

HOME, PROHIBITION AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

TAMIL NADU FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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POLICY NOTE 2012 - 2013

I. Introduction:

The Fire and Rescue Services Department is the saviour in distress and hence the friend of all. All sections of the population, urban or rural, rich or poor, look up to the Department for help and relief when faced with an outbreak of fire. The ability of the fire personnel to put out the fire by reaching the spot without delay and by rescuing people and salvaging property from destruction wins them the appreciation and admiration of the people. For performing this task without blemish, a well equipped, well trained and motivated fire fighting force is a must. Thanks to the sustained efforts taken towards modernizing and equipping the Force, Tamil Nadu can boast of a unit willing and ready to go to battle against a conflagration whenever the situation demands it.

II. History:-

Consequent to a major fire accident which occurred at the office of the 'Board of Revenue', Chempauk, during 1907, the Government issued instructions to form the "Madras Fire Brigade" in the year 1908 to work under the

control of the Commissioner of Police, Madras, by grouping together 8 Fire Engines then under the control of the Municipality and some other Fire Engines available with other private Organisations. A booklet containing the instructions meant for “Fire Parties for use in the Madras City”, was prepared by the Commissioner of Police and these were recorded by the Government as rules for the Department vide G.O.No.550, dated 8.4.1908. The Department gradually grew to a strength of 55 Fire Stations in the year 1945. In 1967, the Fire Services Department was created by separating it from the Police Department. In the year 2001, the Department was renamed as “Fire and Rescue Services Department” and thus gained a new identity. The State Training School was also upgraded as the State Training Centre in 2001. At present, the Department has 301 Fire and Rescue Services Stations apart from 2 Rescue Stations.

III. Objectives

The Fire and Rescue Services Department is basically a Service Department. “We Serve to Save” is the motto of the Department. It has established a reputation for itself as one of the most efficient firefighting forces in the country.

Rescue of life and property from devastating fire, natural calamities and man-made disasters is the prime function of the Department. Its services are also extended to assist the Police Department during elections, riots, fairs and festivals and for VIP bandobust. The ambulance services available with the Department are used to move the sick and injured to hospitals for medical aid.

On the regulatory side, it acts as an advisory body to the various licensing authorities, on matters such as fire protection measures for high rise buildings, factories and places of public resort. The organization of Fairs and exhibitions is permitted only after a No Objection Certificate is issued by the Department to the effect that they conform to the regulations contained in the Acts and Rules for fire prevention.

The Fire and Rescue Services Department also undertakes the task of fire prevention propaganda. It lays great stress on fire prevention and creating awareness about guidelines on fire safety. The awareness programmes are aimed at specific target groups like school children, housewives, rural women, slum dwellers, industrial workers and people visiting commercial complexes, high rise buildings and office complexes.

IV. Organisational and Administrative Structure

The chart depicting the organizational structure is at Table-I and II.

The Department is headed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, who is an IPS Officer of the rank of Director General of Police. Five Deputy Directors assist the Director, each heading one of the five Regions in the State. The five Regional Deputy Directors are located at Chennai, Vellore, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy. The Regions are divided into 33 Divisions and each Division functions under the control of a Divisional Officer. This includes a new Division which was formed at Sivaganga on 17.2.2012. Each Division has 4 to 16 Fire and Rescue Services Stations. There are 301 Fire and Rescue Services Stations in all, apart from 2 exclusive Rescue Stations at Hogenekkal and Kothagiri. A Fire and Rescue Services Station is headed by a Station Officer. Fire Prevention Wings are available in 13 Divisions of the State. These are headed by a Divisional Officer. A State Training Centre, located at Tambaram, functions under the control of a Joint Director (Training & Rescue Operation). A Dog Squad with a strength of 6 sniffer dogs for locating persons under the debris of collapsed buildings is also available under the control of the State Training Centre. There is a State Vehicle Repair and Maintenance

Workshop in Chennai which works under the supervision of the Joint Director (Training & Rescue Operation).

