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**On-line conference of the Deputy Head of the Department of Firefighting  
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Welcoming word of Boris Borzov: Hello, dear friends, colleagues. Today is the eve of an important holiday for the whole firefighting service of Russia. 361 years ago the city discipline order was signed where the basics of professional firefighting service was stated. Nowadays, the firefighting service is a powerful service of EMERCOM of Russia, which possesses professional staff, modern equipment, developed scientific and research grounds. We are glad to answer the questions we had received here. Thank you everyone for asking them.

Artem: How is the fire safety problem in rural areas solved?

Boris Borzov: There are different ways to solve this problem in rural area. Voluntary firefighting service was established long time ago. Article 76 of the technical enactment on fire safety requirements assigned 20 minutes for the countryside for fire suppression. This is the arrival time of the first unit. Last year we built 986 depots in rural areas, and this is where volunteers work, mainly in Astrakhan, Orenburg Regions, and others; they extinguish fires well. There is experience in complex fires elimination. Most of these units extinguish fires before the arrival of the main forces. In recent years the number of volunteer firefighters has increased. Yearly competitions of rural firefighting squads are conducted, they are carried out at the All-Russian level. These volunteers are a part of the overall system of garrisons. There are 40 thousand settlements outside the zones of normative arrival of fire units. 20 billion rubles are required to organize fire protection of these settlements. They are mainly protected by volunteers or rural firefighting services. About 40 thousand units of personnel are required to protect these settlements. According to the Order of the President RF № 2817, dated 21 October, the Federal law about voluntary firefighting services was prepared. This law defines the general principles of organizational and legal, social, organization of volunteer fire protection in Russia. This law establishes the rights, duties, responsibilities of volunteer firefighters. Act consistent with the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Regional Development, the Ministry of Finance, with all concerned departments, and is now submitted to the Government of Russia. The adoption of this law will establish the legal basis for the organization of volunteer fire department. And most importantly - to improve fire safety in rural settlements. Approximately 12,000 units of DPO in the country, the number of volunteers - more than 70 thousand people. Fire Technology - 5528 units, adapted 5928. So that villagers can sleep peacefully.

Anatoliy, Moscow: Dear Boris, could you tell me, where I should apply to become a firefighter?

Boris Borzov: To get firefighting education one can apply to the educational institutions EMERCOM of Russia after school. For example, to the Academy of State Firefighting Service in Moscow, St. Petersburg University of State Firefighting Service, Ural Institute of State Firefighting Service (Ekaterinburg), Ivanovo Institute of State

