

The Technical Institute of Fire Protection

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FOREWORD

The Technical Institute of Fire Protection (TIFP) has a tradition lasting more than thirty years. The main aim for establishing our institute was to provide support for firefighters. We have undergone tumultuous development over the past thirty or more years. At the beginning of the third millennium, our activities deviated from the original conception of the establishment of the institute. Both the academic and commercial spheres began to show great interest in our services. As a result of this division of our services, our institute was unable to provide firefighters with the services they deserve and which we want to provide them with. However, it was the realization of this fact that became a springboard for us. Thus, thanks to the long-term and systematic work of a number of interested people and thanks to the support of the Ministry of the Interior-General Directorate of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic (FRS CR), the institute began to change significantly. It has expanded and improved its activities for firefighters, and today it is one of the recognized supports of FRS CR units in the field of services, and there is more and more interest in its use. Even more positive is the fact that TIFP is still on the rise and this is not expected to change in the coming years.

Every year, the Technical Institute of Fire Protection issues dozens of certificates, carries out more than a hundred fire technical assessments, implements scientific projects and, in cooperation with firefighters, solves a number of problems. Nevertheless, we still encounter the fact that (not only) firefighters do not actually know what TIFP does. That's a fundamental problem, because if you don't know what we can do, and we don't know what you need, we won't be able to help you even in areas where we could. This is why this publication was created. It should give you an overview of our activities and, at the same time, a menu of our services. We firmly believe that this publication will help to bridge some gaps mentioned and contribute to streamlining our services (not only) for firefighters.

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HISTORY

TIFP has undergone a relatively dynamic development since its inception. The most important milestones in its existence include:

- in 1989, the Technical Institute of the Main Administration of the Fire Protection Corps was established. The interior of the institute was under construction, and the organization of the institute and the rules of its activities were determined
- in 1992, the Testing Laboratory for Technical Equipment was created, later renamed as the Department of Technical Equipment of Fire Protection
- in 1992, the Technical Institute of the Main Administration of the Fire Protection Corps was formally abolished on 31 December, and on 1 January, 1993, the Technical Institute of Fire Protection was established
- in 1994, the Operation and Economic Department was created to provide systematic support for the operation, services and financial management of the institute
- in 1998, the Research and Development Department was established, which makes it possible to cover increased requirements for solving of research and development projects
- in 2001, the Workplace of Authorized Services was established, which deals with certification
- in 2006, activities of TIFP in the field of fire investigation were strengthened and the Department for Investigation of Fire Causes was established, which was renamed as the Department of Fire Technical Expertise in 2012



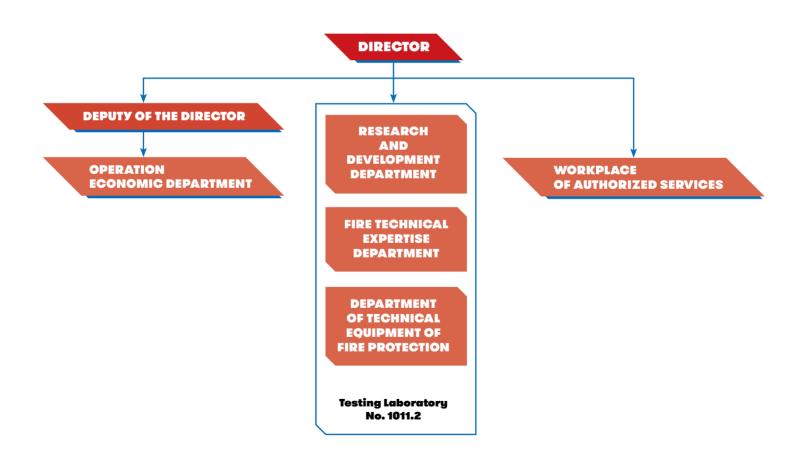
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF TIFP

The Technical Institute of Fire Protection is:

- Authorized Body No. 221 for conformity assessment of fire equipment, material means of fire protection and personal protective equipment for firefighters
- **EU Notification Body No. 1022** for personal protective equipment for firefighters and for fire hose systems for first intervention
- **accredited Certification Body No. 3080**, having authorization for issuing examinations for atypical products

Organizationally, it consists of five departments. The Research and Development Department, the Department of Fire Technical Expertise and the Department of Technical Equipment of Fire Protection create the Testing Laboratory No. 1011.2.



