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Police Diver Missing In Swollen River Seine In Centre Of Paris


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A police diver has disappeared in the River Seine, close to the famous Notre Dame cathedral, during a training exercise.

A huge search for the young female diver has been called off for the night, after a week of heavy rain in the French capital.

The young female diver vanished on Friday morning in the river, swollen after days of rain brought by Storm Eleanor.

A massive search operation has been launched involving 25 divers, more than 100 emergency workers, a team of police officers and a helicopter.

The teams have been using heat-seeking cameras and set up a cordon around part of the river in the centre of Paris, but bad weather and tough conditions forced them to suspend their search for the night.

The missing diver, who has not been named, is reported to be a member of the river police, specializing in recovering people who fall into the water.

The search for her stretches from the Pont Neuf, past the Pont Saint-Michel next to Notre Dame Cathedral and on to the next bridge, the Petit Pont.

Waters in the Seine have been rising all week and some points along the capital's river are becoming flooded. City officials do not expect water levels to peak until Monday morning.
The Policewoman Missing In The Seine In Paris Can Not Be Found


VIDEO - The police officer of the 27-year-old river brigade disappeared during an exercise on Friday at Notre-Dame. As investigations continued on Saturday, the UNSA police union called for an administrative investigation.

Research resumed "at sunrise" this Saturday to find the young police officer of the fluvial brigade disappeared during an exercise late Friday morning in the Seine in Paris, at Notre-Dame, said the prefecture from police. They were interrupted Saturday around 17:30 hours and resume Sunday from 8:30

112 firefighters including 17 divers, 20 "operational gear on the water" (inflatable boats, barges, boats), two helicopters (one of the gendarmerie and one of the civil security) and four dog teams were mobilized Friday. A captive balloon equipped with a camera was also used to locate the young woman. Saturday's schedule was similar in the first half of the day and then lightened, conditions being difficult.

It was during a planned and supervised exercise that the policewoman, aged 27, was swept away by the waves of the Seine. "Around 10:50 Friday, during a training of the divers of the river brigade, one of the personnel engaged surfaced and then
suddenly disappeared in the Seine, said Friday Philippe Caron, director of technical services of the police Department. The research was immediately initiated by the divers, by the crew, by the colleagues of the river brigade and very quickly by all the means of the brigade of firefighters of Paris ".

"It was a joint exercise of the river brigade and the fire brigade of Paris," said the prefecture police. On Friday evening, the UNSA police union called for the opening of an administrative investigation to clarify the conditions under which this exercise was carried out even though the current could reach 25 km / h.

In a statement, PS Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, expressed Saturday "all his compassion and support for the family of this policewoman and his family." Her "thoughts also go to her colleagues and the entire brigade, whom she praises the unwavering commitment and professionalism."

The level of the Seine placed in "yellow vigilance"

After heavy rains and the passage of storm Eleanor, the level of the Seine rose in Paris. The flood forecasting service has thus activated since Wednesday the level of yellow alertness in Paris to prevent a "risk of flood or rapid rise of water".

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As a result of this "yellow vigilance", several sports facilities and other furniture were dismantled on the banks in the center of Paris. The Town Hall has also called on users of basements and basements to be vigilant, because of a possible rise in groundwater. However, according to Jean-Marc Dolmière, one of the leaders of the network dependent on the Ministry of Ecological Transition, interviewed by AFP, the waters "will continue to rise slightly but without reaching 2016 levels." It should be "a classic winter flood," he added.

Paris: A Police Diver Disappears Into The Seine, Research Continues


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A police officer of the river brigade disappeared Friday during an exercise in the Seine, at Notre-Dame de Paris. The 27-year-old diver did not recover during an
exercise. An important research device was deployed all day. Searches will resume Sunday morning.

**Paris, France**
The search continued all day Saturday in Paris to try to find a police officer of the fluvial brigade disappeared Friday during a training. They will continue Sunday morning at 8:30.

Since Friday, dozens of firefighters and police are mobilizing. Six boats and 14 divers are part of the workforce and their search conditions are complicated due to a strong current. It is therefore too risky to dive for the men of the river brigade. Helpers have little hope of finding her alive again. The research extended this Saturday from Pont Neuf to the Garigliano Bridge until dark and will resume Sunday.

It was 10h50 this Friday when the river brigade found the disappearance of one of his divers. The policewoman was doing a routine exercise, a joint training with firefighters in the Seine, near Notre-Dame Cathedral, when she did not come to the surface. The search was immediately triggered with major means: two helicopters, a drone, a thermal camera, dog teams, and in all a hundred firefighters and many police officers. A security perimeter has been deployed in the Notre-Dame sector. The search was interrupted at 5:30 pm on Friday, at dusk.

The missing policewoman, aged 27, has been in the river brigade since September 2016, she has already plunged into such conditions.

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A #Paris les recherches se poursuivent pour retrouver la plongeuse de 27 ans, dans des conditions très difficiles (visibilité nulle, eau froide, courant fort). 100 pompiers mobilisés.

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The scope of research extends from the Saint-Michel Bridge upstream to the Neuf Bridge downstream.

A device reinforced by 17 firefighters divers, including some from Seine-et-Marne and Yvelines.

At the same time, divers equipped with buoys drift to try to determine the time and trajectory of a submerged body.

"The conditions are particularly difficult and dangerous: a fairly fast current, visibility in the water practically zero and a very cold temperature," said General Jean-Claude Gallet, commander of the Brigade of Fire Brigade in Paris.

**The Seine at the beginning of the flood**

The level of the river rises for several days, because of heavy rains fell this week.

The level of the Seine reached this Friday the 3m26 at the scale of the bridge of Austerlitz, instead of 2m usually. A "moderate" flood according to the authorities. The current is also much stronger than
A French police diver is missing after disappearing during a training exercise on the River Seine near Paris’ Notre Dame Cathedral.

The 27-year-old woman disappeared on Friday morning as her unit, Brigade Fluvial, carried out exercises in the centre of Paris.

The Seine has been swollen after days of heavy rainfall in France. More than 100 rescuers, including 17 divers, spent the day on Friday searching for the missing woman with the support of helicopters, boats, a drone and sniffer dogs.

They were forced to call off the search at nightfall on Friday but resumed again on Saturday morning.

“The search was immediately initiated by the divers, by the crew, by the colleagues of the Brigade Fluvial and very quickly soon after by all available means of the fire brigade in Paris,” said Philippe Caron, a police official.

The regional police prefect said in a statement that he “wishes to express his profound sadness at this tragedy that affects one of ours”.

The Metropolitan Police’s Marine Policing Unit tweeted its solidarity.
to its French colleagues. Five people have been killed by the heavy weather in France.

On Thursday, a 64-year-old volunteer firefighter was swept away after trying to help rescue the driver of a car which had been swept off the road in a mudslide.

His body was recovered on Friday at noon after a 24 hour search.

More Flood Alerts In France As Death Toll From Storm Eleanor Reaches Five


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Eleven departments in France are on orange alert as Storm Eleanor continues to wreak havoc.

The storm has caused five deaths across France over the past few days, reported BFMTV.

France's weather agency Meteo France issued 11 departments with orange alerts, the third most severe alert on its four-tiered system.

The departments on alert are: Gironde, Dordogne, Corrèze, Lot, Saône-et-Loire, Jura, Doubs, Haute-Saône, Haute-Marne, Vosges, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Meuse, Marne and Ardennes.

The agency warned that rivers were likely to be hit by "significant flooding". Parisians, meanwhile, have been warned to take care this weekend due to the rising waters of the River Seine which has risen 3.2
metres in a week.

Water levels at the Austerlitz Bridge in central Paris on Friday afternoon stood at 3.26 metres compared to 2.31 on Monday and they are expected to reach a peak of four metres over the weekend.

