



3. Signal112 – International Trade Fair for Firefighting and Rescue 12–14 March 2026, Oberwart Exhibition Centre

Blue lights as a signal – Signal112 provides strong impetus for the future of emergency services. Over 140 exhibitors from 11 countries will present goods and services related to firefighting and rescue services.

With the 3rd Signal112 – International Trade Fair for Fire and Rescue Services, the Oberwart Exhibition Centre will kick off the new trade fair year with a powerful signal from 12 to 14 March 2026. The fair will once again present itself as an important meeting place for emergency services, decision-makers and industry – and as a platform that provides guidance and drives innovation in challenging times.

Despite economic conditions that are also challenging emergency services in many places, Signal112 demonstrates how important it is to have affordable, efficient and high-quality products and services for fire and rescue services. The trade fair offers exhibitors from over seven countries an accessible stage in the heart of Europe and has established itself as a fixture in the industry.

Focus 2026: Quality, basic strength and forward thinking

In 2026, Signal112 will focus on high-quality basic equipment – from state-of-the-art protective clothing to tried-and-tested firefighting and transport technology. Considerable attention will also be given to operational logistics, which is becoming increasingly important in the face of growing challenges. Another key topic will be blackout scenarios, their effects and the necessary precautionary measures – an area in which the trade fair provides important food for thought.

Vehicle technology in transition – compact, flexible, electric

The trade fair clearly shows where development is heading:

- The focus is on compact, all-round vehicles with four-wheel drive that can be quickly converted and are versatile in use.
- Electric mobility will be given an even broader stage for the first time in 2026. This is not only about emission-free drives, but above all about the new possibilities in vehicle conversion offered by electrical systems.
- In addition, the trade fair provides comprehensive information on the recovery of electric and hybrid vehicles – a topic that continues to grow in importance.

Especially in times when the purchase of new special-purpose vehicles is economically challenging, multifunctional trucks up to 12 tonnes, swap bodies and special trailers are becoming increasingly relevant. The fire station of the future is also a topic: expert panels will provide practical insights into how modern requirement catalogues can be implemented.

Inspiration through knowledge, exchange and strong networking

In addition to the exhibitors' stands, Signal112 offers an extensive specialist programme with lectures, presentations and discussion panels. Personal exchange remains a hallmark of the trade fair – uncomplicated, focused and with short distances.

A special highlight is once again the state fire brigade meeting, attended by over 500 fire brigade commanders and deputies. Thanks to its central location, the trade fair attracts not only international delegations, but also numerous visitors from Lower Austria, Styria, Carinthia and Burgenland.

"Signal112 is a trade fair where distances are short and networking is easy. One special feature is its location, close to neighbouring Central European countries. You don't have to travel countless kilometres to find information and offers, just take a few steps towards the Oberwart Exhibition Centre – whether you're an exhibitor or a visitor," emphasises Markus Tuider from Burgenland Messe.

A strong start to the trade fair year – and a signpost for 2026

With its focus topics, practical approach and international orientation, Signal112 provides clear impetus at a time when efficiency, quality and exchange are more in demand than ever. It showcases solutions, inspires new approaches and strengthens those who ensure safety on a daily basis.

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