V. Operational Functioning

The fundamental unit of the Department is a Fire and Rescue Services Station. Every Station is headed by a Station Officer and has the following staff, namely two Leading Firemen, one Driver Mechanic, two Firemen Drivers and 11 Firemen. The fire fighting infrastructure includes a water tender costing about Rs.25 lakhs. Hence, it costs about Rs.78 lakhs to start a new Fire and Rescue Services Station. The district wise break up of Fire and Rescue Services Stations is given at Table-III. Normally, the following criteria are adopted for starting a new Fire and Rescue Services Station:-

- (i) There should not be any other Station available within a radius of 25Kms.
- (ii) A Station should serve a population of at least 50,000 and
- (iii) The likelihood of fire hazards causing loss of property to the extent of Rs.50,000/- should be there.

In the event of a fire breaking out, information can be provided to the toll free telephone facility number '101'.

Every Fire and Rescue Services Station is also provided with a separate telephone. A fire call message in Chennai City, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram Districts is also transmitted through Wireless from the Fire Control Room at State Headquarters to the nearest Station to move the fire unit immediately. Depending upon the need of the hour, fire units from adjoining stations are also diverted.

In the mofussil areas, on receipt of an emergent call through telephone, the same will be recorded by the Leading Fireman in the Station and immediately informed to the crew. The fire unit will then immediately rush to the spot and while the vehicle is on the move, the fire fighters put on the safety gear and ready themselves for the operation. Thus, on receipt of a call, a fire unit is despatched to the spot, immediately.

The role of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is also crucial to disaster management. The Department is fully equipped for effective handling of natural calamities like cyclones, floods and landslides. It has trained swimmers, who operate with inflatable boats, rubber dinghies, life buoys and life jackets. The firemen are fully trained to rescue people and move them to places of safety.

VI. Manpower

The Department has an executive strength of 6,801 personnel and a ministerial strength of 341 persons. The sanctioned strength of various categories is as follows:-

| Sl. No. | Category | No. of Posts |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Director | 1 |
| 2. | Joint Director | 1 |
| 3. | Deputy Director | 6 |
| 4. | Divisional Officer | 34 |
| 5. | Assistant Divisional Officer | 45 |
| 6. | Station Officer | 340 |
| 7. | Station Officer (Transport) | 5 |
| 8. | Assistant Station Officer | 16 |
| 9. | Leading Fireman | 787 |
| 10. | Driver Mechanic | 273 |
| 11. | Fireman Driver | 1104 |
| 12. | Fireman | 4189 |
| | Total | 6801 |

To fill up the vacancies, a notification for the recruitment of 791 posts of Fireman has been issued by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board on 21.03.2012. The recruitment will be completed within the year.

VII. Vehicles and Equipment

Availability of well maintained and modern vehicles and equipment is crucial to ensure the efficient functioning of the Department. The Department has been provided with 351 Water Tenders, 82 Ambulances, 14 Small Foam Tenders, 20 Emergency Rescue Tenders, 1 Hydraulic Platform (Simon Snorkel of England), 1 Turn Table Ladder (Isuzu-Morita of Japan), 2 Hydraulic Platform-cum-Turn Table Ladders of 37 Meters and 42 Meters respectively, 2 Aerial Ladder Platforms of 54 Meters, 1 Hose Laying Tender and 55 Water Lorries, 1 Wrecker, 2 Mobile Repair Vans, 228 High Range Portable pumps and 93 Floto Pumps with sufficient technical staff. Apart from this, the Department also has support vehicles such as Mini buses, Jeeps, Buses and Motor Cycles.

Lifting Bags, Smoke Exhausters, Poisonous Gas Detectors, Generators and other Combi-tools are included in the modern equipment provided to the Department. For managing disasters arising out heavy rain, there are 8 Mechanized Fibre Boats and 69 inflatable boats with life buoys and life jackets.