A female police diver is still missing after she disappeared during an exercise in the Seine on Friday morning. Over 100 rescuers have so far been unable to locate the woman, 27. They resumed the search on Saturday morning.

**Diver Disappeared In The Seine: The Unsa-Police Demand The Opening Of An Administrative Investigation**


January 6, 2018 By Clémence Gourdon Negrini, France Blue Paris

The main police union, the UNSa, requests the opening of an administrative investigation following the disappearance of the police on Friday in the Seine. He denounces the weather conditions of this exercise.

UNSa, the main police union, demands that an administrative investigation be carried out following the disappearance of a 27-year-old policewoman this Friday in the Seine.

According to the union, "there was no reason to set up this exercise after the storm Eleanor."

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Interviewed by France Bleu Paris, the Deputy Secretary General of UNSa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu, wondered about the legitimacy of this exercise, in difficult weather
conditions: "we ask for an administrative inquiry because in our opinion nothing motivated that we put in place this exercise while after the passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood, there are strong currents, a big flow of water ".

"It was suicidal to put her in the water. "UNSa-Police"

The Decision To DIVE This Policewoman Is Questioned.
Member of the fluvial brigade for 1 year, she had had her scuba diving diploma only for 3 weeks, which "would call into question the physical integrity of this colleague, endangered for an exercise, continues the deputy secretary I was there as of Friday, and I confirm you that the Seine was unleashed, one would have thought at sea in full storm, there was no visibility, the water opaque and brown."

Under such conditions, and with consequent equipment that adds about forty kilos extra to the initial weight, "even someone very seasoned would have taken a big risk. On the bottom it's almost impossible to get out of it".

Rescuers have also resigned this Saturday in search of a body, air cylinder having only one hour and a half of autonomy, "the find alive is a miracle."

According to the assistant secretary, the young woman would have felt badly after diving. His colleague would have tried to trace it, in vain, the node of the line of life having yielded.

Paris: The Policewoman Disappeared In The Seine Still Not Found, Research Interrupted
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DISAPPEARANCE
She has been missing for two days. The policewoman of 27 years of the brigade fluviale can not be found since an exercise in the Seine Friday. This Saturday, searches, which resume Sunday morning, did not find it.

The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, issued a statement in which she expressed "all her compassion and support for the family of this policewoman and her family".

The searches, restarted Saturday "at dawn", were suspended at dusk and "resume Sunday at 8:30," said the prefecture.
The policewoman, aged 27, disappeared in the river Friday around 10:50, during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre Dame Cathedral. The search operations were conducted Saturday with "a comparable device" to that of Friday, according to the police prefecture.

Friday afternoon, 112 firefighters including 17 divers, 20 boats, two helicopters and four dog teams had searched the policewoman.

**Training of Divers**
In a statement, PS Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo expressed this Saturday "all her compassion and support for the family of this policewoman and her family." Her "thoughts also go to her colleagues and the entire brigade, whom she praises the unwavering commitment and professionalism."

"On the occasion of a training of the divers of the river brigade, one of the engaged personnel surfaced and then suddenly disappeared in the Seine", explained Friday Philippe Caron, director of technical services of the police prefecture.

After the passage of storm Eleanor, [the level of the Seine rose in Paris](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=fr&u=http://www.leparisien.fr/paris-75/disparition-de-la-policiere-en-seine-une-enquete-ouverte-07-01-2018-7487961.php&prev=search), reaching Saturday afternoon about 3.70 m at the Austerlitz bridge, which corresponds to the "yellow vigilance". It could exceed the coast of 3.9 meters "by Sunday," according to the control body Vigicrues.

**Disappearance Of A Policewoman In The Seine In Paris: Open Investigation**
January 07, 2018 by Charlotte Robinet

**The prosecution has confirmed this Sunday, the opening of an investigation to determine the causes of the disappearance of this young woman during an exercise.**

**Searches To Find Her Again Were Futile This Weekend.**
Under what conditions could a 27-year-old female police officer, a diver of the river brigade, have disappeared in the Seine, during a joint exercise with the firefighters of Paris? On Sunday, the prosecution confirmed that it had opened an investigation to determine the causes of this terrible accident. The investigation was assigned to IGPN, the "police force".

For the Unsa-police union, which had asked this weekend for the opening of an administrative inquiry, "the responsibilities will have to be determined", summarizes Nicolas Pucheu, Deputy Departmental Secretary of Unsa-police. "We wonder what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type knowing that the weather conditions were extremely unfavorable. But we also ask the question: "Are the equipment and training provided adequate?"
Saturday. A Zodiac police prefecture patrol on the river, whose level has risen since Wednesday.

LP / Jean Nicholas Guillo

The 27-year-old policewoman who disappeared suddenly in the Seine this Friday morning, near Ile de la Cité, "had a lifeguard training and had just obtained her scuba diving certification, there are three weeks," continues Nicolas Pucheu.

Originally from Nice (Alpes-Maritimes), she joined the fluvial brigade in September 2016. "It was her dream ... She had joined the national police via the school of Nîmes in this way, she was in the process of realizing his dream, "continues the unionist.

According to the first elements gathered by Unsa, during the exercise, "the young woman tried a first time to dive but she could not do it. She asked to try to dive a second time, when her colleagues felt it in distress. The diver who was in the water with her then shot her life, but it seems that the knot of the belt of the young woman was undone. She immediately disappeared under the water. With the weight of a lead belt and a bottle of oxygen, "the weight of a diver's equipment can reach 40 kg," says Nicolas Pucheu. "His colleagues immediately went looking for him but the Seine is so opaque with the mud raised by the eddies that there is zero visibility".

All weekend, the search continued. Now without hope to find the young woman alive, "It is no longer a rescue operation but a body search operation," says the Brigade firefighters of Paris.
This Sunday again, six boats, including three Sonar, crossed the river in a wider area to the island of Swans (fifteenth). 17 divers were on alert, ready to intervene. More than the temperature of the water (7 °C), it is the strength of the current, which can go up to 25 km / h, and the absence of visibility "total" which make the prospection very delicate.

This Monday, the search operations will nevertheless be renewed with a lightened device, "not to risk the life of the rescuers". For the fluvial brigade, 117 years of existence, it is a tragedy. "The emotion is all the stronger in this unit people are very close to each other, very close," said an official of the police headquarters.

In a statement released Saturday, the mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, expressed "all her compassion and support for the family of this policewoman," while welcoming "the unwavering commitment and professionalism" of the brigade fluvial from Paris.

**A Prestigious Brigade, To Help The Victims Of The Seine**

It is one of the jewels of the Paris police headquarters. The "fluv", which was born in 1900 on the occasion of the World Expo, provides for over a century permanent monitoring of the Seine, but also rivers and canals throughout the Ile-de-France, since its competence has been extended to the region (2009).

This specialized unit of the national police has a hundred agents, including "a dozen women", as specified by his commanding officer in our columns in June 2016. To integrate it, candidates must be titular peacekeepers, and undergo various tests of swimming, diving, first aid or knowledge of river regulations.

Once in the position, the recruits, who are assigned as trainees for one year, must then engage in daily training in the river, as well as in the pool once a month.

Their priority mission earns them the nickname of "Saint Bernard of the Seine": at any time of day or night, the "fluv" helps people in danger in the Seine. Aboard one of her 14 boats, which go from the simple canoe to the powerful tug of 22 m, she assists the ships in difficulty, or sanctions the crimes. A sonor dual frequency allows him to search for wrecks or objects at the bottom of the Seine. So many means that agents deploy today in number, to find one of theirs.

**Investigation Opened After The Disappearance Of A Policewoman In The Seine in Paris**


January 07, 2018
Firefighters and police try to find a police officer of the fluvial brigade disappeared during an exercise in the Seine, January 5, 2018 / AFP

The prosecutor's office in Paris has entrusted the "police police" investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance Friday of a policewoman in the Seine during an exercise, we learned Sunday from a judicial source.

