

01-25-2011 Oliver Rouxhet – FF – Belgium – Dam Accident

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Paraphrased from press reports:- Aged 39, a Civil Protection Force Fire Rescue FF/Diver was killed in the Line of Duty during the search for 2 children in the Meuse River. The 12 and 6 year old children had been missing since January 16 when the oldest girl jumped after her sister who fell into the water were swept away by the current of the river in the vicinity of the eastern city of Liège.. The crew-chief of the diving operation over the previous days got into trouble going down in the man-made barrier (Sluice gate) complex on the river. He gave alarm signals by his security line, but the surface-crew couldn't free him. They immediately started a rescue operation but it was too late. He had been smashed to a pier of bridge by the flow and lost a part of his diving equipment, most importantly his breathing mask. A diver of the Liège Fire brigade was also injured bringing the unconscious diver to the surface. A medical crew start life saving measures but he died on the way to hospital. The diver was divorced and leaves a 7 year old daughter. Reported on Flanders News.

Diver Civil Protection dies in Maas during search for sisters

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January 25, 2011

A 39-year-old diver from the Civil Protection of Crisnée's operational unit was killed this afternoon, Tuesday 25 January 2011, during a search for the two girls Alysson and Amelia. The accident happened at the dam of Ile de Monsin on the Meuse. Olivier Rouxhet was one of the most experienced divers of the unit in Crisnée. Olivier was divorced and leaves a 7-year-old daughter.

The Minister of the Interior, the Directorate of Civil Security and of the Federal Public Service Interior and all its employees offer their sincere condolences to Olivier Rouxhet's family and colleagues.

Annemie Turtelboom, Minister of the Interior: "Our thoughts are first and foremost with the family, friends and colleagues. Although the people of the Civil Protection know that they can be at risk during their interventions, it always remains a terrible shock, a tragic injustice, when such a tragedy happens."

It has been more than 10 years since the Civil Protection was confronted with a fatal accident at work.

Divers teams from the Civil Protection and the Liège fire brigade searched for the two sisters all morning today. In the early afternoon, around 1 p.m., one more place had to be checked at the dam of Ile Monsin on the Meuse.

From the first data, everything seems to indicate that the necessary safety measures were taken by the divers. Olivier Rouxhet was probably sucked into the wall of the dam downstairs for an unknown reason that caused his colleagues to fail to bring him up.

The Fire Brigade of Liège resuscitated the diver and he was taken in critical condition to the Citadel Hospital of Liège where he died a little later.

Minister of the Interior Annemie Turtelboom is already asking the Knowledge Centre for Civil Security (KCCE) to investigate the circumstances of the accident, so that any lessons can be learned to prevent such accidents in the future.

Oliver Rouxhet knew the situation of the dam on Ile de Monsin very well and was a particularly experienced diver. As a professional diver he has worked on drilling platforms, among other things.

A Diver From The Civil Protection Loses His Life While Searching For Girls In The Meuse

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A 39-year-old diver from the Civil Protection of the operational unit of Crisnée died this Tuesday, January 25, 2011 afternoon during the search for the bodies of little Alysson and Amélia. The accident occurred at the Ile Monsin dam on the Meuse. Olivier Rouxhet was one of the most experienced divers in the Crisnée unit. Olivier was separated and leaves behind a 7-year-old girl.

The Minister of the Interior, the Directorate of Civil Security of the Federal Public Service Interior and all her collaborators send their sincere condolences to the family and colleagues of Olivier Rouxhet.

Annemie Turtelboom, Minister of the Interior: "Our thoughts are first and foremost with family, friends and colleagues. Civil Protection officers know that they can risk their lives during their interventions, but when the worst happens, it is always a terrible shock, a tragic injustice."

It has been more than 10 years since the Civil Protection was confronted with a fatal work accident.

Teams of divers from the Civil Protection and the Liège Fire Department searched all morning for the two missing girls. In the early afternoon, around 1 p.m., there was still one last place to control at the Ile Monsin dam on the Meuse.

Initial data suggest that all necessary safety measures had been taken for divers. Olivier Rouxhet was, for some unknown reason, apparently sucked down against the wall of the dam. His colleagues were unable to bring him to the surface. The Liège Fire Department resuscitated the diver and he was taken in critical condition to the Citadel Hospital in Liège where he died a little later.

Interior Minister Annemie Turtelboom is asking the Civil Security Knowledge Centre (KCCE) to carry out an investigation into the circumstances of the tragedy in order to be able to draw possible lessons to avoid such accidents in the future.

Oliver Rouxhet was very familiar with the situation of the dam on Ile Monsin and was a particularly experienced diver. As a professional diver, he has worked on drilling platforms.

3rd Firefighter Lodd In Less Than A Week In Belgium

<https://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/3rd-firefighter-lodd-in-less-than-a-week-in-belgium/>

January 25, 2011

It is with deep regret that we advise you that the Belgian Fire Rescue services suffered a third LODD in barely one week. The 39 year old Civil Protection Force Fire Rescue FF/Diver Olivier Rouxhet was killed in the Line of Duty during the search for 2 children in the Meuse River. The 12 and 6 year old children have been missing since January 16 when the oldest girl jumped after her sister who fell into the water.

As a part of the recovery efforts, the fire rescue service participated and the FF, Olivier Rouxhet, an experienced diver, crew-chief of the diving operation over the the previous days, got into trouble going down in the man-made barrier complex on the river. He gave alarm signals by his security line, but the surface-crew couldn't free him.

They immediately started a rescue operation but it was too late. He had been smashed to a pier of bridge by the flow and lost a part of his diving equipment, most importantly his breathing mask.

A diver of the Liège Fire brigade was also injured bringing the unconscious FF to the surface. A medical crew start life saving measures but he did not survive. FF Oliver Rouxhet was divorced and leaves a 7 year old daughter.

As always, our sincere condolences.