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Rescuer from Irkutsk to sink Olympics Fire to Baikal bottom



Over 150 officers of the Russian Emergencies Ministry and regional emergency services will provide security during the Olympics Torch relay and submerging the Torch into Baikal in Irkutsk Region on 23 and 24 November.

The security will be controlled on the ground, in and under water. This will involve 153 people and 35 special fire and rescue vehicles and boats. A rescuer diver of Baikal search-and-rescue team of the Russian Emergencies Ministry Nikolai Rybachenko will have the honor to submerge the Torch to the bottom of Baikal.

The length of Irkutsk leg of the Olympic Torch relay is over 34 km. There are seven platforms along the route, where concerts will be organized. Irkutsk is going to be the 65th city of the Olympic Torch relay.