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Certification is one of the main tasks of Workplace of Authorized Services. The purpose of certification is to ensure that firefighters are equipped with the technical equipment on which they can rely in crisis situations. For these purposes, the Technical Institute of Fire Protection is designated by the Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing as Authorized Body No. 221. On the basis of this appointment, we mainly issue certificates confirming the suitability of given equipment.

At the same time, we are accredited by the Czech Accreditation Institute as Certification Body No. 3080. Based on this authorization, we issue certificates of constancy of performance. This concerns mainly non-standard products.

Manufacturers or importers (not firefighters) are obliged to request conformity assessment. An application for conformity assessment should always precede the purchase of a product for firefighters.







WE PERFORM CONFORMITY ASSESSMENTS (ACCORDING TO ACT NO. 22/1997 COLL., ON THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTS) FOR:

- products for intervention activity:
 - fire trucks (with the exception of command vehicles and vehicles for fire investigation with a total weight of up to 2000 kg, fire cranes and rescue trucks) and containers
 - fire pumps
 - hydraulic rescue equipment
 - airbags
 - ladders
 - rescue equipment for emergency escape from heights
- fire hoses, fire hose nozzles and fire fittings
- extinguishing agents
- fire hose and hydrant systems
- mobile and fixed fire extinguishers

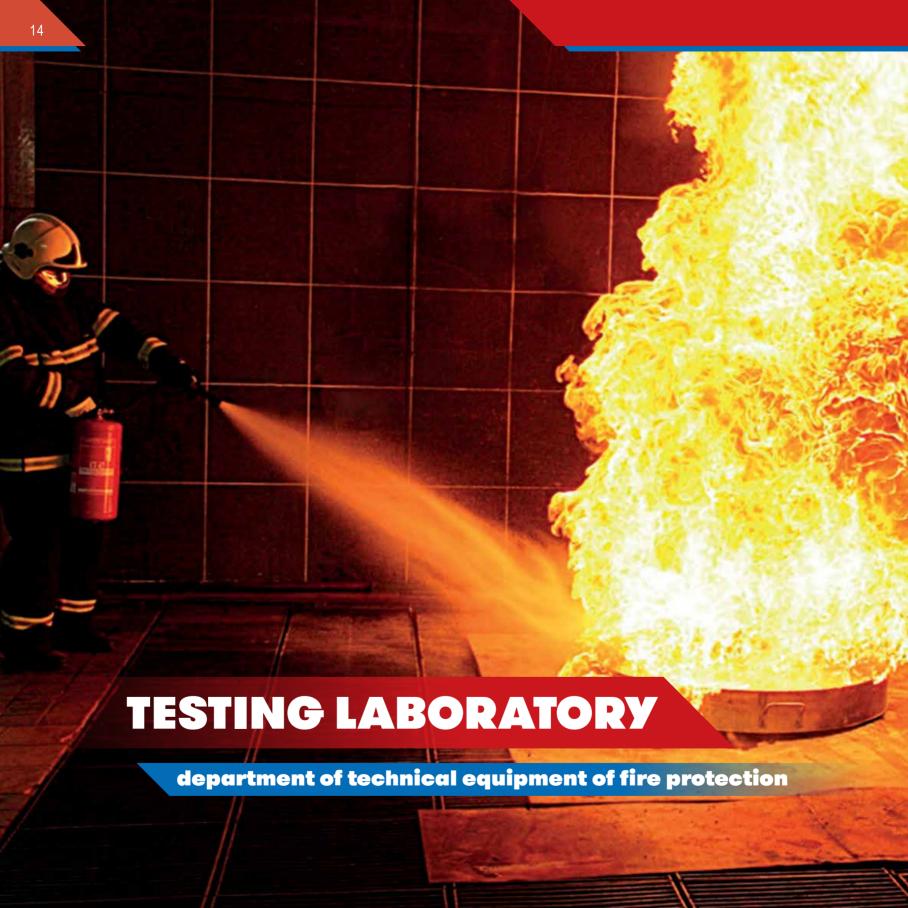
UNFORTUNATELY, WE OCCASIONALLY ENCOUNTER:

- attempts by some manufacturers or suppliers to circumvent given regulations
- misunderstanding the principles of conformity assessment:
 - certification is carried out on the basis of decrees and standards (not the requirements of tenders)
 - on the basis of the application, tests are performed but a certificate is not necessarily issued (issued only when the requirements are met)



OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDE:

- preparation of technical requirements based on updated regulations and standards
- annual control inspections focused on the system of production of certified products
- in cooperation with Research and Development Department development of new methods (e.g. for testing fire extinguishers)



The Testing Laboratory (officially called the Department of Technical Equipment for Fire Protection) performs a number of tests on the basis of which a certificate may subsequently be issued (without which the technical equipment should not be included in fire protection units). Our goal is to equip the firefighters with equipment on which they can rely in crisis situations. This is the reason why the vast majority of our tests are accredited by the Czech Accreditation Institute (CAI).

