

10th National Paging Congress: Alerting – Warning – Informing

The leading expert congress on alerting and warning in Germany is held under the patronage of Hans-Peter Kröger, President of the DFV

Berlin, January 30, 2014. e*Message in cooperation with the German Fire Service Association (DFV) is organizing the 10th National Paging Congress in Berlin, February 24 and 25, 2014. This year's congress, titled "Alerting – Warning – Informing", is devoted to the themes of fire and disaster management, population warning and industrial hazard prevention.

The focus of the event is on critical infrastructures, their failure scenarios, and the resulting requirements for preparedness information and population warning and for alerting non-police and industrial safety responders. Topics of discussion will include tasks, problems and solutions in fire and disaster management at the national, state, municipal and corporate levels. The first day's lecture program will be followed by an in-depth expert forum on the second day.

Expert speakers, including users and decision-makers from the various levels of government, policy-makers and industry representatives, will offer first-hand information. Some of the topics:

- The 2013 Floods: Communication with Services and Citizens
- Professional Systems and User Devices for Alerting and Warning
- MoWaS: A Common Warning System for National, State and Municipal Agencies
- From Malfunction to Disaster: Emergency and Crisis Management
- Alerting Corporate Firefighters and Hazard Management Responders
- Are Our Critical Infrastructures Safe?
- Disaster Management in Metropolitan Berlin
- How Best to Reach the Population in an Emergency?
- Are We Prepared for Alerting and Warning during Power Outages?

The speakers at the 10th National Paging Congress include representatives of the German Ministry of the Interior (BMI), the German Federal Office of Civil Defense and Disaster Assistance (BBK), the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), the Federal Agency for Public Safety Digital Radio (BDBOS), the state Ministries of the Interior of the large-area states Rhineland-Palatinate and Saxony-Anhalt, and renowned companies such as Deutsche Telekom, Deutsche Bahn, Merck, and Lyonell Basell. Among the speakers will also be scientists from leading research institutes as well as fire and disaster management officials from the State of Berlin and various counties.

The National Paging Congresses are held in close cooperation with the German Fire Service Association since 2003. It provides a nationwide

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German forum for information and communication on the issues of fire and disaster management, population warning and industrial hazard management. From the beginning, the forum has also promoted an international exchange of ideas thanks to speakers from Belgium, Finland, France, Great Britain, Israel, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

The leading expert congress on alerting and warning in Germany was initiated by Albrecht Broemme, President of the Federal Agency for Technical Relief, and Dr. Dietmar Gollnick, CEO of the European e*Message Group, and is held under the patronage of Hans-Peter Kröger, President of the German Fire Service Association (DFV). This association represents the interests of some 1.3 million members of professional, industrial and volunteer fire brigades in Germany.

Congress Program:

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