The investigation for "investigation of the causes of disappearance", entrusted to the Inspectorate General of the National Police (IGPN), was opened Friday, said this source to AFP.

The policewoman of the river brigade, aged 27, disappeared in the river Friday around 10:50, during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

She still had not been found Sunday night.

The underwater research conducted using a sonar have so far given "no positive echo," said firefighters at AFP Sunday. The relief workers have given up hope of finding the living diver and are now looking for her body, they added.
The operations, interrupted with the night, must resume Monday morning.

On Saturday, the union Unsa-Police requested the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions in which this exercise had been carried out.

"There was no reason to put this exercise in place so that after the passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood," said France Bleu Paris the deputy departmental secretary of the union, Nicolas Pucheu.

According to him, the policewoman had her scuba diving diploma "only for three weeks". "It was for us suicidal to put it in the water".

After the storm Eleanor, the level of the Seine rose in Paris, reaching Sunday evening about 3.90 m at the bridge of Austerlitz, which corresponds to the "yellow vigilance". It should reach a maximum rating of between 4.1 and 4.6 m in the coming days, according to the regulatory body Vigicrues.

In total, six people died in France due to inclement weather.

**Disappearance Of A Policewoman In The Seine: "There Were Obvious Risks, Nobody Could Ignore It"**


January 08, 2018 Aurélie Sarrot

The young woman peacekeeper was missing Friday, January 5 during an exercise organized on the Seine could not be found on Monday. The Paris prosecutor's office has entrusted the "police police" investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance of the policewoman aged 27, while the union Unsa-Police asked Saturday the opening of an administrative investigation on the conditions under which this exercise was carried out.

**A Woman Missing, Civil Servants In Shock And Questions That Remains Unresolved.**

Four days after the disappearance of a woman peacekeeper during an exercise organized on the Seine by the River Brigade of the police headquarters of Paris, the victim is still untraceable. "The search will not stop until the body of the diver is found, said a source close to LCI this Monday, since this morning, three sonar take turns, drones are also used, several divers are in place and two boats are at the water".

On Sunday, the Paris prosecutor's office said it had opened on January 5 an investigation for "search for the causes of disappearance." This was entrusted to the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN), the "police of the police". "We asked on Saturday for the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions under which this exercise was carried out. We want to know who decided to maintain it when there was no urgency and there were obvious risks, nobody could ignore it, the weather was not good, the current was strong and the flood of
the Seine had started. The exercise could have been postponed, "insists the assistant departmental secretary of the union Unsa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu.

Michel Delpuech, police chief, expresses his deepest emotion after the disappearance this morning in #Seine of an official of the River Brigade and assures his family of his compassion and his support. Searches have been stopped for the night and will resume tomorrow.

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Ce vendredi, en matinée, à l’occasion d’un exercice organisé en Seine par la Brigade Fluviale de la préfecture de Police, une femme gardien de la Paix, plongeur de cette unité, a subitement disparu dans les eaux du fleuve.

Malgré la réaction immédiate de ses collègues et de l’ensemble des moyens de secours mobilisables, tant ceux de la Brigade Fluviale que de la Brigade des Sapeurs-Pompiers de Paris, la fonctionnaire n’a pu être secourue et les recherches sont restées vaines dans l’après-midi.

Michel Delpuech, préfet de Police, s’est rendu en fin de journée à la Brigade Fluviale où il a accueilli Monsieur Gérard Collomb, ministre d’Etat, ministre de l’Intérieur, venu exprimer sa compassion et soutenir les effectifs et la famille de la policière disparue.

Le préfet de Police, tient à exprimer sa profonde tristesse face à ce drame qui touche l’un des nôtres, assure la famille de la policière de sa compassion et de son soutien le plus total, et salue l’engagement des plongeurs de la Brigade Fluviale qui, chaque jour, s’entraînent afin de pouvoir secourir la population le moment venu.

Les recherches reprendront samedi à 8h30.
She Tried To Dive Several Times
According to Nicolas Pucheu, "four colleagues were" with the young woman aboard the Zodiac Brigade fluvial at the time of the accident, which occurred around 11:45 at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. "The diver had a 'lifeline' held by a chair knot at her waist and on the boat, and between the two, as with every exercise, another diver was holding that lifeline, or 'control', to feel if the immersed person has a problem, "he explains.

The young woman, according to the representative Unsa-Police always, "would have gone once to the water but with the swirls in particular, she would not have managed to reach the bottom of the river". She would have "raised her arm the first time to say she was in trouble". She then "tried a second time to dive, without success, and would have raised her arm again." The rescue diver would then have gone to the water to try to rescue her and bring her back into the boat. This is where the knot would have given way. "The diver did not have time to retrieve it, his belt was weighted with twenty kilograms of lead, to which must be added ten to twenty kilos of oxygen bottles, and it disappeared immediately," he says. -he.

The departmental secretary said that the exercise in question consisted of going to the bottom of the river and going back up. "It is a blind dive, which is groped in. The water of the Seine is never clear … The officials of the fluviale do it regularly to have the least apprehension in case of intervention”.

"Diving graduate for three weeks"
Unsa-Police reports that the 27-year-old was "from Nice". "Our colleague, who had joined the police after school in Nîmes, had been at the river brigade since September 2016. Although she often trained, we cannot say that she is a seasoned diver. She received her diving certificate, exactly three weeks ago ".

The Deputy Departmental Secretary of Unsa-Police today wishes to emphasize that his union "does not incriminate the colleagues who were with the young woman at the time of the tragedy, colleagues who did everything they could to help her ".

"What we are denouncing is these exercises that are set up under conditions of safety that are absolutely not respected. We also point to the lack of training of some officials who can sometimes be panicked in extremely difficult situations, as it may have been on Friday. "

The operations were to continue on Monday until nightfall. "We will, we think, wait for a recession to find this policewoman. The conditions are difficult with, among other things, the level of the Seine which had reached the 4 meters in the middle of the day and has not stopped, over the hours , to increase ", confided a source close to the file to LCI.

According to the control body Vigicrues, the Seine should reach a maximum rating of between 4.1 and 4.6 m in the coming days.
Who was Mandy, the 27-year-old policewoman from Nice, missing in the Seine during an exercise?


0 January 08, 2018

Mandy, 27, from the Saint-Roch district of Nice, police officer of the fluvial brigade of Paris, disappeared in the Seine Friday during an exercise.

An investigation was opened by the IGPN, the police of the police, while the searches to find the young woman have remained to date unsuccessful. Mandy had entered the police as the Republic's junior in Marseilles.

"She had then passed the peacekeeper competition," says Celya Boumedien, representative of the Unity SGP police union of the Alpes-Maritimes. The policewoman had joined the "Fluv" unit of the Paris Police Prefecture in September 2016: a real vocation.

She had just landed her scuba diving certification. She disappeared near Île de la Cité with her diving equipment while the weather conditions were very bad and the water very opaque.
"She was making her dream come true," said Nicolas Pucheu, assistant departmental secretary of the Unsa-police in Paris.

Sunday, six boats furrowed the river in search of the young Niçoise.

The policewoman missing in the Seine during an exercise was from Nice

The 27-year-old woman disappeared in the Seine on Friday, January 5, during a joint exercise with firefighters.

She was originally from Nice and "had just obtained her scuba diving certification, three weeks ago," said Nicolas Pucheu, assistant departmental secretary of the Unsa-police in Paris.

She joined the river brigade in September 2016. "She was making her dream come true," said the unionist.
Open Investigation
Three days after the accident, the body of the young woman can not be found. The prosecution has confirmed that it has opened an investigation, entrusted to the IGPN, to determine the causes of the accident.

According to Unsa, the policewoman tried to dive a first time without getting there and asked to try a second time. "His colleagues felt it in distress," said Pucheu, who was in the water with her, then shot her life, but it seems as if the knot of the young woman's waistband has come apart. She immediately disappeared under the water.

