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Action plans with reference to the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's Final Report RO 2015:01

The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's (SHK) Final Report RO 2015:01 regarding the fire at Textes HVB-hem in Norrtälje, Stockholm County, on 27 August 2013 addresses the following recommendations to MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency):

- From a fire service operation and working environment point of view, clarify the conditions, necessary planning and training for emergency response procedures where the fire brigade use portable ladders as the only possibility for life rescue in a fire and the distressed person is unable to climb down the ladder (RO 2015:01 R3)
- Follow-up on the efforts made to implement the approach outlined in the MSB's supervisory guidance "Kommunal tillsyn enligt lagen om skydd mot olyckor" has been effective in the supervising municipal organisations and thus contributed to improved fire prevention in nursing and care homes (RO 2015:01 R4)

MSB's action plans with reference to these recommendations are presented below.

Action plan recommendation R 2015:01 R3

MSB considers it important to clarify the conditions for when and how the fire brigade is able to use ladder evacuation during life rescue and the need for necessary planning and training for such emergency response procedures. MSB will compile experiences from ladder rescue during fires that have occurred, produce typical scenarios for ladder life rescue and develop recommendations

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for the selection of tactics and methods and for risk assessment for this type of life rescue. The work will include a workshop with selected representatives for the fire brigade and the central government agencies concerned. Based on this work, a guidance report will then be produced and any improvements in training, principally of commanders, will be implemented. MSB's assessment is that these measures should contribute to an increase in the fire brigade's capacity to carry out safe and effective rescues via ladder and to assess when this is not possible.

The action plan will be implemented during the period October 2015 – June 2016.

Action plan recommendation R 2015:01 R4

In 2012, MSB published the book "Kommunal tillsyn enligt lagen om skydd mot olyckor" in order to provide the municipalities with guidance as regards the supervisory activities for which they are responsible under LSO. Since completion of the book in 2012, the Agency has carried out measures in order to implement the working method described in the book. One such measure has been to ensure that the working method described in the book is now taught in the Agency's supervision training.

The work of implementation needs to continue before it is deemed effective to follow up the effects of the working method in the municipalities. For this reason, MSB has planned two main activities during 2015. One activity encompasses web-based training on how to write official notes and orders. The second activity involves giving in-depth seminars for the municipalities in ten different locations in Sweden. The seminars discuss the assessment of reasonable fire prevention and administrative law. During the seminars, participants will get to work with concrete examples and practice making assessments of reasonable fire prevention and both assessing and formulating orders. When these activities have been implemented, MSB intends in 2016 to follow up and evaluate how, and to what extent, continued support should be designed. The assessment is that the ongoing work of implementation needs time to take effect in the municipalities before it becomes relevant to follow up whether it has led to stronger fire prevention in nursing and care homes. A follow-up of the outcome of this work will be subsequently carried out in collaboration with the county administrative boards.

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