



The Works Fire Service team

Buderus Works Fire Service and Works Medical Service Joined-up safety

Buderus Edelstahl has several emergency departments to avert hazardous situations and ensure the quickest and best possible provision. The Works Fire Service and Works Medical Service are closely interlinked, and work smoothly together to provide an emergency service.

Saving lives, protecting health, avoiding downtime and breakdown costs are the tasks of the Buderus Edelstahl Works Fire Service. It was formed in 1925, and since

then it has grown with its tasks. The practised team is on the spot in minutes, around the clock, 365 days a year. A total of 33 men and one woman currently belong to the Works Fire Service, 13 of them full-time and 20 volunteers. They are on the spot immediately with up to eight fire appliances and emergency vehicles. Their task ranges from fire prevention by inspections, tests, etc. to active firefighting and ambulance work through to handling unusual emergencies like the one in summer 2006 when a swarm of wild bees had

to be rescued from a facade of the works, a task the Works Fire Service performed in an exemplary manner.

Wide range of tasks

In addition to the tasks already indicated, the full-time fire service staff also perform activities in the control centre, at reception and in company security, naturally matching the rotating shift pattern of Buderus Edelstahl production, 24/7. The variety of tasks is very demanding for the team, which has to be qualified and motivated.

The Works Fire Service has regular practices, training and special tests, for example with breathing and chemical protection. In addition to general firefighting and fire practices, the everyday work of the Buderus Edelstahl Works Fire Service also includes lifesaving with special equipment. Modern medical equipment such as the mobile defibrillator and the artificial respiration equipment in the new emergency vehicle must be operated safely and with no loss of time.

The highest priority is avoiding major fires and the associated threat of loss and injury. Every year the works fire service trains employees in the use of fire extinguishers, of which more than 900 are distributed throughout the works premises.

Of course the extensive equipment also has to be maintained regularly, once a month for respiratory equipment for example. Also emergency vehicles, hoses, ladders, ropes, radio communication and other equipment is checked regularly, subjected to functional tests, and replaced if necessary. Fortunately the works fire service is very rarely deployed for a major incident, because of the excellent preventive measures. But the importance of a good team with excellent equipment became apparent in May of this year when the fire-fighting team under the leadership of Frank Brück was confronted with a fire in the rolling mill. The incident was successfully contained, in close cooperation with the city fire services.

Volunteers always wanted

The volunteers who support the full-time firefighters are particularly important for all tasks. The more the better. The Buderus Edelstahl works fire service is currently again looking for employees to join as volunteers. How do you join the works fire service? It's easy, just call the works fire service, or e-mail company security. The contact person is Oliver Roland. "We urgently need more volunteers to stay up to strength", he says, and looks forward to your phone call or e-mail.

New company doctor for Buderus Edelstahl



From 1 January 2007, Heinz-Dieter Schmidt has taken over the duties of Dr Ingrid Knell, our long-serving company doctor. Heinz-Dieter Schmidt has

extensive medical training and vocational experience. He has worked as a specialist in occupational medicine and as an emergency doctor. He worked as company doctor at Hoesch, and was most recently the lead occupational doctor at the occupational medical Centre in Haiger.

Heinz-Dieter Schmidt and his team are available to our workforce for accidents at work and routine examinations as required. Information and advice and health-related vocational services are also available from the company medical service. For example this year we are offering flu injections to all employees. Those who are interested can contact the company medical service up to the end of November.

Heinz-Dieter Schmidt is available for consultations in 2007 at the following times:

Monday/Wednesday:	10:00–14:30 hours
Tuesday/Friday:	12:00–16:00 hours



Heinz-Dieter Schmidt with his team: nurse Yvonne Weber, Oliver Roland (works fire service), nurse Barbara Schiffer, nurse Heike Langner (from left to right), and the new works emergency vehicle