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## [Berlin Fire Service](#)



Recently I had the privilege of riding along with the Firefighters from Suarez Fire Station in Berlin city.

The firefighters of Suarez 2nd shift



Berlin city is approximately 900 square kilometres, with a population of 3.5 million. Berlin currently has 1.73 million residences, 98 hospitals, 425 hotels, 60 theatres, two airports and more than 120 kilometres of subway tracks. The Fire service operates out of 37 stations and has over 700 firefighters on shift at any one time. The career firefighters are supported by 1,500 volunteers. The fleet consists of 250 pumper/tankers, 44 turntable ladder trucks, 235 rescue trucks, ambulances and EMS surgeon vehicles, and 309 chief and officer cars, utility vans and carrier trucks for equipment containers.



Mercedes pumper

I was very impressed with the quality of the equipment and service. The training is outstanding. Recruit firefighters undergo a 2 year full time study program before becoming fully operational. I believe that this is one of the most comprehensive basic training programs in the world.



View from the Turntable ladder



View of Berlin from 30 metres about the Station



The protective clothing is very good. Helmet trials have been conducted and a number of designs have been evaluated.

The most outstanding memory of my experience is the friendship and hospitality that was shown to me.

If you would like to find out more about the fascinating story of the problems faced after the reunification of the Old East and West Berlin Fire Departments, follow [this link](#)















