



Association for Rescue at Sea, Inc.



Jos Stierhout Biography

Jos Stierhout has been employed by the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution (KNRM) as its director since 1 June 2015. The objective of the institution KNRM is providing help and assistance free of charge at sea and on inland waters in the Netherlands, to those who are in danger or are at risk of being in danger. KNRM rescues people on international waters by way of radio medical advice. Since its establishment in 1824, KNRM has decided to do this as an independent, unsubsidised institution. Professionally trained volunteers are available day and night. Assistance is free of charge. The Rescue Institution is sustained by donations. Annually KNRM comes into action more than 2,000 times.

Prior to accepting this appointment with the KNRM Jos Stierhout was employed as director of the Security Region North Holland North for 11 years. Security Regions are emergency aid organisations as well as risk and crisis management agencies for all municipalities in their allotted area. His responsibilities there included project leadership for the Waterrand Project, which was aimed at improving methods of waterborne incident control in the Netherlands.

While he was in this role he became acquainted with the KNRM as one of the leading aid organisations on the water. His passion for water sports and his previous career with the Royal Netherlands Navy are the foundation for his considerable affinity with the maritime sector.

In 2007, Jos Stierhout completed his studies in Master of Crisis and Disaster management, which certainly stands him in good stead.

On behalf of the KNRM, Jos Stierhout has a seat on the Citizens Rescue Organisation (Citro) Advisory Board; he is a member of the board of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission and member of the supervisory board of the Nationaal Reddingmuseum Dorus Rijkers. Jos Stierhout was born in Nieuwer Amstel (near Amsterdam) in the Netherlands in 1961. His leisure time is spent with his two children and his partner, with whom he enjoys walking, cycling, or running on the beach or having a white beer at a beach bar.