This department also possesses a Thermal Imaging Camera, 3 Life Detectors, 3 Victim Location Units, 2 Multi-gas Monitors, 81 Fire-Entry Suits, 111 Chemical

Protective Suits, 222 pairs of heat resistant gloves, 175 sets of Personal Protective Equipment, 49 Inflatable Emergency Lighting Systems, 75 Power Saws with Generators, 41 Portable type 5 HP Petrol Driven Power Saws, 18 Concrete cutters, 17 Smoke Extractors, 17 Reciprocating Saws, 17 Portable Electrically Operated Circular Saws, 17 Portable Electric Drills and 51 Telescopic Ladders.

Realizing the need to modernize the functioning of the Department, 9 Advanced Water Tenders and 8 Mini Water Tenders based on water mist technology and 22 Hydraulically operated combi-tools at a total cost of Rs.3.20 crores have been sanctioned during the year 2011-2012.

VIII. Communication Facilities:

(i) Telephones and Wireless sets

Timely service and prompt response is extremely vital in fire fighting and rescue operations. For this, mobilization of men and machines within the minimal time is an imperative need. A toll free telephone facility '101' is available in all District Headquarters and large towns and in addition, '102' toll-free facility is available in Chennai City. On receipt of the information through the toll free facility, the appropriate Fire and Rescue Services Station

is alerted by the Control Room and the personnel are activated to proceed to the spot. Every Fire and Rescue Services Station is provided with a telephone for prompt response and timely service. Cell phone facilities have also been provided to all the officers of and above the rank of Station Officer. To speed up the fire fighting operations, the Fire and Rescue Services Stations in Chennai City, Thiruvallur District and Kancheepuram District have been provided with wireless sets.

The Department is constantly striving hard to bring down the response time to the minimum. In Chennai City the response time to reach the spot is generally 6 minutes or less. All efforts are being taken to reduce the response time further in mofussil areas.

A website for the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services with the address <http://www/tnfrs.tn.nic.in> is maintained by the National Informatics Centre. This website serves to educate the public on fire-safety issues.

IX. Training Facilities

As a means towards giving a good account of itself operationally as a public utility service, the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department concentrates on training its personnel at all levels. High-quality training is imparted to the new entrants in a comprehensive manner.

A State-of-the-art State Training Centre equipped with all modern teaching aids is functioning at Tambaram to impart quality training to its personnel at all levels, and to keep abreast of the modern developments in the field of Fire-fighting and Rescue techniques. The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi has designated the State Training Centre of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services as one of the accredited Regional Training Centres of the National Fire Service College in Nagpur.

The State Training Centre trains not only fire fighters from Tamil Nadu but also fire fighters from other States, Public Sector Undertakings, Government institutions and even the public at large. Basic firefighting training is given to private individuals at the Divisional Headquarters for a period of one week on payment of a fee of Rs.1000/- per person. During 2011, 1,422 private individuals have been given training in basic fire fighting practices.

The Government of India, under the Plan Scheme of “Strengthening of Fire and Emergency Services in the Country” have identified the State Training Centre, Tambaram, Chennai, as one of its Centres for organizing training of Fire Service Personnel from various States in Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and Medical First Responder(MFR). They have deputed 83 personnel to

the Centre for training during the period from 28.11.2011 to 19.2.2012, in 3 batches.

X. Buildings and Infrastructure

There are 301 Fire and Rescue Services Stations, apart from 2 Rescue Stations, one at Hogenakkal in Dharmapuri district and the other at Kothagiri in The Nilgiris district. Of the 301 Fire and Rescue Services Stations, 175 are now functioning in their own buildings, 29 in other buildings of Government Undertakings and 97 in rented buildings.

About 45 cents of land are required for constructing a Fire Station building and this includes a parade ground and parking bays for fire fighting vehicles. Land has been identified for construction of buildings for 25 Fire and Rescue Stations in 13 districts. The estimated cost of construction of a Fire Station building is Rs.50 lakhs approximately, with a built up area of about 2300 square feet.

A sum of Rs.5.99 crores has been sanctioned by my Government for the construction of a new building for the Headquarters Office at Egmore with all infrastructural facilities.

