

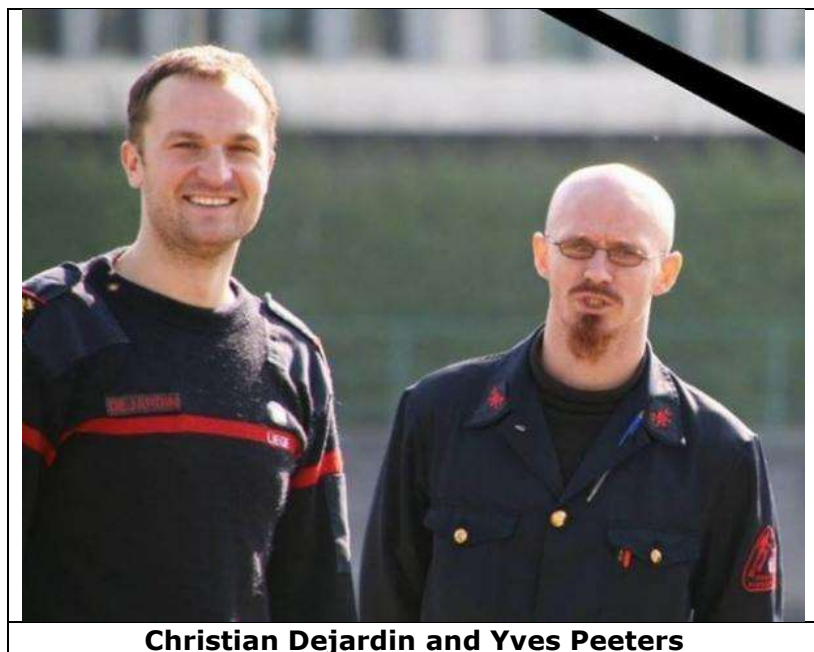
Two firefighters die while wanting to save a swan: "The sautevage of animals is part of our missions"

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Questioned lively in the Journal on the question of the risks incurred by firefighters who lost their lives following the rescue of a swan, the spokesperson of the firemen of Liège recalled that such interventions were part of their missions. "The officer at the scene considered it useful, I believe to be right, to call the frog men who came to the scene," said Hervé Fanuel.

At 18h, last night, the firemen of Liège are called to clear a swan in bad position in the Ourthe. The assessment of this intervention, a priori banal, is cumbersome: two diver firefighters have lost their lives, caught in violent eddies. Hervé Fanuel, the fire brigade spokesman for Liège, answered Caroline Fontenoy's questions live in the Journal.



Christian Dejardin and Yves Peeters

"Do not understand"

" It is an operation which surprised us because it was to be an easy procedure, he said. It still does not understand what happened, we have no specific information about what happened All we know is that our firefighters found themselves caught in eddies of the Ourthe, one on a bank, the other on the other bank and that we found them unconscious ".

"Rescuing animals is part of our mission"

The presenter asked the question of the risk: *" This is to help a swan divers risked their lives According to you, did they take unnecessary risks or do they have omitted some safety instructions.?"* , She asked.

" The question is judicious , acknowledged the spokesman . The animal rescue is one of our missions, it is not the most common missions. The ranking officer on the scene found it useful, I believe in They are among the most experienced in our ranks, safe values in aquatic rescue. They felt that the intervention was feasible, I

think they were right. Once the animal was released, the accident occurred, it is not understood. "

Will the safety instructions be revised upwards? " *It will be a reflection to be internally estimated Hervé Fanuel. Anyway, the staff was sufficient, experience and equipment too. It will analyze it in light of what the investigation will reveal.*"

Death of two firefighters: autopsies reveal skull injuries

<http://www.lesoir.be/541139/article/actualite/regions/liege/2014-05-10/deces-deux-pompiers-autopsies-revelent-des-blessures-au-crane>

May 10th, 2014 With Belga

The divers died after saving a swan

Forensic autopsies reveal that the two firefighters died Friday night in Tilff intervention present "serious injuries to the skull", revealed the auditor of the work of Liège. At this stage, there is no indication that these injuries resulted in the death of the two divers, the labor auditor said.

