

Joannici Dzieło Pomocy Poland Report 2018



Joannici Dzieło Pomocy (JDP) is a Polish public benefit organization whose aim is to help people in need, especially those who have suffered accidents, the disabled, the sick, the suffering, the elderly and others. The activities of the JDP are addressed to anyone in need, regardless of religion, race, beliefs, gender, nationality, etc. A member or volunteer of the JDP may be any person who agrees with its mission and Christian character, regardless of religious affiliation, world view or beliefs. 110 members and 119 volunteers were involved in the JDP in 2018.

JDP was established by the Bailiwick of Brandenburg of the Chivalric Order of Saint John of the Hospital at Jerusalem (the Johanniter Order). The Order is a Christian, Protestant and European society which is engaged in charitable and social activities, especially in Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Latvia and Poland. The activities of the Johanniter Order in Poland started in the 1960s. In the 1980s, it organized transports with medicines, food and clothing, and later also made financial donations. After the political transformation and the reunification of Germany in 1990, the Order started opening social stations. The breakthrough came with the "Johanniter 2000" concept, based on which a commission composed of members of the Johanniter Order and Johanniter Unfall Hilfe e.V. was established. The aim of the commission was to find ways and means to coordinate the then and future activities of the Johanniter Order in Poland. Under this concept, in 2003 the Johanniter Foundation in Poland was established. In 2004, the JDP was created, its current registered seat is in Lidzbark Warmiński. There is close and intensive cooperation between the Foundation and the JDP.

Organization

Core activities of the JDP are centered around its local divisions, of which there are currently eight (Dzięgielów near Cieszyn, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Lidzbark Warmiński, Malbork, Olsztyn, Ośno Lubuskie, Słupsk and Warsaw). Individual local divisions belong to 5 Regional Divisions (Lubusz, Masovian, Pomeranian, Silesian and Warmian-Masurian). Each of them is managed by a three-person Management Board (local or regional), elected by the General Meeting of Division Members (local or regional respectively). One member of the Management Board serves as the Coordinator (local or regional), while the whole activity of the JDP is managed by the three-person Management Board of the Association. The supervisory and control function is performed by a five-person Steering Committee headed by the President of the JDP.

Management Board of the Association:

Przemysław Florjanowicz-Błachut (Johanniter Order, Knight of Honor)
deacon Paweł Gumpert Obst
Damian Kardymowicz

Steering Committee:

rev. dr. Grzegorz Giemza – President (Johanniter Order, Knight of Honor)
Jobst-Babo Graf von Harrach – Vice-President (Johanniter Order, Honorary Commander)
Marek Buzek (Johanniter Order, Knight of Honor) until 6.04.2019
Friedrich Adolph Freiherr von Dellingshausen (Johanniter Order, Knight of Justice) until 6.04.2019
Krzysztof Pietrkiewicz MD, until 6.04.2019

Activities in 2018

General information

In 2018, the JDP provided:

Medical coverage of 74 various indoor and outdoor events: first aid patrols, coverage with basic ("P") and special ("S") ambulances. Also, volunteers of the School Medical Service covered various school events. Our rescue teams secured, among others, the 75th Polish ERC Rally in Mikołajki and the BMW Berlin Marathon.

Sanitary transports, so far carried out within the country, and ambulance rental.

22 **trainings** (volunteers, paramedics, firefighters, etc.). That number included training over 170 people during 12 first aid trainings and 222 persons during 10 advanced first aid trainings.

School Medical Service. It consists of three groups in the II Comprehensive High School in Gorzów Wlkp., the Junior High School in Ośno Lubuskie as well as one for several schools in Cieszyn (M. Kopernik Comprehensive High School, A. Osuchowski Comprehensive High School, W. Szybiński Comprehensive High School, Lutheran Secondary School LOTE, Secondary School of Economics and Gastronomy). Members are deployed on duty in schools or during school events and receive regular trainings.

Rental of rehabilitation equipment, which at this point is available at one location. Work on opening another two rental stations is in progress.

Organization of competitions. In 2018, the JDP again held the Winter Paramedics Maneuvers in Lidzbark Warmiński and, for the first time, the Polish Open First Aid Championships in Cieszyn. It also co-organized the first aid competition for the ARS- MED Director's Cup.

There were 12 first aid shows and events related to health promotion, health care, including medical rescue. Together with PSS Społem in Lidzbark Warmiński, the World Marrow Donors Day was organized and representatives of the JDP sat on the jury of the "4 Life-Saving Minutes" Competition in Cieszyn.

