

SYNOPSIS



Rescue Pilots - Crossing Boundaries in the Sky

Rettungspiloten - Grenzgänger am Himmel

This documentary accompanies rescue and police pilots on their daily operations throughout the year. Together with a team of emergency doctors, they tend to the injured in remote mountain villages, save them from steep mountainsides, and fly them to hospitals. When mountain climbers are in danger, the rescue pilots move into action - fast. As in the case of avalanche when every second counts and can mean the difference between life and death to the trapped victims. The bodies of those who cannot be saved still need to be recovered, which is also part of a rescue pilot's work.

Their missions are frequently carried out under unfavorable and even dangerous conditions. However, wind, fog, snow, and the black of night do not keep these pilots from saving lives. Top concentration, courage, and experience are required for the job; and these kings of the air philosophize about their most dangerous maneuvers, their own limits, heroism, and the constant and very real fear of crashing.

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