

Training in Civil Emergency Preparedness

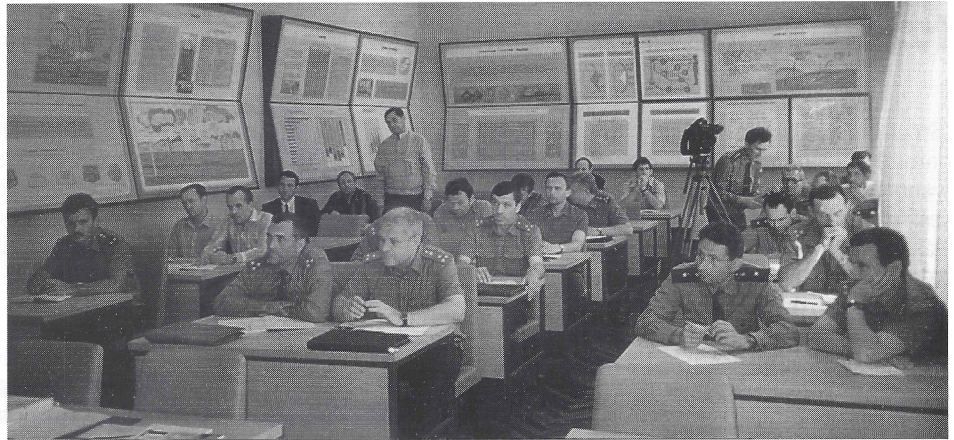
In August 1997, under the umbrella of NATO Partnership for Peace Program, Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC) officials from Ottawa (Terrell Popoff) and Saskatchewan (Hal Swain) and two instructors from the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College in Arnprior, outside Ottawa, (René Gauthier and Gaétan Malenfant) visited Ukraine's Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Population Protection from the Consequences of Chernobyl Catastrophe in Kyiv. Bilateral discussions on emergency preparedness were held with Deputy Minister O. Hayduck and his staff and LCol. Igor Nedelin, Director of the Ukrainian Civil Defence Training Centre in Kyiv.

This visit was the result of a prior Canadian visit to Kyiv by four members of Ukraine's Civil Defence, who attended a series of training courses offered at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College over a five-week period last spring, including Col. Olexander Alexandrov, LCol. Igor Nedelin, Major Volodymyr Iliushchenko and Vadym Kuzyk. The Ukrainians also had the opportunity to interact with many Canadian emergency planning experts across the country and tour Ottawa, Toronto and the Niagara Falls area.

During this training, Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada Volodymyr Furkalo and the Head of Ukraine's Civil Defence LGen. Viktor Grechaninov visited the College and, following a briefing on Canada's extensive program to deal with emergencies, EPC was extended an invitation to deliver a shortened program in Ukraine, which they accepted.

A three-day course in basic emergency planning was developed and delivered at the Training Centre in Kyiv to senior officers of the Ukrainian Civil Defence representing all regions of Ukraine and government officials. The aim of the course was to advance civil preparedness for emergencies of all types. Participants were introduced to the Canadian emergency response system. The course covered subjects related to a civil emergency such as Disaster Management, Planning in Municipalities, Hazard Analysis, Community Emergency Plans, Dangerous Goods, Recovery, Disaster and the Media, and Education, Training and Exercises.

A special visit was arranged to the Civil Defence Brigade located in Kyiv where the Canadians were briefed on the Civil Defence organization of Ukraine and given a tour of



Senior Officers of the Ukrainian Civil Defence and government officials participating in the Canadian course.



Canadian experts/trainers in emergency planning were briefed on Kyiv's Civil Defence Brigade equipment.



Deputy Minister O. Hayduck (4th right), staff and Canadians at Ukraine's Civil Defence Training Centre in Kyiv.

Brigade facilities and equipment. A briefing was also given on Ukraine's Chernobyl

disaster and its consequences, with members visiting the site and museum. ■

Ukrainian Investigator Joins RCMP's Drug Training Program

Winnipeg, Sept. 1997... A Kyiv police officer involved in narcotics investigations was one of fifteen investigators from around the world who participated in a two-week program to learn how Canadians are waging their war on drugs.

The RCMP program is part of an international crime-fighting strategy that lets police officers from different programs exchange information and attend workshops to improve their skills. Foreign officers are provided instruction in drug identification and special investigation techniques. Participants attended one week of classroom

instruction and a second week of observation of the practical applications at RCMP drug sections across Canada.

This was the 14th such sessions under the program, which started in 1990, and 290 law enforcement officers in other countries have been trained to-date. Sgt. Ron Madden, with the international affairs section of the RCMP drug enforcement branch, emphasized that the training promotes reciprocity and produces dividends around the world, since 80% of the time investigations lead to other countries, and cooperation is essential.