According to the first elements of the investigation, the two firefighters were responding well when the accident occurred. Contrary to what could have been advanced, they were properly attached.

Experienced divers

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Yves Peeters et Christian Dejardin. Belga

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of his colleagues then went to his rescue and suffered the same fate. The third diver assisted firefighters initially arrived at the scene removed the two men from the river.

Yves Peeters, a seasoned diver, died on the spot. His colleague, Christian Dejardin, was first transported by helicopter to the CHU in a critical condition. His death was announced Friday shortly before midnight

Twee brandweermannen sterven bij redding zwaan

<http://www.hln.be/hln/nl/957/Binnenland/article/detail/1881894/2014/05/10/Twee-brandweermannen-sterven-bij-redding-zwaan.dhtml>

BEWAAR ARTIKEL

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TILFF Twee duikers van de Luikse brandweer zijn omgekomen nadat ze een zwaan hadden proberen redden op de Ourthe in Tilff (Luik). Dat heeft de brandweer van Luik en het kabinet van minister van Binnenlandse Zaken Joëlle Milquet bevestigd.

Nadat de brandweer van Luik eerder vrijdagavond het overlijden van één duiker had bevestigd, maakte het kabinet-Milquet bekend dat 's avonds laat nog een tweede duiker is overleden. De minister betuigt in een mededeling haar medeleven met naasten en collega's.

De brandweer van Luik werd vrijdagmiddag opgeroepen om een zwaan te gaan redden op honderd meter stroomafwaarts van de brug van Tilff. Op die plaats zijn er sterke stromingen, maar onderzoek zal nog moeten uitwijzen wat er precies is misgelopen. De twee maakten deel uit van de duikersbrigade van de brandweer.

Hartstilstand

De hulpdiensten waren relatief snel ter plaatse om de twee slachtoffers, die een hartstilstand kregen, te helpen. Ze werden met de helikopter naar het ziekenhuis in Luik overgebracht. Een van de twee brandweermannen, een veertiger uit Luik,

stierf na het transport. De tweede verkeerde toen in levensgevaar, maar is inmiddels ook overleden.

Lees ook

- [Brandweerduikers halen koe uit beerput in Gooik](#)

Rouwkapel

In de brandweerkazerne van Luik is een rouwkapel opgericht. De lichamen van de brandweermannen kunnen opgebaard worden in de kapel, maar de Luikse intercommunale IILE heeft daarvoor nog niet het akkoord van de families van de slachtoffers. Er wordt een rouwregister geopend.

De manifestatie van vrouwen en kinderen van brandweermannen die aanvankelijk gepland stond vanaf de middag in de straten van Luik, is afgelast. Tussen 12 en 13 uur verzamelen die wel voor de kazerne.

Binnen de tien dagen moet er een rapport opgesteld worden over de precieze omstandigheden rond de feiten.

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Two firefighters die in rescue swan

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SAVE ARTICLE

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TILFF Two divers died the Liège fire after they try to save a swan on the Ourthe in Tilff (Liège). That confirmed the fire brigade of Liege and the office of Interior Minister Joelle Milquet. After the fire of Liege earlier Friday night had confirmed the death of one diver, the Cabinet Milquet announced late a second diver is deceased. The Minister expresses in a statement its condolences to relatives and colleagues.

Liege fire brigade was called Friday afternoon to save a swan hundred meters downstream from the bridge of Tilff. In that place, there are strong currents, but research remains to be seen what exactly went wrong. The two were part of the brigade divers of the fire department.

Cardiac arrest

The emergency services were relatively quickly on the spot to help the two victims, who had a cardiac arrest. They were transferred by helicopter to the hospital in Liege. One of the two firefighters, forties from Liege, died after transport. The second was then in danger, but has also deceased.

Also read: [Fire brigade divers get cow from cesspool in Gooik](#)

Funeral chapel in the fire station of Liège was founded a funeral chapel. The bodies of the firefighters may be exposed in the chapel, but the Liege intermunicipal iile has therefore not yet the consent of the families of the victims.

A book of condolences was opened there. The manifestation of women and children of firefighters was initially planned from the afternoon in the streets of Liege, has been canceled. Between 12 and 13 hours gather who the barracks. Within ten days, a report must be drawn on the exact circumstances surrounding the facts.

