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Personal information

Mr. Kimmo Kohvakka has served in the Finnish public safety and security services since 1991. He started his career as an officer in the CBRN (NBC) Defence School of the Finnish Defence Forces. Since 1999 he has served in the Finnish Rescue Services (accident prevention, risk management, rescue service, preparedness, civil defence) in various positions at municipal, regional and national levels. His expertise covers risk management, resilience, societal preparedness, rescue services, civil protection and defence with all-of-society multi-disciplinary approach. He has participated in numerous national development programmes in the area.

Since 2004 he has been serving as NATO CPG expert (WMD, Civil Preparedness) and he has actively participated as a national representative in various missions/tasks.

Working history

1.10.2014 – 31.10.2018 Director, Division for Rescue Services and Preparedness, Regional State Administrative Agency of Southern Finland
1.8.2008 – 30.9.2014 Managing Director, The Finnish National Rescue Association (SPEK)
1.9.2007 – 31.7.2008 Senior Officer, Department for Rescue Services, Ministry of the Interior
18.6.2007 Deputy Rescue Director, Keski-Uusimaa Department of Rescue Services
2005 – 2006 Rescue Director (toh), Keski-Uusimaa Department of Rescue Services
2004 – 2007 Risk Management Director, Keski-Uusimaa Department of Rescue Services
2004 Project Manager, Research and Development, City of Helsinki Rescue Department



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| 2001 – 2004 | Risk Management Director (toh), City of Helsinki Rescue Department |
| 1999 – 2001 | Chief of Civil Defence Unit, City of Helsinki Rescue Department |
| 1999 | Director of Research and Development Division, The CBRN Defence School, Finnish Defence Forces |
| 1998 | Staff Officer, The CBRN Defence School, Finnish Defence Forces |
| 1993 – 1997 | Chief of Training Department, The CBRN Defence School |
| 1991 – 1993 | Finnish Defence Forces, Instructor and Course Director, The CBRN Defence School |

International experience (examples)

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| 2004 – | NATO CPG Expert since <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Civil preparedness, contingency planning, resilience, civil defence, CBRN capabilities |
| 2008 – 2014 | CTIF Finnish National Committee Secretary, SPEK |
| 1999 – 2004 | OPWC (Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) PROTECTION NETWORK Expert |
| | National representative in various international missions and tasks |
| 2012 – | Nordisk beredskapskurs för höga chefer, Sweden |