling is advancing and the buildings are built more and more modern, high technology demanding, the issue of fire protection is most topical. Despite the legislative frame and implementation of stricter standards and safety regulations, an emergency will never succeed in eliminating of its occurrence resulting in fire. Applying fire and engineering assessment represents a summary view of fire safety of buildings with the aim to maintain protection qualities.



Due to inability to eliminate occurrence of an emergency resulting in fire, attention is focused on its containment and early response to it. For this purpose active systems of fire protection are designed to, such as sprinklers – sprinkler systems. It is a type of fire protection designed for fire occurrence containment and its bringing under control. Read more on pages 11 – 14.

Currently medical and managerial approaches are developing for securing crisis preparedness of health services to cope with the effects of emergencies and crisis situations. Every year conferences are held on the territory of the Czech and Slovak Republics on the topics of disaster medicine (MEKA in Slovak and Czech languages). At these conferences experience of experts from practical and real responses to crisis situations to help affected population are presented. On November 23 – 24, 2017 14<sup>th</sup> Disaster Medicine Conference MEKA Hradec Králové 2017 was held on the topic of Experience,



Training and Practice. The topic of the conference clearly described presented areas of interest – experience gained in practical responses of rescue services in mutual cooperation, their generalisation and exchange overlapping with daily practice, expert training of rescue service members in the form of exercises and other practical forms of training. Read more about the conference on pages 32 – 34.