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The Samaritans Association of the Slovak Republic – Samaritans in real deployment – 79 days of deployment; registration executed in 36 quarantine centres (in 14 centres data collection carried out by registrars Samaritans, in 22 data receipt and processing); more than 50 thousand kilometres done, 69 Samaritans in deployment in 24/7 service. In 15-year history of the Slovak Samaritans the biggest and longest deployment in real

mission is concerned. As far as management, coordination, material and personal management is concerned it was the most demanding period. These days we are approaching the end of this deployment phase, we do not know what we have before us. However, one phase is ending. Let me summarize the last days, weeks and months and put facts, my thoughts down on paper... Read more on pages 10 to 12.

„More and more often we are the witnesses of occurrence of different emergencies, not only in the world but also in Slovakia, which put lives, health of population in danger and cause major damage to their property. Dealing with these events requires deployment of a large number of workforce and equipment. In addition to

professional rescue services, volunteers and citizens who protect their property, also help. But there are not always enough professionally capable and materially equipped persons who are able to execute rescue works.” These sentences were stated in the statement of the project of Civil Protection Volunteer Rescuer by Igor Janšák, the head of the crisis management department at the District Office in Senica, that was launched in 2011. And



they were vindicated by the pandemic of COVID-19. Even though at the start of the project, he did not take into account civil protection volunteers being deployed at the emergency event of this character at all. He even admits that the training of CP volunteers was not aimed at the operations at threats to public health. But CP volunteers proved to be efficient even at providing for epidemiological measures thanks to their will to help. Read more on page 7.

We also have our heroes (New Coronavirus, COVID-19 disease)

„In our district we have managed to create a mobile sample-taking unit for taking samples from suspected citizens under the management of the Regional Office of Public Health Bojnice with the effective assistance of several involved. The help was given by the head of the District Office in Prievidza, JUDr. Igor Vavro, by providing for a vehicle from HBP, joint-stock Comp. Prievidza; crisis management department(DO Prievidza) gave Tyvek protective garment, professional respirators of FFP3 protective class, protective face masks, and in cooperation with Syntchem, Ltd. Chrenovec-

Brusno professional protective masks CM-6 as material provision. Personnel were provided by ROPH from the ranks of medical students of medical schools. We were the first district (Prievidza District) in the Trenčín Region that established its own mobile sample-taking unit. And I am rightly proud of it.”, says the head of crisis management department at the DO Prievidza, Dušan Krovina. Read more on pages 8 to 9.