This Government has issued orders for Fire and Rescue Stations and Offices to be henceforth constructed

by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Ltd, vide G.O.Ms.No.479, Home Department, dated 30.08.2011, so as to bring about synergy between the Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Services Department in undertaking construction works.

XI. Initiatives taken for Preventing Fire

i) Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention is a priority activity of the Fire and Rescue Services Department. In order to professionalise fire prevention work, the Department has Fire Prevention Wings in 13 Divisions. These Wings teach the common people in rural and urban areas about prevention methods so as to reduce fire hazards. Fire prevention methods are also taught in schools, industries, offices and slums through lectures and demonstrations to sensitize people about the need for fire-safety and fire prevention. In the year 2011 fire prevention education was conducted in 15,901 places throughout the State.

In the wake of the heart rending tragedy at a School in Kumbakonam on 16.07.2004, the Government issued orders making it mandatory for Schools to obtain a No Objection Certificate from the concerned jurisdictional Station Officer who is to satisfy himself about the adequacy of fire fighting equipment installed in the school.

9,768 Schools were inspected by the Station Officers for issue of NOC in the year 2011 apart from conducting mock drills and demonstrations on safety from fires and disasters in 7,408 Educational Institutions.

National level fire and evacuation drills were conducted on 21.1.2012 by identifying one School in each District to create Fire Safety awareness amongst the School students and staff and also to educate them about the escape route and rescue methods in case of an emergency.

National level painting competitions in schools on the theme "Fire Precaution & Prevention" were conducted on 14.11.2011 in all Schools throughout the State to create mass awareness amongst the school staff and students on fire safety measures.

In order to ensure fire safety in Hospitals, the Government has formed teams in Chennai City under the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner of Police along with the Divisional Officer of the Fire and Rescue Services Department and officials from the Revenue Department, Corporation of Chennai, Electricity Board, and Medical Education to conduct safety audit in 118 hospitals identified by the Commissioner of Police. Likewise, in the Districts, a team headed by the Divisional Officer, Fire and

Rescue Services Department, and consisting of officials from the Revenue Department, Commissionerate of Municipalities, Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Electricity Board, Police Department and Health Department of the concerned District has been formed to conduct safety audit in 37 hospitals identified by the Director, Fire and Rescue Services.

ii) Fire Safety Volunteers:

Fire safety volunteers are being enrolled in all Fire and Rescue Services Stations in the State to involve the common public as a support mechanism for the Fire and Rescue Services Department. In all, 19,810 fire safety volunteers have been registered so far.

iii) Prevention of Fire in Cinema Halls:

Cinema Halls are prone to fire accidents. Hence, the following important preventive measures are verified before granting licences to cinema theatres:-

1. Provision of adequate fire extinguishers and a First Aid box in the operator's room is compulsory;
2. Provision of sprinklers and smoke detectors in Multiplex Cinema Theatres is insisted upon;
3. Provision of adequate fire buckets with sand and water;

4. Water storage for continuous fire fighting;
5. False ceiling and wall decoratives should be constructed with fire proof materials;
6. Provision of adequate emergency exits;
7. Attendants and staff shall be trained in the use of all fire fighting equipment maintained in the premises.

A Multi-Departmental Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the District Fire Officer in each District, to inspect all the cinema theatres every year. 2,414 Cinema Halls/Public Assembling Places were inspected by the Committees during 2011. Other than Cinema Halls, 34,805 buildings were also inspected by the Officers of the Department in 2011 to check their readiness to fight fire.

iv) Slum fires during Summer Season

To attend to slum fires in vulnerable areas immediately without any loss of time a system of mobile patrolling is being done from March to August every year.

v) Fire Service Day

This Department observes Fire Service Day for a week commencing from 14th April of every year. During this period all Fire and Rescue Services Stations in the State organize propaganda campaigns, demonstrations,

lectures and conduct essay competitions for school students. Propaganda campaigns are also conducted through newspapers, the television and radio periodically.