Death of Christian Dejardin and Yves Peeters in Tilff: the two firefighters presented significant head trauma

<http://www.lameuse.be/1003423/article/2014-05-10/deces-de-christian-dejardin-et-yves-peeters-a-tilff-les-deux-pompiers-presentaie>

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Forensic autopsies reveal that the two dive firefighters who died Friday night in intervention in Tilff present "serious injuries to the skull", revealed Sunday the auditor of the work of Liège. At this stage, there is no indication that these injuries resulted in the death of the two divers, the labor auditor said. According to the first elements of the

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Firefighters Worldwide

May 14, 2014 ·

We are sad to report that two Belgium firefighters died attempting a rescue of a swan. The first became incapacitated sending the second diver in. Both were swept away.

Details, video > <http://www.firefightersworldwide.com/2014/05/belgium-lodds/>

Two Belgium Firefighters Die Trying to Save Swan

<http://www.firefightersworldwide.com/2014/05/belgium-lodds/>

May 14, 2014 by **First Arriving**, 10:41 am

Two Belgium firefighters died trying to save a swan in violent currents late last week. The incident on the River Ourthe in Southern Belgium began with the first firefighter getting into trouble in heavy currents during the rescue attempt of the swan, local media reported. The second jumped in in an attempt to save the first.



[7sur7](#) reported that a pumper was initially called to the scene and requested divers to assist in the rescue of the swan. After saving the swan, the first firefighter/diver became incapacitated. The second jumped in to assist.

Local media reported that Yves Peeters died on the scene and Christian Dejardin was transported by helicopter to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Both were caught in the currents.

"This is an operation that surprised us because it would be an easy intervention has he said. We still do not understand what happened, we have no precise information about what happened," Hervé Fanuel, spokesman Fire Liège, [told local media](#). "All we know is that our firefighters were caught in swirl of the Ourthe, one on one bank and the other on the other bank and that they were found unconscious."

One of the firefighters reportedly died from cardiac arrest during the ordeal. Both firefighters were members of the fire service in Liège.

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Liège: a lot of emotion at the funeral of the deceased firefighters in Tilff

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Liège: a lot of emotion at the funeral of the deceased firefighters in Tilff (1) - © RTBF - Vincent Bricet

It was on Wednesday that the funeral of Christian Dejardin and Yves Peeters took place, these two firemen Liège died in intervention last Friday, in the Ourthe. A particularly moving ceremony in their barracks, in front of a thousand people.

The funeral ceremony began at 10 am on Wednesday. A difficult day, especially for families, including Yves Peeters' brother: "This day is

particularly difficult, and we know that the days ahead will be even more difficult. For the time being, we are enormously supported by all the firemen. Everybody is there to surround us, and even if we have a lot of trouble, it's easier to assume it, my brother was a firefighter, and I am not a fighter. The family of firefighters and I did not realize how great a family they are. "

In the barracks, the emotion is intense. The priest speaks and salutes the duty of the two deceased firefighters: "Service and duty are not optional, it is not when we are sung. When it is necessary, when there is a life that is in danger, even a swan."

The loved ones testify, with affection, tears in their voices. Audrey, the younger sister of Christian Dejardin and Xavier, yesterday's big brother Yves Peeters: "There are a lot of things I could not share with him, I never really could tell him 'My brother, I love you. '" You leave together, what friendship, what life lesson you teach us. But we still have a question: 'Why this fatal issue to save an animal'? "

And then of course the colleagues, the fire brothers also say: "It is fate that has taken away from you, surely not a swan, let alone a stream, but an ideal that we defend" .

The firefighter cadets also paid tribute. Sometimes they come from afar: "We come from Hainaut. I think paying homage to these two firemen is the least of things." "We're from the Cadet school in Liège, we're part of a big family, out of respect, we had to be there."

Also present are a representative of the King, many politicians including Minister of Interior Joëlle Milquet who will hand over to Christian Dejardin and Yves Peeters the Civic Cross of 1st class for act of courage.

Françoise Dubois with Bénédicte Alié