FURTHER RESEARCH
"We wonder what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type knowing that the weather conditions were extremely unfavorable," said the unionist.

And to add: "We also ask the question: 'Are the equipment and training provided adequate?'"

Research continues on Monday, with no hope of finding the young woman alive.

Missing Policeman In The Seine: "It Was Suicidal To Put Her In The Water"

Search continues this Monday to find the diver of the fluvial brigade of Paris, missing three days earlier. A judicial inquiry has been opened.

She was from the Alpes-Maritimes. At 27, she had joined the police headquarters of Paris to satisfy a dream: to integrate the famous "fluv", the fluvial brigade. But since Friday, this young policewoman remains untraceable.

Disappeared during a diving exercise in the Seine, she did not give any sign of life. Search resumed this Monday morning. Sunday evening, the Paris prosecutor had announced to have opened a judicial investigation for "search for the causes of the disappearance". It has been entrusted to the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN).

Search Continues
Relief has already warned: three days after the exercise, described as routine by the authorities, the hope of finding the living official is zero. It is now a body that is sought after. Underwater means, with the use of a sonar, have been deployed. Seventeen divers were "on alert, ready to intervene" according to Le Parisien.
On Monday, search operations continued. The device was this time "lightened" so as not to "risk the life of the rescuers" in very cold water, where the current is strong and in the absence of visibility. Despite this device, the policewoman has still not been found.

In several media, the union Unsa Police has stepped up to demand an administrative investigation, in addition to the judiciary. Because he believes that the conditions were not met to be able to organize a dive on Friday.

"A raging Seine"
"We are wondering what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type, knowing that the weather was extremely unfavorable," and reacts his deputy department secretary, Nicolas Pucheu, to the Parisian on Monday. And the trade unionist to quote "a raging Seine", with "an opaque and brown water" and "strong currents" near France Bleu. "It was suicidal to put her in the water," he adds.

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Graduated for three weeks
In addition, the Unsa Police stresses that the young policewoman, who had joined the brigade fluviale in September 2016, had had her diving diploma only for "three weeks". According to Le Parisien, the young woman did not manage to dive a first time and disappeared during her second attempt. The first elements suggest that her "thread of life", which linked her to her colleagues, gave way during this dive. She was then equipped with a bottle of oxygen and a lead belt.

In a statement, the mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo, expressed "all her compassion and support to the family of this policewoman." She also praised the "flawless commitment and professionalism" of the Paris River Brigade.
The Body of The Police Officer Of The Fluvial Brigade Can Not Be Found - Paris
http://lazertecnologia.com/2018/01/09/le-corps-de-la-polici-re-de-la-brigade-fluviale-reste/
Janeiro 09, 2018

A rescue operation is underway on the Seine

"The Police Prefect wishes to express his profound sadness at this tragedy that is affecting one of our families, assures the policewoman's family of her compassion and total support, and salutes the commitment of the police divers. Fluvial Brigade who, every day, train to be able to help the population when the time comes "can read through the statement of the police headquarters.

"It was a joint exercise of the fluvial brigade and firefighters of Paris".

The latter were stopped at night and should resume this Saturday morning. It has been entrusted to the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN).

The searches have still not found her body.

After trying to dive a first time without success, the young woman wanted to try again. Underwater searches give no hope of finding the policewoman alive. At 12h on Thursday, January 4, 2018, the level of the Seine was 3.07 meters at Austerlitz for a flow of 907.38 m3 / s. This increase was expected to continue in the following days according to weather forecasts. "She immediately disappeared underwater," said Unsa, who participated in the research.

An administrative inquiry was opened at the request of the Unsa-Police union to determine the conditions under which the exercise was carried out. "It was suicidal to put her in the water," he adds.

Bad weather: should we fear a flood of the Seine?
Paris - Opening Of An Investigation Following The Disappearance Of The Policewoman In The Seine

The 27-year-old policewoman from Nice had just obtained her scuba diving certification. His body has still not been found, despite already three days of research.

The survey entrusted to the IGPN

An investigation was initiated by the Paris prosecutor's office and entrusted to the IGPN, the "police of the policies", to determine the causes of the accident, occurred during a joint exercise between the Brigade fluvial and the firefighters of Paris.

For the Unsa-police, who asked this weekend to open an investigation, “the responsibilities will have to be determined," said Nicolas Pucheu, the deputy departmental secretary of the union." We wonder what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type knowing that the weather conditions were extremely unfavorable. But we also ask the question: are the equipment and training provided adequate? ".

The 27-year-old policewoman who disappeared in the Seine Friday morning, in the 6th district of Paris, “had a lifeguard training and had just obtained her scuba diving certification, three weeks ago,” said Nicolas Pucheu.

Originally from Nice, she joined the fluvial brigade in 2016. “It was her dream ... She had joined the national police via the school of Nîmes in this light, she was making her dream come true," she said after Nicolas Pucheu.
According to Unsa, "The young woman tried a first time to dive but she could not do it. She asked to try to dive a second time, when her colleagues felt it in distress. The diver who was in the water with her then shot her life, but it seems that the knot of the belt of the young woman was undone. She immediately disappeared under the water. Equipped with a bottle of oxygen and a lead belt, “the weight of the equipment of a diver can reach 40 kg”, explains Nicolas Pucheu. “His colleagues immediately went looking for him but the Seine is so opaque with the mud raised by the eddies that there is zero visibility”.

No more hope of finding the policewoman alive, difficult searches
Searches continued throughout the weekend, but no hope of finding the policewoman alive. "It's no longer a rescue operation but a body search operation," says the Paris Fire Brigade.

Six boats, including three Sonar, still crisscrossed the Seine Sunday, in an extended area until the island of Swans (15th arrondissement). 17 divers were on alert, ready to intervene. However, research is made difficult by the force of the current, which is up to 25 km / h, the lack of total visibility and the temperature of the water (7 ° C).

The search operations were continued yesterday with a lightened device, in order to "not risk the life of the rescuers".

The River Brigade, created in 1900 on the occasion of the Universal Exhibition of Paris, ensures for more than a century the permanent surveillance of the Seine, but also that of the canals and rivers of all Ile-de-France since 2009. This brigade, fully integrated into the National Police, today has a hundred members, including a dozen women.

The Policewoman, Disappeared During An Exercise On The Seine, Was Not To Participate
January 12, 2018 By Mathieu D'Hondt /

This is Southern Radio information.
Remember a week ago, a 27-year-old diver, a member of the fluvial brigade of Paris, disappeared during a banal exercise practiced on the Seine?

Her body could not be found due to a capricious weather. It is learned today that the diver should not have taken part in this exercise but she had insisted to participate.
According to our information, the young policewoman, originally from the Alpes-Maritimes, was indeed **not scheduled for this operation** but she would have convinced her hierarchy to appear, wishing to "prove itself" just **three weeks after the getting her certification for scuba diving**.

It is also this very short time between theory and practice that has **raised questions in the aftermath of the tragedy**, in particular by the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN) who will determine the responsibilities of each in this case.

According to the preliminary investigation, **the knot of the thread that connected the policewoman to the boat broke down**, probably causing her drowning because of the heaviness of her equipment which obviously prevented her from surfacing.

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Paris: A series of errors at the origin of the death of a policewoman of the fluvial
https://actu17.fr/paris-une-suite-derreurs-a-lorigine-de-la-mort-dune-policiere-de-la-brigade-fluviale/
April 24, 2018 by C. Laudercq and R. Lefras

The union of the dead policewoman drowned in the Seine denounces a series of errors and aberrations of command.

Three months after the tragedy that shook the entire National Police, the Chained Duck reveals a series of malfunctions and errors that may have cost the life of a police officer of the River Brigade.

