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## 5 NEWS UPDATE

### 21 SAR EUROPE 2012

'Emergency Services Ireland' will be the media partner of SAR Europe 2012 when international search and rescue experts will join forces in Dublin for the first time on 15 and 16 March.

### 23 COAST GUARD

As part of the new helicopter fleet for the Irish Coast Guard, the latest Sikorsky S-92A landed in Ireland at the end of January while another four aircraft are due for delivery on these shores during 2013.

### 29 ROAD SAFETY AWARDS

The 'Leading Lights in Road Safety Awards' for 2011 were presented for campaigns and measures rolled out in local areas throughout Ireland.

### 31 AIR AMBULANCE

The west and midlands regions could finally get an air ambulance service in the near future. However, a question mark still hangs over how far Minister for Health Dr James Reilly will go in providing the service.

### 39 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

A recent RTÉ series that looked at the day-to-day workings of public health nurses who provide a community nursing service throughout Ireland.

### 43 SPECIAL REPORT

The need for urgent action to extinguish the growth of forest fires in Ireland was highlighted during a stakeholder networking event, which outlined the costly impact to the industry, environment and emergency services.

### 49 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Brian Spain, director of the National Emergency Coordination Centre, talks about planning for events that everyone hopes will never actually happen.

### 55 SMS EMERGENCY ANSWERING

An innovative pilot scheme aims to improve access to emergency call answering services using the text SMS 112 mobile number for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speed impaired.

## 59 DEFENCE FORCES

The Reserve Defence Forces want to play a more active role in supporting the Irish Army. But Tom Walsh, general secretary of the Reserve Defence Force Representative Association, claims Government policy has hampered their efforts.

## 66 FOREST FIRES NETWORK

Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service and 12 international partners are past the half-way point in a European wildfire project that focuses on the prevention and management of forest fires.

## 71 FINGERPRINT FORENSICS

Every fingerprint is a calling card for the person who has left their impression at the scene of a crime. Twenty years on Denise Williams, Officer in Charge of the LAPD's Latent Print Unit, is still fascinated by investigating prints in all their forms.

## 76 FINGERPRINTS & DNA

Contrary to popular belief, fingerprints can be retrieved from fire scenes, according to Jack Deans, a UK-based fingerprint consultant and former crime scenes examiner with New Scotland Yard.

## 79 EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP

Effective leadership is the most important non-technical skill essential for a safe and effective outcome when dealing with all types of emergencies, according to Joe Lumsden, senior assistant chief fire officer with Louth Fire & Rescue Services.

## 87 TRAINING & EDUCATION

A number of graduates of Dublin City University's MSc in Emergency Management and the MBS in Safety and Health at Work outline why they pursued their course of studies.

## 91 WORKPLACE ERGONOMICS

Almost half the number of Irish workers have experienced RSI or RSI-type pain and discomfort according to new research by Enable Ireland.

## 97 CRIME VICTIMS HELPLINE

The National Crime Victims Helpline welcomes the 2011 EU Draft Directive on Victims of Crime and the Government's commitment to opt in to the directive.



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## 101 CHALLENGING RACISM

Racism remains more prevalent in Ireland than in other countries. The Immigrant Council of Ireland has produced a report in association with An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and a number of transport agencies.

## 107 FIRE FUNDRAISER

Following the successful roll out of fire appliances and equipment in Romania by the fire services in Kildare, Laois and Wicklow in April 2011, they now hope to help out another town there this year.

## 111 LIFEJACKET SAFETY

Fishing remains one of the country's most dangerous occupations. A campaign by BIM, Irish Water Safety and the RNLI aims to get the message across that wearing a lifejacket could be a matter of life or death at sea.

## 115 RED CROSS CONFERENCE

The Irish Red Cross (Kerry Area) is hosting its second annual conference for voluntary emergency services personnel in October in Tralee, following the success of last year's inaugural event in the Kingdom.

## 117 CIVIL DEFENCE

An invitation has been extended to Civil Defence to join forces with Northern Ireland's Community Rescue Service in a bid to strengthen cross-border cooperation in search and rescue missions in the future.

## 119 SECURITY AWARDS

The success of the security operations during last year's visits of Queen Elizabeth and US President Obama was recognised when the Irish Security Industry Association presented the Premier Award to An Garda Síochána.

## 121 DRINK DRIVING LIMITS

There has been significant public support for the lowering of the drink drive limits, which were rolled out by the Gardaí and the Road Safety Authority as part of a new campaign to raise awareness of the limits.



## 125 WATER SAFETY AWARDS

Eleven lives were saved through the actions of rescuers from nine dramatic near-death incidents who received recognition at Irish Water Safety's National Awards Ceremony in November 2011.

## 129 SUPPORT AFTER HOMICIDE

While the primary role of state agencies is to bring to justice the perpetrator of a murder, the grieving family, who equally needs support in the aftermath, tends to view the system as weighted heavily in favour of the accused, writes Rita O'Quigley, psychotherapist and counsellor with Support After Homicide.

## 133 COMMUNITY DRUGS

Ireland's longest-running community drugs project in Ballymun on Dublin's northside launched two reports on substance misuse towards the end of 2011 to mark the final event of celebrations on the 30th anniversary of the project.

## 135 RNLI CAMPAIGN

An RNLI campaign will see every lifeboat station in Ireland take delivery of new specially-designed lifejackets, which have been commissioned by the RNLI for search and rescue work and have been given the seal of approval from lifeboat volunteers.

## 137 OVERSEAS VIEW

With children estimated to be the third largest cause of accidental fires, an intervention programme rolled out by New Zealand Fire Service has recorded an impressive 98 per cent success rate in teaching young people to stop fire-setting.

## 147 UK NEWS

## 155 INTERNATIONAL NEWS