The State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU) is a central executive body, the activities of which are directed and coordinated by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine through the interior minister. The service implements state policy in the areas of civil protection, the protection of the public and territories from and the prevention of emergencies, emergency response, rescue operations, firefighting, fire and technological safety, the activities of emergency rescue services, and hydrometeorological activities.

The history of the service dates back to Ukraine's first years of independence. In April 1996, by presidential decree, the Ministry of Ukraine of Emergencies and for the Protection of the Population from the Consequences of the Chornobyl Disaster was created on the basis of the Ministry for the Protection of the Population from the Consequences of the Chornobyl Disaster and the Civil Defense Headquarters. Over time, the name of the agency has changed and its functions have been expanded. In 2012, as a result of the reorganization of the Ministry of Emergencies of Ukraine, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU) was established. Then, in 2013, the Civil Defense Code of Ukraine came into force, becoming the main legislative document in this field.



With the start of the full-scale russian invasion in 2022, the SESU quickly adapted its operations to new challenges. Its personnel eliminate the consequences of military-related emergencies, accidents, and fires caused by russia's armed aggression against Ukraine, working under conditions of heightened danger and constant risk to life and health. Operating in combat zones, rescuers evacuate civilians, clear debris from attacks, dispose of explosive ordnance, document the consequences of terrorist acts, and ensure public safety.

Currently, the SESU has over 60,000 specialists who work daily in difficult and dangerous conditions. Their work is not just a profession but a calling that requires courage, resilience, and a deep sense of responsibility.

The service's motto, "Brave to Save Lives," reflects the essence of their mission and daily work.

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