From dream to nightmare
Her name was Amandine, and she was 27 years old. The Gardienne de la Paix, originally from Nice, had realized a dream by joining the forces of the Fluvial Brigade. She had been eligible for operational diving just three weeks before the tragedy. On January 5th, Amandine disappeared in the murky waters of the flooding Seine, at Ile de la Cité in Paris.

Controversial decision-making
On the day of the tragedy, at the end of the morning, despite dangerous circumstances, the superior officer of the policewoman decided to implement training in real conditions. This is how Amandine was led to dive in the particularly turbulent river, connected to a boat by a safety line. Carrying a lead belt and a diving bottle, the policewoman sank in the Seine. To date, his body has not been found. The Paris Public Prosecutor's Office has opened an investigation to shed light on the circumstances of this tragedy.

Unfortunate accident or faults? "Damning" documents, according to a union
The day after the tragedy, the union of the policewoman, the UNSA Police, had denounced the lightness with which the training had been implemented, announcing that it "will not let go anything" to identify the person or persons responsible for the faults committed.

The union has gotten hold of documents it considers "overwhelming". Nicolas Pucheu, deputy departmental secretary of UNSA Police told Le Parisien newspaper: "The life line of the diver was dropped in defiance of the protocol, which wants that previously, she had relieved herself of her air bottle, of her belt of lead and inflated her waistcoat, to be able to be drifted. Amandine was delivered to the Seine with equipment of about forty kilos, and she failed to inflate her vest. Amandine has sunk. As for his colleague, who had stayed in the boat and was supposed to help
him, he was not equipped with his air bottle: when he plunged to help him, he found himself in difficulty, disassembled water and terrible conditions. He had to get back to the boat ...

The Prefecture of Police reportedly refused the intervention of RAID divers. According to the same union, the leaders of the elite police of the RAID have proposed to the Prefecture of Police in Paris to send their specialized divers to try to find the body of their colleague. The "PP", as it is nicknamed by the police, would have declined the offer. A "Question of susceptibility" according to the UNSA Police, who knows that the RAID, placed under the direct authority of the Director General of the National Police (DGPN), is not part of the organization chart of the Prefecture of Police of Paris.

**Other exercises a few days later**
The union leader and his colleagues would not have digested the halt of research of the body of Amandine, and the resumption of exercises in Seine a few days later: "Above the body of our colleague not found. It's indecent.

**The mother of the policewoman is a civil party**
"At no time did the prefecture tell us that an error had been made, which is why I went to court," Amandine's mother told the *Chained Duck*.

**Police drowned in the Seine: the overwhelming revelations**
April 25, 2018 By valeursactuelles.com

**Dysfunctions.** According to the information of Chained Duck, the police prefecture would have hidden the circumstances of the drowning of a young policewoman in the Seine.

On January 5, Amandine, 27, was drowning in the Seine, during an exercise in full flood. This young policewoman was able to do this kind of exercise for only a month. But according to the revelations of the Chained Duck who had access to the investigation of his disappearance, the Paris Police Prefecture and the Ministry of the Interior wanted to hide this information.

As the Seine is in flood, the flow of the river is much stronger than usual. In order to train in all possible conditions, the police officers of this elite body of divers go to the banks of the Seine this morning of January 5, 2018. Under dangerous circumstances, the brigade must take all precautions to better protect his divers. But according to the investigation revealed by the Chained Duck, the area chosen to do the exercise was very dangerous and the current of extreme violence.
An open investigation for "manslaughter"
More surprising: during her dive, Amandine reportedly said she was in trouble. It was then that the dive instructor ordered another of his men to dive to help him while the latter was not equipped with a bottle of air. Yet Amandine is connected by a rope attached to the zodiac and it was enough to pull the rope. This second diver finds himself in turn in difficulty and the monitor decides to release the rope that connected to Amandine to be able to defeat the Zodiac and recover the diver. The latter is recovered safe and sound, but Amandine has disappeared and has never been found.

While the monitor told from the first day the circumstances of this disappearance, the prefecture of police and the Ministry of the Interior preferred to speak of an unfortunate accident. The mother of the young police officer became a civil party and the public prosecutor's office opened an investigation on February 27 for "manslaughter".

Paris: The Lifeless Body Of The Policewoman Of The Fluvial Brigade Found
https://www.20minutes.fr/faits_divers/2263407-20180429-paris-corps-vie-policiere-brigade-fluviale-retrouve
29/04/18 Caroline Politi  Updated on the 30/04/18

Nearly four months of research will have been needed to find the body of Amandine, a young police officer from the fluvial brigade, who disappeared on January 5th during an exercise in the Seine. Her body was rescued this Sunday, in the port of "batobus" near the Louvre, learned 20 minutes from police source. The prefect of police was on the spot this afternoon. Her body was identified by her suit and the police gear she was wearing.

The 27-year-old, who had joined the river brigade three weeks before the tragedy drowned during a drill near Notre-Dame Cathedral while the Seine was in flood and the currents were particularly strong. The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation for "manslaughter" and the family of the girl became a plaintiff.
According to *Le Canard Chained*, a series of errors would have resulted in the death of the young woman. At the time of the exercise, she was connected to a "lifeline", a rope attached to the boat. The latter was reportedly released in defiance of the protocol while the young woman had not yet shed her equipment. A colleague, also a young novice, would have gone to the water but without air bottles; he would have found himself in turn in difficulties.

"We were hidden from the truth. At no time did the Prefecture of Police tell us that an error had been made, that the supervisor had given the order to let go of the life line. That's why I went to court," says in the same article the mother of the policewoman who took Eric Dupont-Moretti as a lawyer.

Questioned by AFP Sunday, the latter did not wish to react. The police headquarters, for its part, refuses to comment on the case.

**Discovery of the body of a missing police diver in the Seine**


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**Discovery of the body of the police diver disappeared on January 5 during an exercise in the Seine**

**Various Facts**

Nearly 4 months after the disappearance of a police officer from the river brigade in Paris during an exercise in the flooded Seine, the body of the diver was found Sunday in the river, a few hundred meters from the 'accident' site.

The policewoman, Amandine Giraud, 27, had disappeared on January 5 during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, while the Seine was in flood. His body was found Sunday down the Pont des Arts, a few hundred meters from the scene of the disappearance, AFP learned from the police headquarters.

The body was transported to the Paris Forensic Institute (IML) for formal identification, according to a police source.

The Paris prosecutor's office had entrusted the National Police's General Inspectorate (IGPN) with an investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance.
Sunday evening, Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said in a statement, wish the IGPN "can quickly determine the circumstances of this tragedy" while addressing his "support" to the family and colleagues of the diver.

On February 23, following the investigation of the IGPN, a judicial investigation had been opened for manslaughter; it was learned this week from judicial source. The Unsa-Police union had promptly requested the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions under which the diving exercise had been carried out.

"Error Of Appreciation"
The policewoman had disappeared a few days after the storm Eleanor. On January 3, the level of the Seine was then estimated to reach 3.26 m, in Paris, at the bridge of Austerlitz. This corresponds to the "yellow vigilance".

"Nothing motivated the implementation of this exercise so that after the passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood," said the secretary assistant department of Unsa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu. According to him, the policewoman had her underwater diving diploma "only for three weeks". "It was for us suicidal to put it in the water," he said.

The police headquarters had assured that the routine exercise in which the young woman participated was "planned and supervised".

However, in its edition this week, Le Canard chained, citing elements of the investigation ensures instead that the exercise was decided "on a whim, the same morning".

During the exercise, indicates the weekly, the rope or "line of life" which connected the young woman to a Zodiac docked at the wharf of Notre-Dame "was detached from the boat as a result of an error of appreciation "of a supervisor.

The police prefecture "took six weeks" to temporarily suspend the supervisor, says the newspaper.

