

Bilateral activities implemented within the PDP 1 project

As part of the PDP 1 project, joint exercises of the Rapid Response Unit (abbreviated as URNA or URN) of the Police of the Czech Republic with their Norwegian partner DELTA - Norwegian Police Unit ("Beredskapstroppen", which is abbreviated as "Delta") will be held.

The planned bilateral activities are focused on joint exercises and exchanging of experience on the territory of both countries.

International exercise on the subject of hostage rescue and crisis management:

- 1 x exercise in the Czech Republic with the participation of DELTA members
 - a five-day training with the participation of five DELTA members

- 1 x exercise in Norway with the participation of URNA members
 - joint exercise in the Norwegian capital, Oslo, with the participation of five URNA members

During these exercises, police officers will go through various model situations, tactics for hostage rescue in various situations will be examined,...

International CBRN training focused on the activities of police officers in a contaminated environment:

As part of this second bilateral activity, two three-day trainings with practical CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear protection) exercise will take place in the Czech Republic, with the participation of URNA and DELTA members. The training will focus on new methods and their practical use. The benefit of these activities for the police authorities of both countries is teaching new progressive methods and sharing experience during joint exercises in simulated real situations. Joint exercises for special police units, which complement training programs, improve exchanging of information between the police forces of both countries.

Cooperation between the representatives of the Norwegian Police Directorate and the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic has already been confirmed.

Rapid Response Unit:

is a specific part of the Police of the Czech Republic and it is designed mainly for the fight against terrorism. It is one of the service units with nationwide responsibilities.

Rapid Response Unit

- intervenes against terrorists, kidnapers, abductors, dangerous perpetrators of organized crime, perpetrators of the most serious crimes, etc. (arrests and other interventions) and may intervene upon an order of the Minister of Interior, in the territory of a foreign country,
- cooperates with other police units as well as other authorities and counter terrorism units from other countries,
- facilitates development and implementation of intervention tactics (based on experience collected in joint interventions and information received from foreign counterparts); assists other police units with expertise and guidelines,
- provides expertise in the field of negotiation and use of explosives in both real interventions as well as in training.

"Beredskapstroppen" - DELTA (Norwegian police unit)

Beredskapstroppen, call sign "Delta", is the police tactical unit of the Norwegian Police Service. Its members are trained to perform dangerous operations such as high-risk arrests and hostage situations. It is organizationally part of Oslo Police District, but is responsible for the whole country, including oil installations in the North Sea.

The unit has participated in several incidents including the Torp hostage crisis at Sandefjord Airport, Torp on 29 September 1994, the aftermath of the NOKAS robbery and the 2011

Norway attacks. The members have a wider variety of weapons than the ordinary police force, including SIG Sauer P226 pistols and Diemaco C8 rifles. Members spend half their time training and preparing for missions and the remaining participating in ordinary law enforcement work in Oslo.

Operations

According to Delta's web site, they conduct in average almost one armed operation every day. In 2004, for instance, they conducted 422 armed missions and only fired their weapons twice. One of Delta's most dramatic missions was the Torp hostage crisis, where an elderly couple and two police officers were taken hostages by two criminals. In the end of the two-day drama, Delta executed a rescue operation rescuing all of the hostages and killing one hostage taker and arresting the other. In the aftermath of the fatal NOKAS robbery, Delta arrested many suspects involved with the robbery. Since October 2006, Delta has focused their operations against gang crime in the capital of Oslo and arrested many criminals and seized many weapons used by the gangs.

2011 Oslo / Utøya attacks

Delta were first responders at Utøya and subsequently apprehended Anders Behring Breivik, the perpetrator of the 2011 Norway attacks in Oslo and Utøya on 22 July 2011.

Deployment in Special Team Six

Members of the unit have been deployed in the multinational police unit, Special Team Six many times. Team Six has most notably served in Kosovo. One of the unit's most important tasks was to arrest war criminals. According to one of the Delta operators, during a rescue mission, grenades and bullets flew over their heads while Team Six rescued 50-60 persons from furious Albanians. This incident was a rescue of United Nations personnel trapped in a building. Team Six was commanded by a Norwegian operator from Delta during this mission and during the period January–July 2004. Beredskapstroppen has had personnel deployed in Team Six ever since its foundation.^[3]

Other

The operators use a special type of visor on their helmets which can withstand 9mm bullets. The French National Gendarmerie Intervention Group also reportedly use this visor. The unit uses a gas mask with a closed system (rebreather). They use advanced equipment to determine the type of chemicals they are up against. Their uniforms differ slightly from those normally worn by the men and women of the Norwegian Police Service; instead of the normal black pants and blue shirts they wear black jumpsuits.