WE CONDUCT THE TESTS OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR:

- firefighting machinery
- extinguishing agents
- firefighting equipment





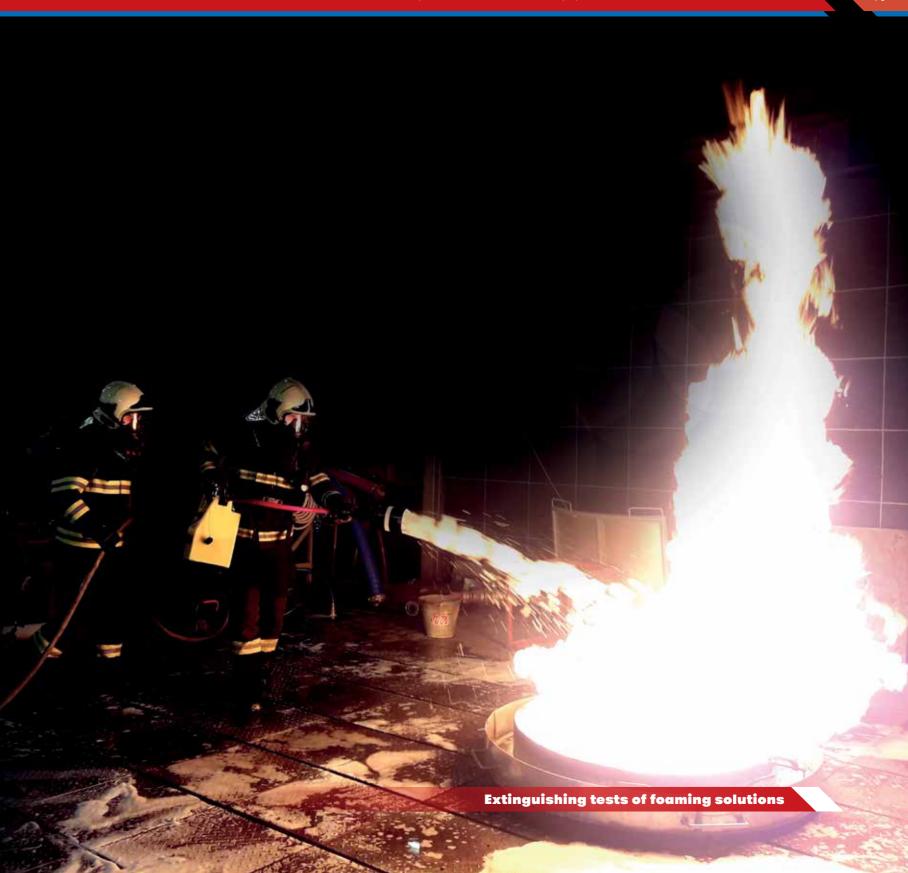
FIREFIGHTING MACHINERY TESTS PERFORMED BY TIPF:

- fire pumps (e.g. pressure measurement, pressure test, measurement of flow, test of long-term operation)
- fire automobiles (e.g. determination of turning radius and length dimensions, geometric dimensions, weight, dynamic driving parameters)
- fire lifting platforms (e.g. static and dynamic overload tests)
- fire truck ladders (e.g. static and dynamic stability tests, operation time test)



WE OFTEN TEST FIRE EXTINGUISHING AGENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE CONDUCT:

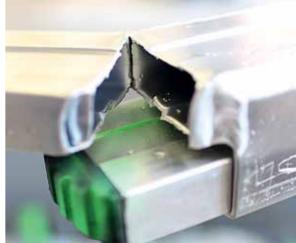
- foaming agent extinguishing tests (the aim of which is to verify the manufacturer's quality declaration and the extinguishing efficiency of foaming agents class of extinguishing ability, level of resistance to backfire, etc. are determined)
- viscosity measurement of foaming agents (Newtonian and non-Newtonian foaming agents)
- determination of fluorinated substances in foaming agents (the aim is to verify whether the foaming agents comply with current and pending legislation)
- quality control of stored foaming agents (in cooperation with DG, we conduct checks at the State Material Reserves)
- tests of foam inductors and foaming agents (verification of the actual mixing of foam in %)