XII. Welfare Measures

i) Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent Fund

The Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent Fund is a voluntary fund founded in 1962 which renders financial assistance to the members of the Fire and Rescue Services Department. Originally it was meant for the following purposes:-

- (a) to purchase nutritious food for firemen and for their dependents, diagnosed as suffering from diseases such as Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Cancer etc.
- (b) to meet the cost of higher education of the children of fire personnel.
- (c) to provide relief to the families of deceased members of the Department and
- (d) to meet the funeral expenses of the members and their dependants.

The Government grants a sum of Rs.12 lakhs to this Fund. At present 5,573 persons subscribe to the Fund. During the year 2011-12, Rs.23.71 lakhs was collected

from the members by way of subscription and Rs.33.29 lakhs was granted as relief towards the following purposes :-

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| To meet the cost of higher education of their children. | Rs.8.40 lakhs |
| Award of prizes for 10 th and 12 th Students who secured 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd positions among the children of the personnel and also consolation Prizes for those who secured 85% and above. | Rs.3.12 lakhs |
| Token grant for the personnel at the time of retirement who were the members of the Fund | Rs.9.53 lakhs |
| Relief to the families of the deceased members and also to meet the funeral expenses of the members and their dependents | Rs.12.24 lakhs |
| Total | Rs.33.29 lakhs |

ii) Family Benefit Fund Scheme

An amount of Rs.1,50,000/- is sanctioned to the family if a member of the Department dies when in harness, from the Family Benefit Fund.

iii) Ex-gratia Payment

Families of Fire and Rescue Services personnel are given ex-gratia grant if an accident occurs during the performance of duty. The levels of assistance were raised and fixed in December 2001 as follows:-

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| (i) | For those who die in harness while on duty | Rs.5,00,000/- |
| (ii) | For those who suffer permanent disability, while on duty | Rs.1,00,000/- |
| (iii) | For those who are seriously injured while on duty | Rs.20,000/- |
| (iv) | For those who suffer Minor injuries while on duty | Rs.10,000/- |

iv) Group Insurance Scheme

To grant relief to the families of Fire and Rescue Services personnel who die while on duty, a Group Insurance Scheme is in vogue covering the entire

Department from Fireman up to the Director (excluding Ministerial Staff). This scheme offers a relief of upto Rs.1,00,000/- to the family of the deceased person.

v) Food Subsidy Scheme

Rice is supplied free of cost and wheat, sugar, maida, and dal are supplied at 50% of the sale price through Public Distribution System outlets for Fire Service Personnel from the rank of Assistant Divisional Officer down to Firemen. The expenditure under this scheme is Rs.56.28 lakhs, annually.

vi) Construction of quarters

To enhance operational efficiency and for quick mobilisation during emergencies, it is essential to provide quarters for the Fire and Rescue Services personnel near their Stations. Except Ministerial staff, all the officers and men of this Department are eligible for rent-free housing facilities. At present 1,027 quarters are available. The construction of 269 quarters in 16 places by Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation is in various stages of completion. The construction of quarters will be accelerated so as to provide quarters to all the personnel in a phased manner.

vii) Dietary charges for personnel

This Government has enhanced the dietary charges for the Fire and Rescue Services personnel below the rank of Station Officer from Rs.80/- to Rs.100/- per day in Chennai City and from Rs.55/- to Rs.75/- per day in the Mofussil areas. The above enhancement involves an additional annual expenditure of Rs.60,50,880/- per year to the exchequer.

XIII. Incentives and Awards

To recognize the gallantry and valour exhibited by the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel while performing their duties, and to motivate them to perform their duties more efficiently, the following Medals and Awards are being awarded by the Government :-

(i) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal)

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal) is awarded on the occasion of Perarignar Anna's Birthday on 15th September every year. The recipients of this medal are eligible for a lumpsum grant ranging from Rs.4000/- to Rs.6000/- according to their rank. 10 Meritorious Medals and 16 Gallantry Medals were awarded to the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel for the year 2011.

