



# **1<sup>st</sup> PREPAREDNESS DRILL**

## **License Area of Thessaloniki**

*Corporate Affairs Unit*

*Network Development & New Connections Unit*

*Thessaloniki, 18.04.2019*

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Preparedness Drill for the year **2019** of **EDA THESSALONIKI – THESSALIA** was successfully conducted on **Tuesday 18 April 2019** in **Thessaloniki**. The success was achieved through the contribution all services involved and of **EDA THESS** staff, along with the Authorities and the competent contractor company.

## Purpose:

- **Testing** and **Completeness Check** of Emergency and Crisis Management Plans and the required cooperation between the Units involved
- **Recognizing gaps** or **overlaps** in the roles and responsibilities of those involved
- **Improvement** of **coordination**, **communication** and information **management** between the involved structures of EDA THESS, but also of the Authorities and other bodies (Fire Brigade, Greek Police)
- The **response** of the Emergency Intervention mechanism (Call Center, Technicians, Contractor, etc.)
- The **response** of the Local Crisis Activation Team
- **Determination** and **estimation** of the required resources



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## Units Participation

In the Preparedness Drill the following Units of **EDA THESS** participated:

### ➤ Corporate Affairs Unit

- ✓ Organization & planning of Preparedness Drill
- ✓ Communication with Authorities
- ✓ Record of Preparedness Drill activities
- ✓ Collection of visual material

### ➤ Network Operation & Maintenance Unit

- ✓ Organization & planning of Preparedness Drill
- ✓ Execution of Preparedness Drill scenario

### ➤ Network Development & New Connections Unit

- ✓ Organization & planning of Preparedness Drill
- ✓ Operation of Emergency Call Center

### ➤ Quality, Health & Safety Unit

- ✓ Preparedness Drill calendar logging
- ✓ Verification of Emergency Intervention vehicles' equipment



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## Drill planning:

The scenario of the 1st Preparedness Drill of EDA THESS was designed according to the corporate procedures.

Within the framework of the Company's cooperation with the competent bodies and Authorities, the Fire Brigade supported during the planning of the Drill.

The drill scenario involved **"Fire at a CNG Decompression Station"**, after a short circuit in the boiler room during maintenance work of the CNG Decompression Station of **Koufalia, Thessaloniki**.





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## Incident Description – point of conduction:

During the maintenance works of the Thessaloniki CNG Decompression Station a short circuit is caused to the boiler room, causing a fire and one of the technicians to lose consciousness.

## Incident management actions:

### Beginning of the incident - 9:30 a.m.

At **9:30 am** the Emergency Call Center receives a call from a Technician of EDA THESS who states that during maintenance work at the CNG station in Koufalia a short circuit has been caused to the boiler room, causing a fire and one of the technicians to lose consciousness. At **9:34 am** the Operations Officer communicates with the Maintenance Technician announcing the event, is being informed of the evolution of the event and instructs to secure the installation by interrupting the gas flow from trailer to the Station and low pressure network. Fire extinguishers are also used to reduce the fire.



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## Incident management actions:

The intervention of the Fire Service immediately took place at the place of the incident, which arrives at the spot at **9:35 am** and acts to unblock the technician from the boiler room and simultaneously extinguishes the fire with a special system of wetting the space so that to prevent the fire from expanding on the trailer with compressed gas bottles.



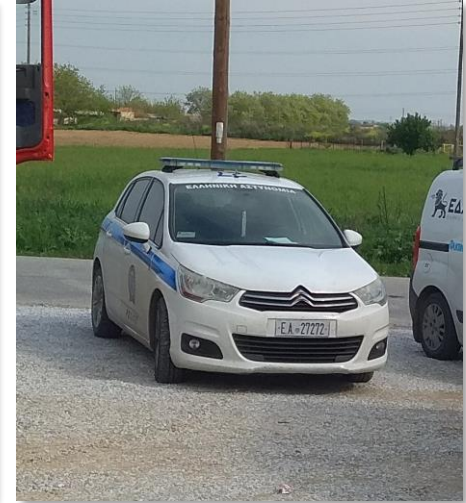


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## Incident management actions:

At **9.40 am** a team of technicians arriving at the site of the event, who put into operation the fire station of the CNG station and staff of National emergency center who provide first aid to the injured person. Furthermore the traffic police take all necessary measures to exclude the area and regulate traffic.



The Network Operations & Maintenance Coordinator, because the main station was shut down, urges Contractor company to assist with the transported emergency decompression station at **9.42am**. The response time of On – Call Technicians was according to the Distribution Network Code, the technical regulation and the corporate procedures, within the predetermined 2 hours.

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## Incident management actions:

At **9.45 am** the contractor intervenes with the Instant Emergency staff and connects the transported station with the trailer and low-pressure grid outlet to enable customers to continue supplying for as long as necessary to repair the damage to the heating system due to the fire. There is no interruption in the supply to any Final Customer.





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Ending of the incident – 10:07 am

At **10:07 am** the On – Call Technician informs the Call Center on the recovery of the damage and on the reactivation of supply points. The drill was completed successfully dealing with the simulated incident.



## Assessment of Preparedness Drill:

- Assessment of the adequacy and completeness of equipment
- Identification and estimation of the required resources
- Improvement of coordination, communication and information management between the involved structures

The Preparedness Drill was conducted in accordance with corporate procedures, while all necessary preventive actions and controls of the natural gas distribution system were carried out.

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