AMONG THE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, WE TEST, IS FOR EXAMPLE:

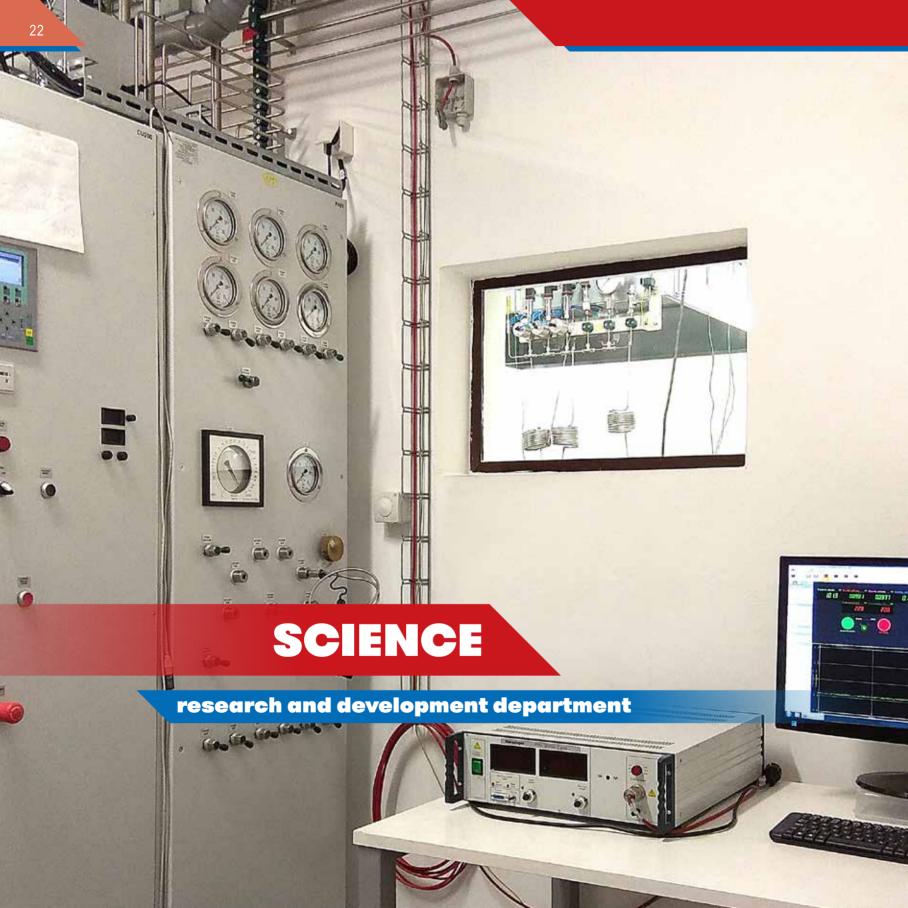
- fire nozzles (e.g. pressure tests, control element tests under heat and frost conditions)
- fire fittings (pressure tests)
- hose systems (e.g. resistance test against internal pressure, flow measurement)
- fire hoses (pressure tests, determination of flame resistance, determination of elongation etc.)
- portable ladders for firefighters (e.g. deflection test, torsion test of rungs, supports)
- lifting bags (e.g. pressure test, penetration resistance)





BESIDES TESTING OF EQUIPMENT, WE ALSO PERFORM AND OFFER MUCH MORE:

- cooperation with the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) of the Czech Republic according to the needs of the FRS (e.g. in cooperation with DG D-program, tests of foam inductors)
- we participate in the elaboration of technical requirements for the performance of tests
- cooperation with domestic and foreign institutions dealing with testing, certification, etc.



Our Scientists are engaged in applied research in the field of fire safety. The main goal of our research is to help firefighters to safely carry out their duties. We carry out a wide range of large-scale tests especially for the needs of firefighters, but we also remember to support investigators or to deal with current topics as electromobility or decontamination (ozone decontamination and disinfection). The results of this research are presented to the public either in the form of publications or through various conferences, seminars, etc. They can also be downloaded from our website.