(ii) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal: (Awarded on Pongal Day)

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal awarded on Pongal Day carries with it a cash allowance of Rs.100/- per month for all the recipients below the rank of Station Officer viz., Leading Fireman / Driver-Mechanic / Fireman Driver/Fireman. The above Medals were awarded to 120 Fire and Rescue Services Personnel in 2012.

(iii) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence was instituted by my Government in July' 2001 as a recognition of excellence in performance of duty displayed by the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel. Medals not exceeding three are awarded every year, one each to a Station Officer, Leading Fireman and Fireman and equivalent ranks during Fire Service Day i.e. April 14th. Each Medal is made of 22 carat gold and weighs 8 grams. The Medal also carries a lumpsum grant of Rs.3000/- for the Station Officer and equivalent ranks, Rs.2500/- for Leading Fireman and equivalent ranks and Rs.2000/- for Fireman and equivalent ranks.

(iv) Apart from the above Medals, this year, during the Republic Day Celebrations on 26th January, the Anna Bravery Medal which is awarded to Government Servants/Civilians for acts of exemplary bravery was awarded to Tmt. N. Priya, Divisional Fire Officer, and Thiru R.Murugan, Station Fire Officer, who were seriously injured and Thiru K.Anbzhazhagan, Leading Fireman who lost his life while dousing the fire at “Kalas Mahal” in Ezhilagam Complex on 16.1.2012. The award carries a gold medal worth Rs.5000/-, a Certificate and a prize amount of Rs.1,00,000/-. By their acts of bravery and courage these officers have set an example for the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel in the Department.

In addition, the (i) Fire Service Medal for Distinguished / Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day (ii) Fire Service Medal for Distinguished / Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day and (iii) President’s Fire Service Medal for Gallantry / Fire Service Medal for Gallantry are awarded by the Government of India for which nominations are sent by the State. In 2011-12, eleven persons from the Tamil Nadu Fire & Rescue Services Department received these awards.

XIV. Initiatives taken in 2011 - 2012

Realizing the need to improve the quality of service rendered to the people and also the welfare of the personnel of the Department, this Government has sanctioned the following to improve the functioning of the Department:-

- A new Fire and Rescue Services Station has been opened at Chinna Salem in Villupuram Division at a cost of Rs.79.79 lakhs.
- A new Fire and Rescue Services Station has been opened at T.Kallupatti in Madurai Division at a cost of Rs.75.01 lakhs.
- A new Fire and Rescue Services Station has been sanctioned at Alangulam in Tirunelveli Division at a cost of Rs.78.11 lakhs.
- A new Divisional Headquarters has been formed by bifurcating the existing Ramnad-Sivagangai Division at a cost of Rs.42 lakhs.
- Fabrication of 9 Advanced Water Tenders and 8 Mini Water Tenders based on water-mist technology and

purchase of 22 sets of Hydraulically operated combi-tools for use in major cities was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.3.20 crores in G.O.Ms.No.536, dated 22.9.2011

- Fabrication of 2 Small Foam Tenders for use in Ambattur and Trichy was sanctioned at a non-recurring cost of Rs.48 lakhs.
- Purchase of 9 four wheelers and 2 Motor Cycles was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.45.10 lakhs.
- Purchase of 28 numbers of computers and printers was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.12.60 lakhs.
- Feeding charges for Dogs in the Sniffer Dog Squad were enhanced from Rs.54/- to Rs.100/- per dog per day.

XV. Part II Schemes

Under Part II Schemes for the year 2012-2013, the Government will sanction the following schemes at a total cost of Rs.77.45 lakhs:-

- Procurement of 2 Jeeps and 2 Cars to replace the old ones at a cost of Rs.20 lakhs
- Procurement of 2 Small Foam Tenders at a cost of Rs.48 lakhs.
- Procurement of 10 Computers with printers and accessories at a cost of Rs.4.95 lakhs
- Procurement of 6 Photo Copiers for the use of the Directorate and 5 Regional Offices at a cost of Rs.4.50 lakhs.