Activities of Regional Divisions

Regional Division Silesia

34 members and 35 volunteers are involved in this division. The division carried out first aid trainings in high schools in Cieszyn (6) and for external companies (5). The School Medical Service in Cieszyn brings together students of various secondary schools - meetings are held twice a month. The division provided medical coverage of 11 mass events (e.g. the Beskidzka 160 Na Raty Ultramarathon, the BMW Berlin Marathon) and carried out 5 first aid shows. I Polish Open First Aid Championships in Cieszyn and a training camp for volunteers of the division were organized. The division rents rehabilitation equipment, so far ca. 100 people have used this opportunity.

Representatives of the division were successful in various competitions: Youth First Aid Championships in Warsaw (3rd place), First Aid Maneuvers in Wiślica, Rescue Competitions in the Qualified First Aid in Golina (3rd place), Tactical Rescue Maneuvers Radlin (1st and 2nd place), National Winter Rescue Maneuvers in Lidzbark Warmiński (2nd place).

Regional Division Warmia-Masuria

45 members and 39 volunteers are involved in the division. The Warmian-Masurian region provided medical coverage by its first aid patrol (26) and carried out first aid shows (7). The division organized the 11th Winter Rescue Maneuvers and co-organized the ARS- MED Director's Cup competition. Together with PSS Społem in Lidzbark Warmiński, it organized the World Marrow Donors Day. Its volunteers participated in medical coverage of the BMW Berlin Marathon together with Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e. V. The University Rescue Group of the JDP was established at the research club of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Warmia and Masuria in Olsztyn. A teaching course in Qualified First Aid has been carried out.

Regional Division Pomerania

7 members and 5 volunteers are involved in the division.

Local division in Słupsk based its activity on cooperation with the local Lutheran parish. Together they run a rehabilitation beds rental shop.

JDP partnered in implementing a sociotherapy centre project.

Local division in Malbork was reactivated in September 2018 – a medical rescue group was reestablished. Medical coverage of municipal events was provided. A project entitled “An EAD network can save lives” was written and submitted to the Participatory Budget for Malbork in 2019, wide promotional activities in the local community followed.

Regional Division Lubusz

8 members and 40 volunteers are involved in this division. The core activity consists in running the School Medical Service in the II Comprehensive High School in Gorzów Wielkopolski and the Junior High School in Ośno Lubuskie, when the school nurse is absent, i.e. every odd day in the month, as well as in securing special events.

Regional Division Masovia

The division is in the process of being formed. Rev. dr. Grzegorz Giemza has been appointed as plenipotentiary for the establishment of the division. The seat of the division is the Polish Ecumenical Council. Within the framework of the project, co-financed by the Johanniter Foundation, a rental station of rehabilitation beds will be created. A telephone number and a separate sub-account in the bank have been assigned to the division.

Medical Centre of the Johanniter (MCJ)

MCJ is an emergency station (substation), an acute care unit in Lidzbark Warmiński. It was established in order to provide comprehensive services in the field of medical security, medical transport throughout the country and Europe, paramedical care during excursions, first aid and qualified first aid trainings.

Sanitary transport is offered in the following standards:

Sanitary transport - intended for patients who cannot move independently, but do not require continuous medical care. The transport team consists of a driver and a emergency care assistant (a person trained in advanced first aid).

Basic Medical Transport - intended for patients in good general condition who require medical care in the form of a paramedic or a nurse for the duration of transport. The team consists of a paramedic/nurse and a driver.

Specialist Medical Transportation - intended for patients requiring continuous medical care. The transport is carried out by the Olsztyn Division Team, which consists of: a doctor, a paramedic/nurse, a paramedic-driver.

Our medical coverage meet the requirements of the Regulation of the Minister of Health of 6 February 2012 on minimum requirements for medical coverage of mass events.

MCJ offers: ambulatory tents, basic ambulances, means of communication, qualified medical staff. The offer includes: a medical point, basic ambulance "P" (2 paramedics), specialist ambulance "S" (2 paramedics + physician), qualified first aid patrol, paramedic, physician.

In 2018, the MCJ carried out the following activities: medical coverage (30, including 20 with "P" and 10 with "S" teams), sanitary transports (3 - local routes), ambulance rental (5 rentals, 45 days in total), qualified first aid courses (5, 122 persons trained), first aid courses (1, 21 persons trained). The 75th Polish ERC Rally in Mikołajki was secured. MCJ implemented the project "100 Rescuers for 100 Years of Independence", which consisted in training 96 rescuers in qualified first aid and recertification of 4 people. The project was financed by the Civic Initiatives Fund.