Our research was awarded in 2019 the Minister of the Interior's Prize for extraordinary results in the field of security research, experimental development and innovation.





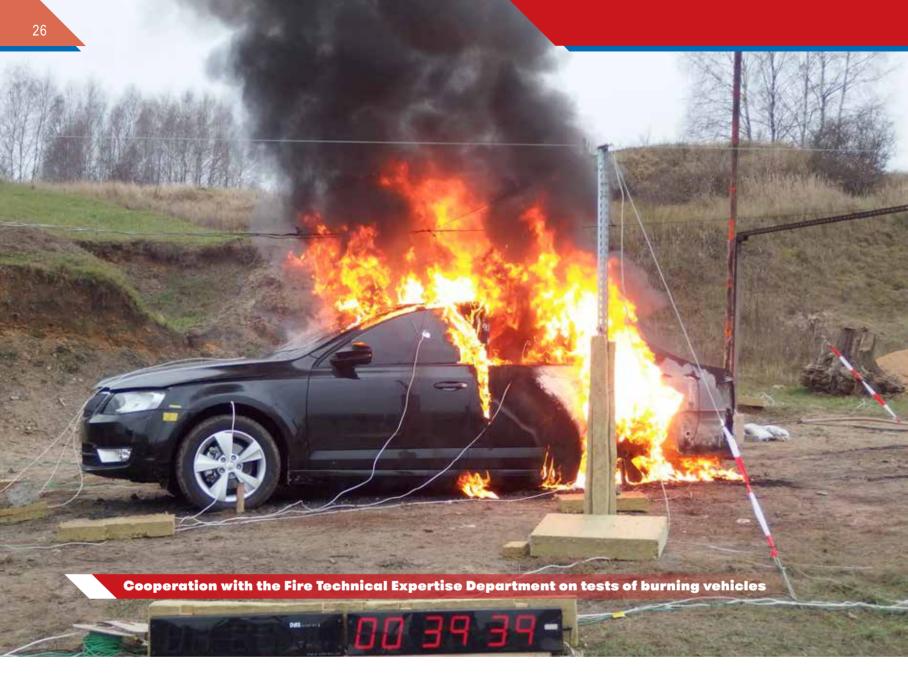
AT FIREFIGHTERS' REQUEST, WE CONDUCT LARGE-SCALE TESTS, IN WHICH WE MEASURE:

- temperatures and temperature fields
- presence and concentration of selected combustion products (most often it is the determination levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and oxygen)



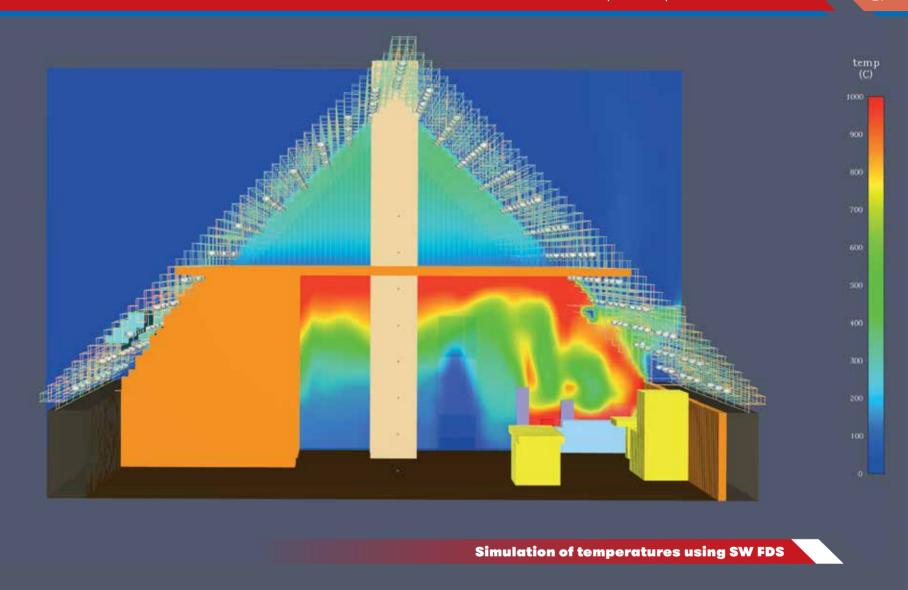
SOME FIREFIGHTER RESEARCH NEEDS ARE ADDRESSED AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF FRS CR:

- analytical methods in the field of extinguishing agents (e.g. determination of extinguishing agent purity or composition of gaseous extinguishing agents)
- project "Safety Improvement of Extension Ladders for Firefighters"
- project "Fire Rescue Vehicle Color Marking"



WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR FIRE INVESTIGATORS:

- we develop methods that we accredit through the Czech Accreditation Institute, and we subsequently perform analysis of samples taken from fire locations
- as part of the project "Study of Traces of Fire Spread and Flammability of Vehicle Components for Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic"



WE USE MODELING NOT ONLY FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES, BUT ALSO FOR PREVENTION:

- we are able to verify or refute hypotheses about the origin and spread of a fire using mathematical (numerical) simulation (CFD model) it is not possible to predict the location or the cause of the origin of fire
- our recent projects dealing with modeling fires cover the following areas:
 - use of models in assessing the fire safety of buildings
 - accidental leakage of CNG from passenger cars
 - thermal degradation and combustion of wood-based board materials



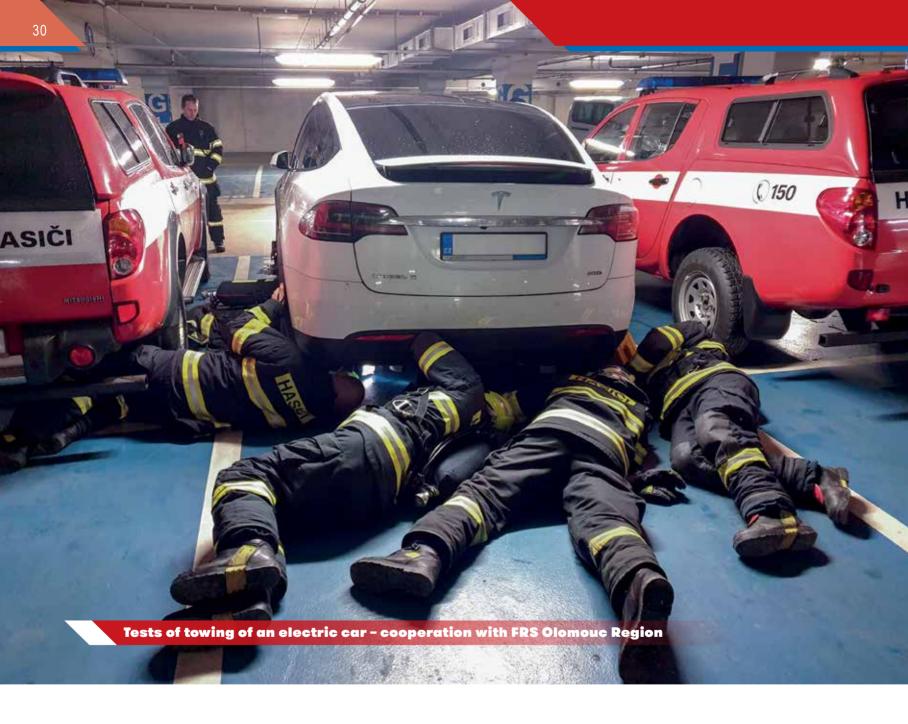
OUR LABORATORIES PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF METHODS TO DETERMINE THE FIRE TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SUBSTANCES AND PRODUCTS AND THE EXPLOSION CHARACTERISTICS OF GASES AND VAPORS:

- these characteristics include flammability of materials, determination of oxygen index, indexes of toxicity, explosion limits, calorific value and many others
- among other things the results are used for:
 - investigation of the causes of fires (e.g.to determine the flash point of a sample)
 - for research purposes (e.g. as input values for mathematical models)
 - for commercial purposes within the TÚPO Testing Laboratory No. 1011.2



OUR HIGHLY ADVANCED ANALYTICAL LABORATIES ARE USED FOR:

- support for investigators of fires in identifying unknown substances and accelerators of combustion
- testing of liquid and gaseous extinguishing agents for the needs of FRS
- assisting research activity
- w most analytical methods are accredited by Czech Accreditation Institute



