Swedish mountain rescue through 300 and 40 years
Swedish mountains

Long mountain range
Long distances
Sparsely populated
Wide open mountains
In the fall of 1718 the Swedish army went in to Norway, November 30 all troops were ordered to retreat to Sweden.
5800 soldiers started to go back from Trondheim just before new year 1718
On new years eve they got caught in a huge snowstorm up on the mountain, 3000 froze to death on the mountain and 700 died right after.
Summer 1719, predators increased.....
ANARIS ACCIDENT FEBRUARY 1978
Sweden, Jämtland
Weather: -16°C (-3,2°F), wind speed 5-6m/s
Lessons learned

• Act while the brain is warm
• Do not take for granted that well trained and equipped people don’t need help IN TIME
• The feedback to the rescuers is important
• Psychosocial support in some way, important!
• The work being done in med com is important and
What have we achieved
The Mountain Safety Council of Sweden

With mountains safety means all the work that aims to prevent accidents in the mountains. In Sweden the national Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket) is responsible for mountain safety issues.

Our primary mission with mountain safety is to:

- facilitate coordination of the various activities included in the work with mountain safety
- promote information and training in mountain safety
- monitor and support research and development work in mountain safety

The police are responsible for mountain rescue. That is the activities that are launched when you know, or fear that an accident has occurred.

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To assist in the process of mountain safety, the Environmental Protection Agency has a council consisting of representatives from agencies and organizations with a large accumulated knowledge and experience of the mountains and mountain safety.

At present the Mountain Safety Council has 18 members and among them we can just mention the Swedish mountain rescue(CIFRO), the Police, the Mountain Guides association (USAKI/Mål), the meteorological agency (SMHI), the skiers union, the Swedish reindeer herders association(SBR), the national tourist association (STF), the national snowmobile association(SMFED) and many more.

Read more about The Mountain Safety Council of Sweden
But, the mountains are still the same
Just beautiful with midnight sun
and northern light
But also sometimes deadly

The tourist change
The mountaineer change
The clothing change
The equipment change
The knowledge change
The experience change
The weather change