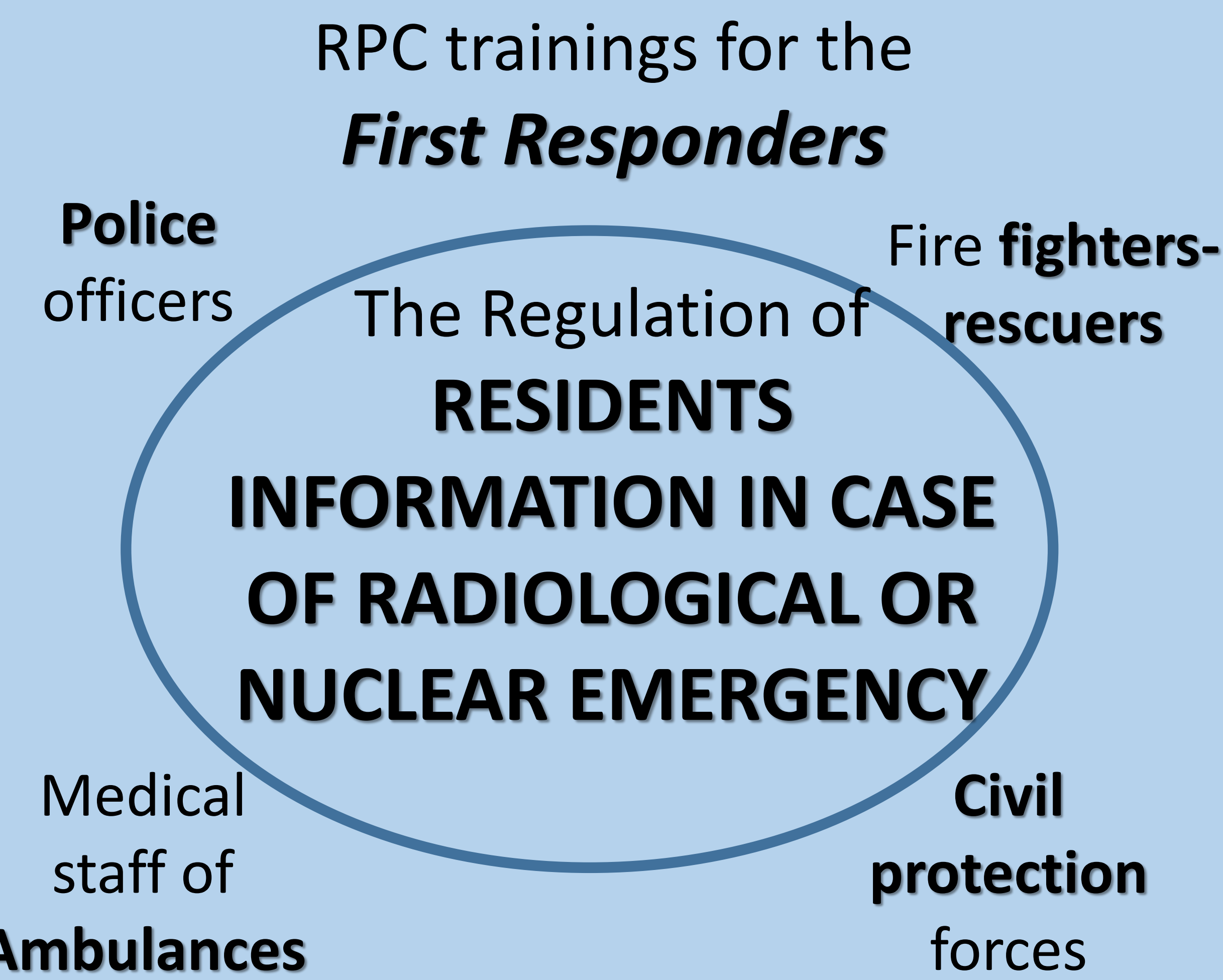


# PUBLIC COMMUNICATION OF RADIATION EMERGENCIES IN LITHUANIA

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One of the main Radiation Protection Centre (RPC) functions – **to protect members of public** and radiation workers against hazardous impact of ionizing radiation.



RPC collaboration with the **Public Health Bureaus**

**People are interested in:**

- ✓ How to protect their-selves in case of radiation emergencies;
- ✓ How to measure the contamination of food and drinking water;
- ✓ When and how is necessary to use iodine ...



The education and training **for the appropriate communication with the public** at emergency situations:

- ✓ By the approved training programs the **RPC specialists** are trained;
- ✓ By the approved training programs the **first responders (FR)** are trained;
- ✓ By the approved training programs the **civil protection forces** are trained.

**Qualification of the specialists**, responsible to communicate with the public at the radiation emergencies = **competent communication**

**National level exercises**

- ✓ Table top exercises organized by The Nuclear Security Center of Excellence;
- ✓ municipal level civil protection full scale exercises;
- ✓ Inter-institutional exercises;
- ✓ Table top and field exercises at RPC ...

**International level exercises**

- ✓ International Nordic and Baltic countries emergency preparedness exercise;
- ✓ emergency preparedness exercise Convex 2d. by IAEA ...

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Emergency Operations Centre  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION GROUP**

## Conclusions:

1. the appropriate communication with the public at emergency situations is necessary;
2. the special attention have to be paid for the FR and stakeholders communication with the public skills;
3. for assurance of appropriate public communication the systematic preparedness is needed.