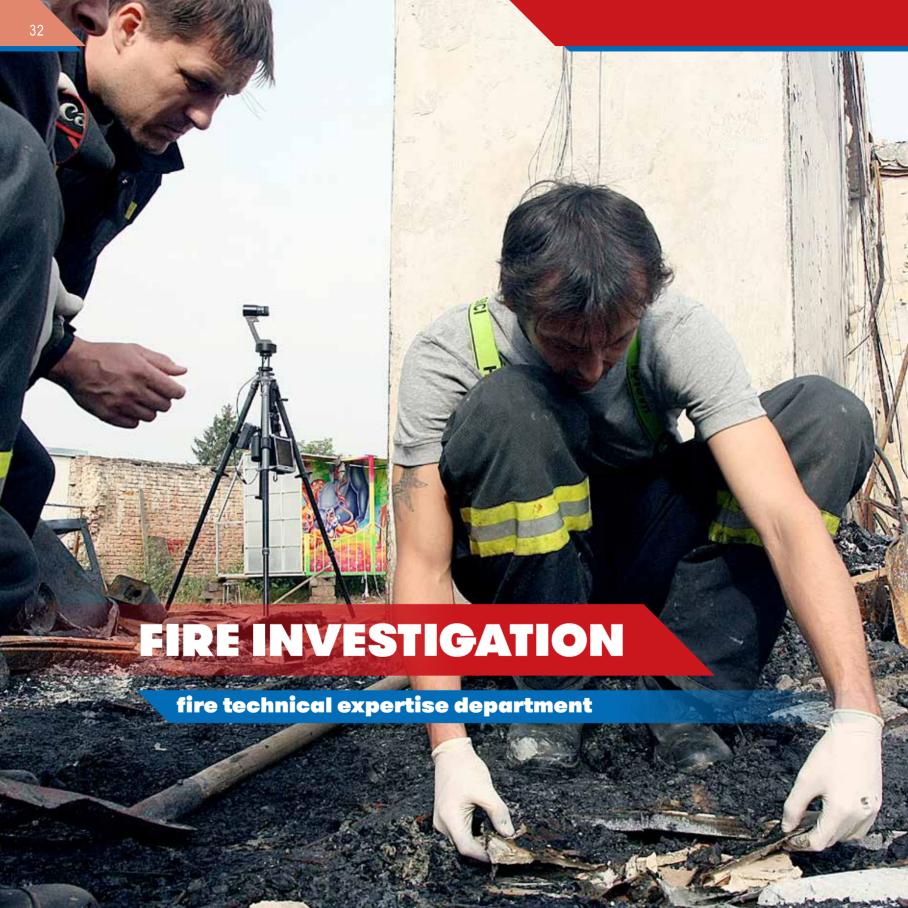
THE CURRENT TOPIC THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH IS ELECTROMOBILITY:

- especially the repressive part of electromobility (from the operational level to the intervention)
- preparation of the project proposal "Protection of bodies of integrated rescue system of the Czech Republic against the danger of gaseous toxicants released from Li-batteries in emergencies"



IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC CONNECTED WITH THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS, WE HAVE PERFORMED DECONTAMINATION TESTS:

- in cooperation with firefighters, the National Institute of Public Health, and other participants, we have performed disinfection and ozonation tests
- preparation of the project proposal "Possibilies of using ozone for decontamination of air and surfaces not only by the bodies of integrated rescue system of the Czech Republic"



Investigators (officially experts of the Fire Technical Expertise Department) mainly perform fire technical expertise with **authority throughout the Czech Republic**.

