

# PRIVATE ENGAGEMENT FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD

A total of 2,600 women and men work for the Brückner Group around the globe. In their spare time, many of them are actively engaged in making the world a better place to live in. We would like to shine a spotlight on some of them.



**VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADES** are responsible for fire prevention and technical assistance in community facilities open to the public in Germany, Austria and South Tyrol.

In **BAVARIA** there are 7,672 volunteer fire brigades with 326,000 active adults and 48,000 junior members.

The **MEMBERS** perform their duties for the community solely on a voluntary basis.

**DEDICATED EMPLOYERS** like Kiefel release employees who volunteer for fire brigades to take part in firefighting.

## WITH COMRADES FOR A SAFE FUTURE



**PETER WEISEL**

**Lives in:** Saaldorf-Surheim (Bavaria, Germany)

**Brückner Group employee:** since 1988

**Loves:** hiking, mountain biking, motorcycling, skiing and ski touring

“Doing something good with my comrades simply makes me feel good. I don’t expect any thanks for that,” says Peter Weisel. He joined the volunteer fire brigade in his local community at the young age of 14 – completely on his own initiative: “My father wasn’t a member of any brigade but even as a child I was interested in becoming one.” Today he is Deputy Commander of the Surheim Fire Brigade, which has 55 active members.

Weisel was trained in the use of difficult respirators over many years, and today he shares his knowledge and long-standing experience. “Youth work is particularly important for me, so that the fire brigade also operates well tomorrow and the day after.”

The Surheim Fire Brigade is called into action about 80 to 100 times a year – from fires to assistance after bad weather to road traffic accidents. One of Weisel’s most enduring memories is that of a flood in 2013, when a whole district was inundated in the nearby town of Freilassing. “It was very demanding for all of us.”

The experienced Assembly Manager devotes up to ten hours a week to his voluntary work. This is only possible because his employer offers the necessary support. “The company is always very accommodating in releasing me for missions, even during the day. One-week training courses are no problem either.” Peter Weisel is not the only one to whom this applies. Almost 30 Kiefel employees are members of volunteer fire brigades. The company also benefits from their training. “The work in a well-functioning organisation and the ability to find and implement unconventional solutions are the hallmark of a good firefighter,” says Weisel. And he can use this every day in his job as well.

“Helping has the highest priority for me. This is also where I get my personal satisfaction.”

**Peter Weisel**, Assembly Department Manager, Kiefel