

# Comparing planned and real response times for fire services in Sweden

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- Blue light in green surroundings
- Challenges and possibilities with emergency response in rural areas
- Today: Supply of fire and rescue services in Sweden

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### **Research** question

• How well do the real response times match the planned (the expected)?

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## Method

- Real times from incident reports for 2018
  - 133 702 st
  - Cleaned
    - Missing coordinates
    - Event with no risk for damage
    - Response time missing, < 90 s, > 60 min
- Calculated (planned) times
  - Times calculated in ArcMap to historical incidents, from the closest station
  - Fastest route, signposted speed
  - No road network: no times (islands etc).
- Final number of incidents in the analysis
  - 61 444

- Stations
  - Full time, 90 s
  - Part time, 300 s
  - Day time, 90 s
  - First response unit, 90 s

Volunteer station, 300 s



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#### Share of incidents with a large difference (> 20 min)

Municipality	Share of incidents with more than 20 mins diff.
Dorotea	17.4%
Jokkmokk	17.0%
Pajala	12.8%
Storfors	10.0%
Krokom	9.9%
Härjedalen	8.9%
Arvidsjaur	8.6%
Boxholm	8.3%



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## Conclusions

- · Real response times are somewhat longer than planned
  - There may be errors in the status reporting
  - Simple travel time model (does not consider acceleration, real speed, traffic, weather, etc.)
  - Simultaneously occurring incidents not considered
  - Little consideration to less urgent incidents
  - Possibly longer call out times than planned
  - Little consideration to no-stationary units (FIP, CIP)
- <u>But</u>, 80% of all incidents are reached within 5 mins of the planned time
- Next step
  - Identify reasons for geographical differences
  - Investigate more years (not only 2018)

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- CARER
- <u>https://liu.se/en/research/center-for-advanced-research-in-emergency-response</u>
- Blue light in green surroundings
- <u>https://wpmu-</u>
  <u>bis.sys.kth.se/bluelightkth/</u>



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