"We were hiding the truth: At no time did the police prefecture tell us that an error had been made, that the supervisor had given the order to release the lifeline. civil party ", indicates in the same article the mother of the policewoman who took Eric Dupont-Moretti for a lawyer. Questioned by AFP Sunday, the latter did not wish to react.

**Police Diver Disappeared In The Seine: Her Body Found**
**APRIL 29, 218 AFP SOURCE**

The police diver disappeared on January 5th during an exercise in the Seine. The police prefecture announced that her body had been found.
The body of the policewoman of the fluvial brigade who had disappeared during an exercise in the Seine, on January 5th, was found this Sunday in the river, learned AFP from the police prefecture.

The policewoman, aged 27, had disappeared during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, while the Seine was in flood. Her body was found down the bridge of Arts, a few hundred meters from the scene of the disappearance, said the police headquarters.

"It Was For Us Suicidal To Put Her In The Water"

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The Unsa-Police union had requested the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions in which this exercise had been carried out. "Nothing motivated the implementation of this exercise when, after the passage of the storm, the Seine was in flood," said the departmental assistant secretary of the union, Nicolas Pucheu. According to him, the policewoman had her scuba diving diploma "only for three weeks". "It was for us suicidal to put it in the water," he said.

After the passage of storm Eleanor, the level of the Seine was rising in early January, to exceed 5.80 m in late January.
Police plunger missing in Paris: her body found near the Pont des Arts
April 29, 2018 Céline Carez

The body of the diver disappeared in Paris on January 5th was found. LP / Jean Nicholas Guillo

The 27-year-old had sunk on January 5, during an exercise of the Flood Brigade in full flood.

This is the epilogue of an absolute drama. The body of Amandine, policewoman, diver in the River Brigade, originally from Nice (Alpes-Maritimes), 27 years old, was drafted in the Seine this Sunday.

Nearly four months ago, on January 5, the young peacekeeper and diver of this elite unit, bottle on the back, wearing a lead belt, sank herself in a drill, the raging waters of the Seine in full flood. The tragedy took place after the passage of Storm Eleanor, in the heart of Paris, near Notre Dame.

The research that had mobilized the divers of the Fluviale but also the firefighters divers, the sonar, a helicopter and a drone had not allowed to locate it.

This Sunday, "they are passers-by who made the macabre discovery, seeing a body float at the Pont des Arts", not far from the place where the victim had drowned, indicates a police source.
"It's his colleagues from the Fluviale who lifted the body" "The hardest thing," says a source familiar with the matter, "is that the divers from the Fluviale, his colleagues, who, alerted, have reassembled the body."

"At 99%, it's her," notes this source. There were elements of the combination of the Fluvial. But the body is very degraded."

Since January, the disappearance of Amandine upset the police house but also created a controversy that then took a turn judicial.

The Unsa police union, whose policewoman was a member, had immediately denounced dysfunctions. The young woman who had just joined the fluvial brigade had only been underwater for three weeks. The union questioned his hierarchy and denounced the fact that the prefecture, for "questions of susceptibility" would have refused the support of the elite unit of the Raid to try to locate the body of Amandine.

The accident would be the consequence of a "series of errors"

On February 27, the Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation for "manslaughter", an ongoing investigation by IGPN, the police of the police. For her part, the family of the young woman filed a complaint with civil party.

Last Wednesday, The Chained Duck, who had access to elements of the court file, revealed a series of errors that, according to them, led to the death of the young woman.

"The rope of more than fifteen meters connecting the policewoman with the Zodiac solidly docked at the wharf should have prevented it from being swept away by the whirlwinds of the flooded river. The rope was detached from the boat as a result of a mistake. 'appreciation."

The newspaper also pointed out a colleague, a novice, who, not being equipped with his bottle, would then have gone to the water to rescue her, on the orders of his instructor, before turning back, also finding himself in difficulty. . Which monitor was not immediately suspended.

An autopsy will be performed

The newspaper revealed that the Prefecture of Police who defended the accidental thesis had hidden the real circumstances of the drowning. Quoted by the Chained Duck, Amandine's family regretted that they had hidden the truth. "At no time," his mother told the weekly, "the prefecture told us that an error had been made."

This Sunday, the police headquarters, in a statement, said that "Michel Delpuech, prefect of police, who immediately went there, wants to ensure the family of the police as well as colleagues support."

Amandine's body has been transported to the Forensic Institute of Paris where an autopsy will be performed "for a formal identification, says a senior official of the Ministry of the Interior but also to shed light on the circumstances of this
drama. The elements of his suit, the accessories, the traces will interest the investigators ".

Diver Of The Dead Police During An Exercise In Paris: What We Know


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The body of Amandine Giraud, disappeared January 5 during a training in difficult conditions, was found Sunday in the Seine.

They are civil protection agents marauding along the banks of the Seine in Paris who saw a body floating in the Seine between the bridge of the Carrousel and Pont des Arts. This one was quickly identified thanks to the remains of her outfit with the shield of the fluvial one. The body was discovered not far from the Monnaie arm, which runs along the south of Île de la Cité, a narrow passage with a strong current where the young peacekeeper of the river brigade, Amandine Giraud, 27 years old, disappeared on January 5th during a training session in difficult climatic conditions.

The exercises are done at the request of the divers themselves and their union representatives. On December 15, 2017, during a hearing with the commanding officer who runs the river, some police had referred to the difficulties encountered by divers at the climate summit on December 12, 2017 where they had to face a flow of the Seine at 500m3 / s. The union therefore demanded the holding of diving training in conditions of optimal safety "to perfect the technicality of divers and maintain their skills. " Indeed, three days earlier, at the World Climate Summit, the police-divers of the fluvial had had the worst difficulties to inspect the hulls of the boats of the musical Seine, the cultural box inaugurated in April on the island Seguin (Hauts-de-Seine) where Emmanuel Macron and his guests were installed for their speeches. Unsa sums up his interview with the river hierarchy: "We have made the point of doing regular diving training, as the underwater work required on this day has been difficult for our divers. The diving conditions of the day were perilous with a strong current estimated at 500 m3 / s in the Paris region."
Three Investigations
Amandine Giraud disappeared on January 5th after diving into a river at the rate of 900 m3 / s. The young woman, from Nice, had been scuba diving since she was a teenager. The one who had failed the first dive tests before making the second attempt had joined the river in 2016.

On the morning of her disappearance, Amandine Giraud had already done her first swim training. While the second team of the fluvial team, which she was not part of, was about to dive, the young woman has proposed to integrate this session.

Amandine's parents were received by the hierarchy of the river brigade just after his disappearance. "Nothing was hidden from them, contrary to what one could read," says a source in the office of the prefect of police. "On the other hand, they were not given any element of the judicial investigation. And for good reason, we do not have access. Three investigations are currently being conducted on this tragic accident: judicial, administrative and a final one of the CHSCT, carried out inter alia by the representatives of the personnel.

Safety Jacket
At this point, many questions remain unresolved. It seems, however, that the training protocol has been respected. Supervision by an instructor, an officer, a diver (ex-swimmer) and another, certainly less experienced, meets the usual standards.

When Amandine is in trouble this January 5th in the late morning, the supervisor makes the decision in two seconds to release the command that connects to the boat. The protocol provides that in case of difficulty the diver inflates his lifejacket to float on the surface, in order to be recovered later.

This January 5, Amandine apparently did not inflate her vest. For what reasons? Was it prevented by the high flow?

The parents of Amandine Giraud constituted themselves civil party and entrusted to Master Éric Dupont-Moretti the defense of their interests.

The funeral of the policewoman who died in the Seine will be celebrated Wednesday in Nice
May 4, 2018 By Christophe Cirone

After the tribute scheduled Monday at the police headquarters in Paris, it is in his hometown that Amine Giraud will be entitled to a religious ceremony, two days later.

