BURKINA FASO

General Directorate of Civil Defence  
(Direction Générale de la Protection Civile)

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1. Legislation:
- Decree no 79-103/PRES/IS/DN.AC/MF of 7 March 1979 on the creation of the Upper Volta Fire-Brigade Battalion. There were several amendments to this decree. The latest amendment was decree no 95-002/PRES/PM/MA/MD of 9 January 1995 which renamed the Fire-Brigade service as follows: National Brigade of Firemen (BNSP).
- Decree no 92-206/PRES/PM/MAT of 24 August 1992 on the organization of the Ministry of Territorial Administration. This decree created the General Directorate of Civil Defence and attached it to the aforesaid Ministry.
- Decree no 2001-300/PRES/PM/MATD of 28 June 2001 modifying decree no 902-206 on the creation of Ministry for Territorial Administration and Decentralisation.

2. Mission:
- Implementation of the regulation, prevention, sensitization of the population and first-aid in collaboration with the Ministerial departments concerned;
- Direction and coordination of operations during natural calamities and disasters.
- Management of migration and displaced persons.
3. *Regulation and procedure*:

- Administrative attachment: Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation (MATS).
- Centralized organization with a progressive introduction of the National Fire-Brigade throughout the country.
- Possibility of transferring responsibility to local authorities.

4. *Organization*:

- Decentralization of the Fire-Brigade first-aid centres in the main cities (5 cities covered).
- Inter-ministerial structure and non-governmental organizations (NGO).

5. *Staff*:

- Fire-Brigade.
  - Staff from the National Development Service (100 conscripts trained every year.)
  - Staff from the General Directorate of Civil Defence (DGPC) and Safety Commissions.

6. *Training*:

- Executives trained abroad (France and Switzerland).

7. *Equipment/appliances*:

Fire engines, first-aid vehicles (ambulances), light lifeboats, equipment for assistance exhausted victims, etc.

8. *Finances*:

State budget, French Cooperation, non-governmental assistance during crises.
Mr. Sibnoaga TIENDREBEOGO

Colonel
Civil Defence Director General

Training
Trained in the military forces, Mr. Tiendrebeogo studied civil defence (officer in the fire-brigade) in France in 1979 and attended training courses in Switzerland.

Positions held
- 1980 - 1990: In command of the Fire-Brigade at Ouagadougou and Bobo Dioulasso
- 1990 - 1992: Commander of the National Burkina Faso Fire-Brigade
- 1993 until today: Commander of the National Burkina Faso Fire-Brigade and Civil Defence Director General of Burkina Faso.

Decorations
Chevalier de l'Ordre National