XVI. Conclusion:

Fire fighting personnel are noticed only when a fire breaks out. After the critical hour is over and precious lives and property have been saved their deeds remain forgotten. This was the tale in the Fire and Rescue Services Department. We have sought to change the position by awarding the Anna Medal for Gallantry (an award that can be conferred on any civilian in the State) in 2012 to three Fire Services Personnel who staked their lives to save precious Government documents in the Directorate of Social Welfare. Though one of them lost his life unfortunately, the Government has ensured that proper medical treatment is provided to the other two persons by

paying for their medical expenses entirely. This is only a small gesture as a token of recognition for their bravery. My Government has always taken special care of the welfare of the Personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department and shall continue to do so. It will be our endeavour to equip our Fire Fighting Force in a manner so as to match the best in the world and provide them with the best facilities for training and mobility so that they remain motivated and committed to rise up to the occasion, whenever it is necessary.

J JAYALALITHAA
CHIEF MINISTER

TABLE - I

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
ORGANISATIONAL CHART**

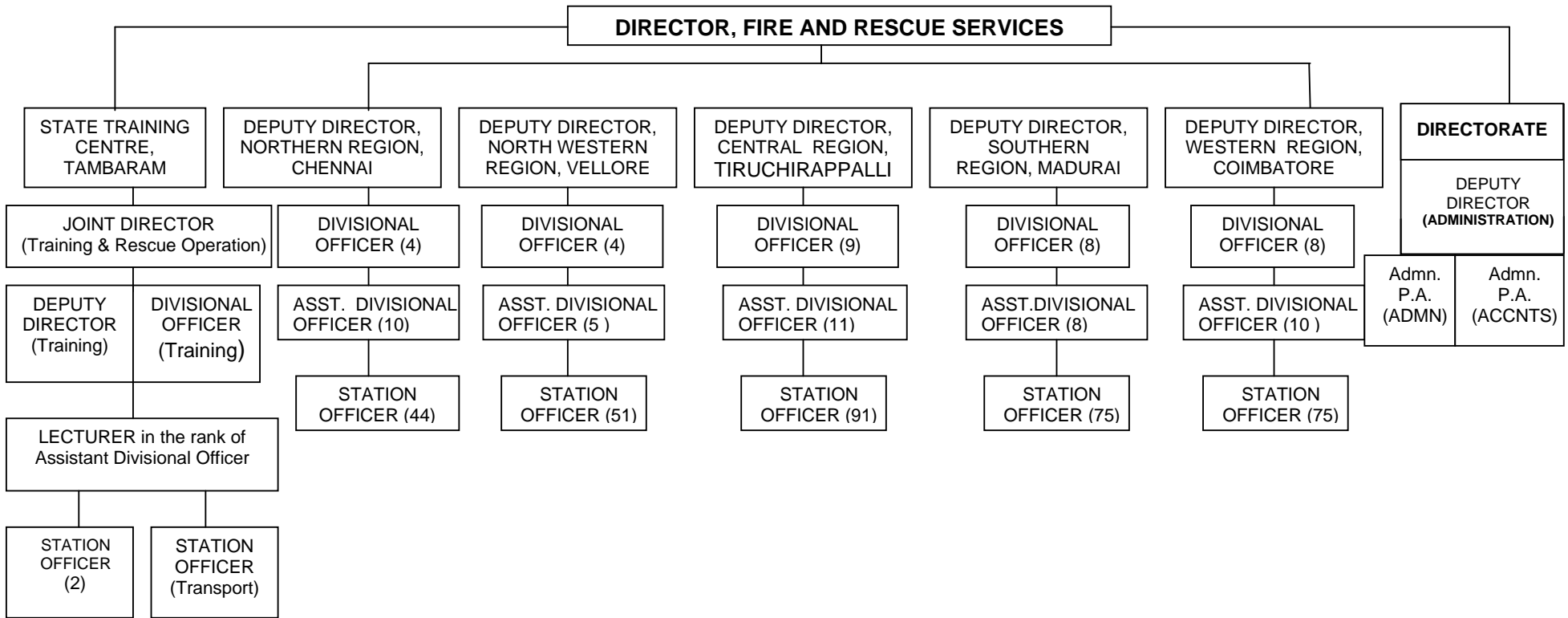


TABLE - II

STATION AND OTHER UNITS FUNCTIONING UNDER THE REGIONS

| Northern Region | North-Western Region | Central Region | Southern Region | Western Region | Total Number of Fire and Rescue Services Station in the State : 301+2 @ |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| RSS FPW OTH | FRSS | FRSS FPW | FRSS FPW | FRSS FPW | Other Institutions: |
| 1. Chennai 9 1 1* | FPW | 1. Thiruchira 8 1 | 1. Madurai 10 -- | 1. Coimbatore 10 1 | State Training Centre - 1 |
| North | 1. Vellore 16 1 | ppalli | 2. Tirunelveli 13 -- | Kothagiri 1@ | State Workshop - 1 |