The funeral of the young woman, who died in tragic circumstances on January 5 in Paris, will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 9 at 10 am in the basilica Sainte-Réparate.
Originally from the Saint-Roch district, the young Niçoise had joined the national police as a cadet of the Republic in Marseille, before joining in 2016 the fluvial brigade in Paris.

She had just got her scuba diving license when she drowned during a drill in a flooded Seine. Her body was only found on April 29th.

**HER PARENTS CIVIL PARTY**
The conditions of this exercise created a lively controversy, the union Unsa-Police denouncing "the lightness" with which it was organized.

The first findings of the IGPN, revealed by *Le Canard Enchainé*, pointed to a series of human errors.

Three investigations are in progress: a judicial led by the Paris prosecutor's office, an administrative led by the IGPN, and an internal conducted by the CHSCT. Amandine's parents became civilians. They called on Eric Dupond-Moretti to defend their interests.

"Until the end, she was a warrior": the shocking testimony of the mother of Amandine, the policewoman Nicoise dead drowned in the Seine

May 7, 2018 Par Interview By Christophe Cirone

A homage will be paid in Paris this Monday morning to Amandine Giraud, this young policewoman who drowned during an exercise in the Seine, on January 5th. His mother, Elisabeth, spoke to Nice-Matin.

"It's not just the policewoman who disappeared into the Seine, she was my daughter, she was the sister ... She was a girl full of life, full of plans." On the phone, the voice oscillates between extreme sorrow, lucidity, cold anger and fighting spirit.
Elisabeth, Amandine Giraud's mother, wants to "know the truth". To understand how his daughter died at the age of 27, on January 5, during an exercise of the river brigade in the Seine unleashed.

The body of the young Niçoise, from the Saint-Roch district, reappeared on the surface on April 29th. This denouement will allow the holding of a tribute on Monday morning at the police headquarters of Paris.

Then a religious ceremony in Nice, Wednesday at 10am, in the basilica Sainte-Réparate. "It's going to be quite intense...", Elisabeth breathes, when she leaves her Cannes home for the capital. But the time of mourning does not overshadow that of questions.

But they are numerous. A first survey of the IGPN, echoing the accusations of the union Unsa-Police, pointed many human errors.

Three investigations are in progress. Of which one, judicial, for manslaughter". Elisabeth, her ex-husband (who lives in Nice) and their daughter (in the Navy in Toulon) constituted themselves civil party.

Without interfering with the file, this grieving mother agreed to confide in Nice-Matin. To tell who was her daughter. And what is her revolt. A testimony filled with love. A shocking story.

**What has been your daughter's journey since childhood in Nice?**

She was educated at Bischoffsheim School, Risso College, and then at the Lycée de l'Est. After the baccalaureate, she began a year of law, then returned as a cadet of the Republic at the Auvare barracks. She became a security assistant in Marseille, then passed the peacekeeper's competition at the Nîmes police academy. His wish was to be transferred to Paris to join the fluvial brigade.

**A true vocation?**

Yes. In her youth, my daughter was part of the ONN [Olympic Nice Swimming, ed] at the pool Jean-Bouin. She loved swimming. When she was in Marseille, she was lifeguard on the beaches for the police. And during her holidays, she was also with the firefighters! She has always loved water. It was his favorite field. When she was young, she said, "I'll be in the police." But when the kids think of Commissioner Lescaut, she wanted to serve people. For her, it was a passion.

**That reflected her character?**
She is a girl who seemed nonchalant. In fact, she was waiting to know how to do things to go. During her competitions in the river, she was very tenacious, pugnacious. It was not easy. At first, she missed her qualification test ... She passed the tests in the pool, at sea, orally ... But in 2016, she missed her diving module in the Seine. She was not sure enough of her. It was winter, the visibility conditions were not great ... She had to go back in March 2017, then in December, because of surgery. Between the moment she was received and when she left us, she had dived only three times!

That morning she had plunged with her brigade. Everything was great. She went back to another brigade and ... that's it. I will not say more.

"FAR TOO MANY MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE"

If she trained at the ONN, she was an excellent swimmer?
The butterfly was not her thing, but she excelled in crawl. My daughter was a fish! Very tenacious. Moreover, she went up alone. Because the suit dropped her, of course ... But nobody went to get her. Until the end, she was a warrior ... (Sighs). I am very, very proud of my daughter! Amandine's problem was that she did not see the pain in anyone. She trusted the professionals blindly. If she was not sure, she would ask questions. And she had a great quality that I unfortunately do not have: she was not resentful.

The deaths of police officers on duty do not all meet so much. How do you explain the emotion around this drama?
The emotion is related to the date when it happened. The Seine was in flood. Many mistakes have been made. Many, many more ... That's why I went to court, just like my daughter and my ex-husband. Initially, I had taken the same lawyer as my daughter. But when I saw that it was not moving, I decided to take Me Dupond-Moretti.

By appealing to him, you appeal to the defender of established orders and institutions?
I do not think he's afraid of anyone, and he's doing his job very well. Warning: I do not question the qualities of my daughter's lawyer. But we must be supported to get the truth as quickly as possible. Because there have been failures.
Are the recent revelations of Chained Duck making you say that? Or were you quickly convinced?
From the beginning. When I met the authorities, I was told it was an unfortunate accident. I was not told anything! As a mom, I asked questions that professionals could have asked me the same way as me, who is new to the subject. I absolutely wanted to get my daughter back as soon as possible. It's untenable for me to know that my daughter has been in the water for so long, and so close to where she drowned.

How far was his body found?
His boat was moored at the bridge of Notre-Dame [de Paris]. She drowned almost in front of the prefecture. And she came out at the next bridge. about eight hundred meters. It was not the end of the world, she was not in Le Havre!

However, research has been conducted in all directions?
I doubt it ... There have been dives for the first two days. But then, the flood was too strong. They no longer had the right to dive. I asked, "Will you give it to me one day?" I did not get an answer. Since I went to court, I did not have any direct contact.

The discovery of his body was a painful relief?
When she came out, I said, "Finally!" I hoped without believing it. It's hard, everything will happen this week. But I got my daughter back. And at the medico-legal institute, I will be allowed to see a hand of my daughter. That's all I'll have the right to see ...

This fleeting contact with her, what are you waiting for the most?
Yes. We pay tribute to her, that's good ... But I would have preferred her to be always there.

Wednesday, another tribute will be returned to her hometown ...
Yes, she will be surrounded by his family. His friends from the river brigade and the civil protection will go down too. They do not want to leave it, not leave us. A few days after the disappearance of Amandine, her friends from the river offered her a memorial: a pointy, painted in blue and white, baptized Amandine, with his police registration. Civil protection also paid tribute. It's very strong.

You have received many marks of support?
Verry much. Amandine was a smiling, attractive girl who loved singing, dancing and partying. Since leaving, I realize the impressive number of friends she had. I did not know she was so loved by so many people. I hope she knew it ...

Amandine had it intervened during bad weather of 2015 or the attack of Nice in 2016?
No, because she had been in Paris since 2014. On the other hand, she was working on traffic in front of the Stade de France on the night of the attacks. She was not hurt, but very marked. So much so that it helped, within the civil protection, to support the parents of the dead victims in Bataclan. My daughter was very
generous! The attack in Nice was another shock. After visiting the Promenade des Anglais, she repeated: "It's not fair, it's not fair ..."

**What do you expect from the various investigations in progress?**
To know the truth. What really happened? And why? Why did she dive in extreme conditions? Why was the person who went to help her not properly equipped? I want answers!

**Tribute to the policewoman Nice Amandine Giraud, drowned in the Seine: "I understand your anger"**


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A tribute was given this Monday morning by the police headquarters to the police officer of the fluvial brigade who drowned in Paris during an exercise on January 5 and whose body was found on April 29.

"*I share your grieving and your grief,*" said police chief Michel Delpuech in his address to the parents of the 27-year-old policewoman, who was present during the tribute in the police headquarters court.