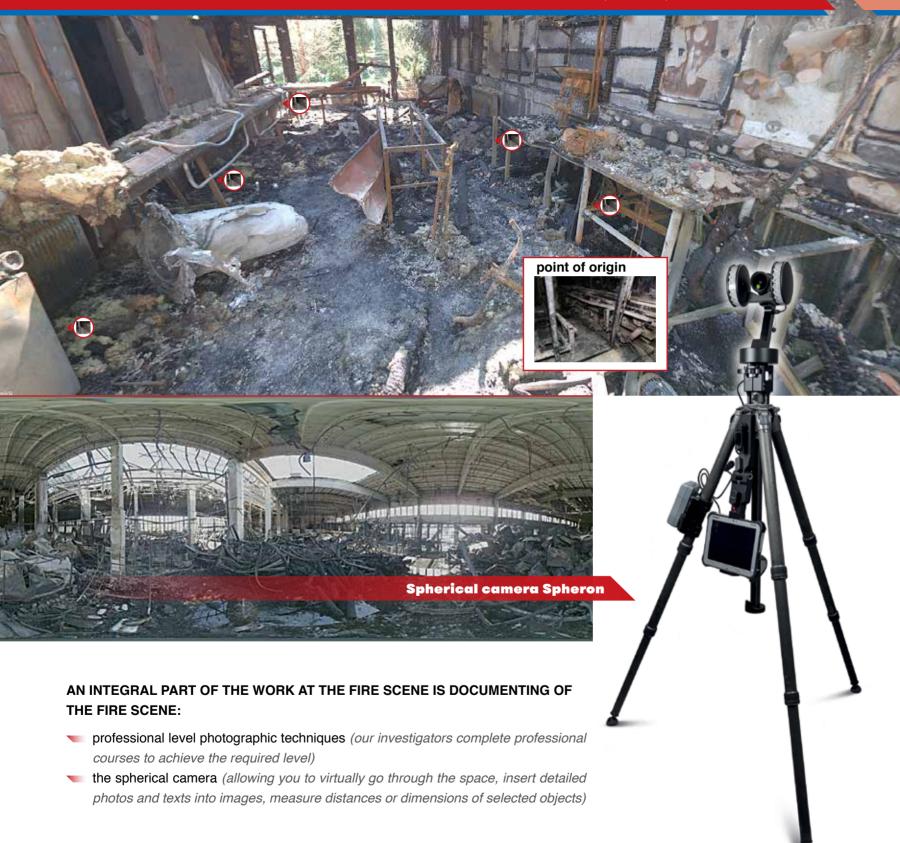
Fire technical expertise in the field of investigation of the causes of fires is processed on the basis of a request, where the main applicants are fire investigators of FRS in regions and territorial departments. Two members of the department always are on constant alert in order to cover the requirements of firefighters. An emergency group is sent by the Operations and Information Center (hereinafter referred to as the OPIC) of the General Directorate of the FRS CR on the basis of a request from the OPIC of the locally competent region.





THE MAIN GOAL AT THE SCENE OF A FIRE IS TO FIND THE LOCATION AND CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THEREFORE, WE PERFORM:

- thorough and detailed analysis of all information (to clarify the mechanism of fire and its subsequent spread)
- **sampling** (these are then subjected to expert examination in our laboratories)





WE ALSO USE UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES) TO DOCUMENT THE FIRE SCENE:

- images and videos from the drone allow views from above and to places that cannot be viewed even using a high-altitude techniques
- we use drones in agreement with firefighters also for other purposes (e.g. for firefighter-climber training or for the purpose of tactical exercise on the topic "intervention with a large number of injured people")



IN OUR LABORATORIES WE SUBSEQUENTLY IMPLEMENT:

- wodel tests (used to confirm or exclude a hypothesis as to the mechanism of a fire)
- tests to determine the material composition of samples and to determine fire technical characteristics
- in cooperation with the Research and Development Department, analysis to confirm the presence of a combustion accelerator (i.e. a substance accelerating combustion e.g. petrol)



IN COOPERATION WITH THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WE DEAL WITH RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- within the framework of the project "Study of traces of fire spread and flammability of vehicle components for Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic" the following were developed and can be downloaded from our website:
 - an e-learning program and publication (especially for fire investigator purposes)
 - a database of catalog sheets of examined vehicles (usable also for mathematical modeling)



WE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

- cooperation on the education of fire investigators with FRS CR (e.g. in the form of instructional and methodical jobs, conferences, publication of articles)
- international cooperation (e.g. with a firefighter unit from Singapore, a seminar in the Netherlands and others)

The Operational Economic Department (OED) ensures the processing of the financial budget and its implementation, including procurement of purchases. Furthermore, it is responsible for the registration of assets, warehousing and disposal of unnecessary assets. The main operational activity of the OED is to ensure operational aspects of the institute, routine and building repairs, maintenance of the buildings, ensurance of maintenance of outdoor and interior areas of the buildings, ensurance of operation of our vehicles, ensurance of the activities of the utilities engineer, water manager and environmentalist.

An integral part of our activity is also preparation of investment plans that lead to the modernization of TIFP or to building of new space (e.g. testing laboratories), that subsequently expand the range of our services.



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- the Department of Technical Equipment of Fire Protection
- the Research and Development Department
- the Fire Technical Expertise Department

You can find the current range of all methods on our website (www.tupo.cz) in the tab Akreditovaná zkušební laboratoř, under the link to our currently valid **appendix to the accreditation certificate**. In this tab, you can find more information about how to order a test or about the price of our tests.



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- professional journal 112
- conferences

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