| 2. Chennai 9 1 1* | 2. Tiruvanna 12 -- | 2. Pudukottai 12 1 | 3. Kanniya 7 -- | 2. Erode 9 1 | Rescue Station - 2 @ |
| South | malai | 3. Thanjavur 9 -- | kumari | 3. Tiruppur 7 1 | Dog Squad - 1 |
| 3. Chennai 7 -- -- | 3. Kanchee 10 1 | 4. Naga 11 -- | 4. Tuticorin 9 -- | 4. Salem 11 1 | Band Party - 1 |
| Central | puram | pattinam | 5. Virudhu 8 1 | 5. Dharmapuri 4 1 | Note: FRSS – Fire and Rescue Services Station |
| 4. Chennai | 4. Thiruvallur 9 -- | 5. Cuddalore 15 -- | nagar | Hogenekkal 1@ | FPW: Fire Prevention Wing |
| Sub urban 8 -- -- | Total 47 2 | 6. Villupuram 12 -- | 6. Ramanatha-11 -- | 6. Krishnagiri 7 -- | OTH: *Photographic Section |
| 5. Northern -- -- 2** | | 7. Karur 4 -- | puram | 7. Dindigul 9 1 | ** Fire Control Room & Wireless Section |
| Region | | 8. Perambalur 6 -- | 7. Sivaganga 6 -- | 8. Namakkal 4 -- | Figures in bracket indicate the number of officers in that cadre. |
| Total 33 2 4** | | 9. Tiruvarur 11 -- | 7. Theni 8 -- | Total 61+2@6 | |
| | | Total 88 2 | Total 72 1 | | |

TABLE – III

District Wise Fire and Rescue Services Stations

| Sl.No. | District | No. of Stations |
|--------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Ariyalur | 3 |
| 2 | Chennai | 33 |
| 3 | Coimbatore | 7 |
| 4 | Cuddalore | 15 |
| 5 | Dindigul | 9 |
| 6 | Dharmapuri (including one Rescue Station) | 5 |
| 7 | Erode | 9 |
| 8 | Karur | 3 |
| 9 | Kancheepuram | 10 |
| 10 | Kanniyakumari | 7 |
| 11 | Krishnagiri | 7 |
| 12 | Madurai | 10 |
| 13 | Nagapattinam | 11 |
| 14 | Namakkal | 4 |
| 15 | Nilgiris (including one Rescue Station) | 4 |
| 16 | Pudukkottai | 12 |
| 17 | Perambalur | 2 |
| 18 | Ramanathapuram | 11 |
| 19 | Salem | 11 |
| 20 | Sivagangai | 6 |
| 21 | Thanjavur | 9 |
| 22 | Theni | 8 |
| 23 | Tiruvannamalai | 12 |
| 24 | Tiruchirappalli | 10 |
| 25 | Tiruvarur | 11 |
| 26 | Tiruvallur | 9 |
| 27 | Thoothukudi | 9 |
| 28 | Tiruppur | 7 |
| 29 | Tirunelveli | 13 |
| 30 | Vellore | 16 |
| 31 | Villupuram | 12 |
| 32 | Virudhunagar | 8 |
| | Total | 303 |