"*I also understand your anger, with the innumerable questions that you ask yourself about the circumstances of the tragedy, the ongoing investigation (...) will have to provide the answers you expect,*" he also said.

The policewoman had disappeared a few days after the storm Eleanor during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. The level of the Seine was then mounted in Paris, to reach January 3. 3.26 m at the bridge of Austerlitz, which corresponds to the "yellow vigilance".

**MANY QUESTIONS**
The Paris prosecutor’s office has entrusted the National Police's General Inspectorate (IGPN) with an investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance. On February 23, it led to the opening of a judicial investigation for manslaughter. "*Nothing motivated the implementation of this exercise so that after the passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood,*" said Deputy Departmental Secretary of Unsa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu.

The police headquarters had assured that the routine exercise in which the young woman participated was "*planned and supervised*. The Chained Duck, citing elements of the investigation, assured that during the exercise, the rope or "*line of
life” which connected the young woman to a Zodiac docked at the Notre Dame wharf “was detached. of the boat following an error of appreciation” of a monitor.

PROMOTED POSTHUMOUSLY
"We were hiding the truth: At no time did the police prefecture tell us that an error had been made, that the monitor had given the order to release the lifeline. civil party,” says in the same article the mother of the policewoman, who chose Eric Dupond-Moretti as a lawyer. Questioned by AFP Sunday, the latter did not wish to react.

Amandine Giraud was posthumously promoted to the rank of Captain and received the National Police Medal of Honor and the Gold Medal Homeland Security Medal.

Nice pays a poignant tribute to Amandine Giraud, the policewoman who died in the Seine
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The white uniforms of the river brigade on one side; those, blue and orange, Civil Protection, on the other. Two symbols of the commitment of Amandine Giraud. Two bodies welded around the family of the young Niçoise, this Wednesday morning, for a funeral funeral in his hometown.

Two days after the homage paid by the police headquarters of Paris, a religious ceremony was celebrated in the basilica Sainte-Réparate, for this young policewoman tragically died at the age of 27 years.

His mother Elisabeth, his father Albert, his sister Marjolaine, of exemplary dignity, accompanied Amandine in these heartbreaking moments.

Her friends of the police, of the Civil Protection, the elected ones, the friends of the family came in number to surround them, upset.

The body of Amine had to join the crematorium of the plain of Var.

"We mourn Amandine and the brutality of his death adds to our pain," sums up the father Laurent Giallo, under the tender look of Amandine, whose wide portrait contemplates a coffin draped in blue-white-red.

Behind the policewoman, she describes a young woman always eager to "want to know, want to understand". Like his family, today in search of truth. Three investigations, including one for manslaughter, are open to the circumstances of the tragedy.

Amandine Giraud drowned on January 5, during a controversial exercise in the flooded Seine. His body came back to the surface on April 29th.

The IGPN survey pointed out many human errors, as revealed by the Chained Duck. The family became a civil party, Amandine's mother appealed to the tenor Eric Dupond-Moretti.

**Diver of the dead police during an exercise in Paris: what we know**


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The body of Amandine Giraud, disappeared January 5 during a training in difficult conditions, was found Sunday in the Seine.

They are civil protection agents marauding along the banks of the Seine in Paris who saw a body floating in the Seine between the bridge of the Carrousel and Pont des Arts. This one was quickly identified thanks to the remains of his outfit with the shield of the fluvial one. The body was discovered not far from the Monnaie arm, which runs along the south of Île de la Cité, a narrow passage with a strong current where the young peacekeeper of the river brigade, Amandine
Giraud, years old, disappeared on January 5th during a training session in difficult climatic conditions.

The exercises are done at the request of the divers themselves and their union representatives. On December 15, 2017, during a hearing with the commanding officer who runs the river, some police had referred to the difficulties encountered by divers at the climate summit on December 12, 2017 where they had to face a flow of the Seine at 500m3 / s. The union therefore demanded the holding of diving training in conditions of optimal safety " to perfect the technicality of divers and maintain their skills . " Indeed, three days earlier, at the World Climate Summit, the police-divers of the fluvial had had the worst difficulties to inspect the hulls of the boats of the musical Seine, the cultural box inaugurated in April on the island Seguin (Hauts-de-Seine) where Emmanuel Macron and his guests s were installed for their speeches. Unsa sums up his interview with the river hierarchy: "We have made the point of doing regular diving training, as the underwater work required on this day has been difficult for our divers. The diving conditions of the day were perilous with a strong current estimated at 500 m3 / s in the Paris region."

Three Investigations

Amandine Giraud disappeared on January 5th after diving into a river at the rate of 900 m3 / s. The young woman, from Nice, had been scuba diving since she was a teenager. The one who had failed the first dive tests before making the second attempt had joined the river in 2016.

On the morning of her disappearance, Amandine Giraud had already done her first swim training. While the second team of the fluvial team, which she was not part of, was about to dive, the young woman has proposed to join this session.

Amandine's parents were received by the hierarchy of the river brigade just after his disappearance. "Nothing has been hidden from them, contrary to what we have
read," says a source in the office of the prefect of police. "On the other hand, they were not given any element of the judicial investigation. And for good reason, we do not have access. Three investigations are currently being conducted on this tragic accident: judicial, administrative and a final one of the CHSCT, carried out inter alia by the representatives of the personnel.

**Safety Jacket**

At this point, many questions remain unresolved. It seems, however, that the training protocol has been respected. Supervision by an instructor, a officer, a diver (ex-swimmer) and another, certainly less experienced, meets the usual standards.

When Amandine is in trouble this January 5th in the late morning, the monitor makes the decision in two seconds to release the command that connects to the boat. The protocol provides that in case of difficulty the diver inflates his lifejacket to float on the surface, in order to be recovered later. This January 5, Amandine apparently did not inflate his vest. For what reasons? Was it prevented by the high flow?

The parents of Amandine Giraud constituted themselves civil party and entrusted to Master Éric Dupont-Moretti the defense of their interests.

**DEATH OF OUR COLLEAGUE FROM THE RIVER BRIGADE: POLICE PREFECTURE IN CLOUDY WATER**

 September 5, 2018

On January 5th, 2018, there was a tragedy on the Seine: our colleague Amandine GIRAUD, a diver of the fluvial brigade of the Prefecture of Police, died drowned during a training, organized "at a moment's notice", while he was "unworkable" that day because of the flood of the river.

The duck enchainé returns to the progress of the investigation in its edition of this day, September 5, 2018, highlighting many malfunctions, which caused the death of our colleague:

- Life line detached by our colleagues on the boat;

- Equipment control made of non-rigorous material, such as the stabilizing vest, which our colleague could not inflate and which could have saved his life;

- A witness, amateur diver, tried to alert our colleagues, but by the time they understood it was too late.

All its dysfunctions raise questions:
Did our colleagues have the training and experience to coach our colleague Amandine?

Why is the hardware not checked correctly? Budget reasons?

As in the case BENALLA, which the Prefecture of Police wants to protect by its lies?

This colleague was a member of the UNSA-Police, who said he would "never give up" to identify the person or persons responsible for the mistakes. However, this union did not make the choice to become a civil party in the proceedings. So in the interest of the profession and to support the family of our colleague, our union VIGI. lodged a civil claim with the voice of our lawyer, Maître BOUZROU, last June.

Once again the press and the appointment of an investigating magistrate seem the only ramparts to the opacity of the Police Prefecture, which at the beginning spoke of a "training provided for a long time" and refused the help. Raiders from the RAID to participate in searches to find our colleague. In addition, the amateur diver had difficulty registering his testimony. Were instructions given to prevent the statements of this "inconvenient" witness for the Police Prefecture from appearing in the proceedings?

"Human lives do not seem to be of inestimable value to men of power. In the end, these are just statistics »Christiane VILLON