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**Flooding: STIHL Tirol supports the Kufstein Fire Brigade**

The disastrous floods that hit Kufstein and the surrounding area in July caused enormous damage. Numerous areas, including some in the city of Kufstein itself, were massively affected and still are today. Large numbers of helpers were urgently required to tackle the challenges of repelling water and mud. Seldom has the immediate and comprehensive service provided by the Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade been more essential. The garden equipment manufacturer STIHL Tirol from Langkampfen is supporting the firefighters with a contribution of 5,000 euros.

Clemens Schaller, the managing director of STIHL Tirol, and Wolfgang Simmer, the head of sales and distribution services, visited the fire brigade in Kufstein on 3 August 2021 and heard a description of the events that so quickly led to the flooding.

"We watched in horror as the damage caused by the storm and floods unfolded. As a result, we were all the more impressed by the tireless work and commitment of the Volunteer Fire Brigade", said Clemens Schaller.

Hans-Peter Wohlschlager, the commander of the Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade, was pleased and expressed his thanks: "The contribution made by STIHL Tirol is a great help and sends a message of community and support in the event of disasters that can affect any of us at any time. At the same time, it serves as motivation and recognition for our commitment." The Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade, which has existed since 1866, currently has around 90 firefighters.

Information about STIHL Tirol:

STIHL Tirol GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of the STIHL Group and is based in Langkampfen, Austria. Cordless products are produced at this site and STIHL Tirol is also a centre of excellence for ground-based gardening tools. In 2020, the company employed 702 people.

STIHL company profile:

The STIHL Group develops, manufactures and distributes motorised equipment for forestry, agriculture, landscape management, the building industry and private garden owners. The product range is supplemented with digital solutions and services. Products are generally distributed through specialist dealers – including 41 sales and marketing STIHL subsidiaries, around 120 importers and more than 54,000 specialist dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL manufactures products in seven countries worldwide: Germany, USA, Brazil, Switzerland, Austria, China and the Philippines. STIHL has been the best-selling chainsaw brand worldwide since 1971. The company was founded in 1926 and the corporate headquarters are in Waiblingen near Stuttgart, Germany. In 2020, STIHL had 18,200 employees worldwide and a turnover of € 4.58 billion.

Image "Volunteer\_Fire\_Brigade\_Kufstein\_STIHL\_Tirol":

STIHL Tirol supports the work of the Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade: Hans-Peter Wohlschlager (commander of the Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade), Wolfgang Simmer (STIHL Tirol), Alexander Koschnar (treasurer of the Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade), Sebastian Mayrhofer (deputy commander of the Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade) and Clemens Schaller (managing director of STIHL Tirol) at the Volunteer Fire Brigade in Kufstein. (from left to right)

Image "Volunteer\_Fire\_Brigade\_Kufstein\_In\_Action":

The city of Kufstein was also affected by the flooding. The Kufstein Volunteer Fire Brigade had its hands full.

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