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5 News Update

15 Road Safety

Ireland's frontline agencies are gearing up for the Road Safety Authority's new driving standard early next year, and the RSA plans to roll it out to private and voluntary emergency services later in 2015.

25 Inside Track

With Ireland's new national postcode system due for delivery by mid-2015, concerns remain over how the new Eircodes will work for emergency services personnel who, it is argued, could waste valuable time going to the wrong area or address.

33 Garda Síochána

Serious failures in recording, classification and reclassification of crime incidents, inconsistencies in the claiming of detections, and inexperienced Gardaí investigating serious crimes, were some of the main findings contained in the Garda Inspectorate's latest report.

41 Tetra Ireland

Over 19,500 users from 30 agencies are now signed up to the National Digital Radio Service network, and Tetra Ireland aims to get the fire services and voluntary agencies on board before too long.

48 Special Report

Concern and Médecins Sans Frontières, who play a major role in the battle against the Ebola virus, have cited the need to deploy more medics and professionals into the worst affected West African countries, in addition to greater orientation and training for staff to remain virus free.

65 Suicide Prevention

A suicide prevention training workshop held in Limerick Fire Station was the first combined safeTALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone) event to enable members of the frontline emergency services in the city to support people in crisis, including those feeling suicidal.

77 Incident Recording

Cork City Fire Brigade has now gone live with the IRS Plus International incident recording system, and as a first step it has entered over 4,600 live and archived incidents onto the system.



HOTEL COMPETITION

Win a mid-week overnight stay in *The Cliff Townhouse on Dublin's St Stephen's Green...Details on page 13.*

79 Emergency Planning

Increased cross-border communication and networking will be on the agendas of both branches of the Emergency Planning Society on the island of Ireland during 2015.

80 Naval Service

The €80m cocaine seizure off the West Cork coast – the biggest offshore drugs bust in Europe in 18 months – shows the high level of inter-agency operation between the Navy, Customs and the Gardaí. Ongoing training and preparation are a vital part of all successful maritime interdiction missions.

91 World Rescue Challenge

Carlow Fire & Rescue Team finished second overall at this year's World Rescue Challenge in England, while fire rescue teams from Meath, Laois and Wicklow finished in the top ten, which was the best overall performance by Irish teams at this event to date.

94 Overseas Viewpoint

Dublin-born George Clancy, the new fire chief in the Canadian City of Leduc, outlines the similarities and differences experienced by the fire services in both cities and extols the virtues of Canada's integrated emergency services model.

115 Emergency Services Parade

Following the success of the first Frontline Emergency & Security Services Eire Forum parade and open day in Dublin, plans are now in the pipeline to roll it out as an annual event and to involve more agencies throughout the country.



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121 Irish Neutrality

Ireland was neutral in WW2, but it was a real war to the coastwatchers on Inishowen. The area had a great significance for the Allied Forces, according to historian Prof Michael Kennedy, who also looks at American military overflights and the build-up to D-Day.

129 Cross-Border Response

This year's Cross-Border Humanitarian Disaster Response Course in the Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare provided specialised intensive training for those deployed to disaster zones worldwide or responding to major emergency situations at home.

131 Domestic Violence

Over 17,250 calls were made to its Domestic Violence National Freephone Helpline and its support services in 2014, as Women's Aid continues to seek a total change to domestic violence structures in Ireland and 24/7 access to legal protection for vulnerable women and children.

135 Mountain Rescue

With the UK & Ireland Mountain Rescue Conference to be hosted here by Mountain Rescue Ireland in 2016, the biennial event in the Scottish Highlands gathered teams from as far afield as Iceland and Germany to advance current thinking and practice in mountain rescue.

153 Blood4Life Cycle

Following the success of the Garda Blood4Life 2014 Cycle, to recruit blood donors and raise awareness of the importance of donations, the Irish Blood Transfusion Service now plans to bring all of the emergency services together



to support blood donation awareness in 2015.

155 Age-Friendly Strategy

A dedicated Garda officer with responsibility for older people will be appointed in every Garda station in the capital, with high-visibility patrols to be introduced in areas with high numbers of older people, as part of an initiative to make Dublin city more age-friendly,

157 Mobile Technology

A new service that can pinpoint the source of 999 calls from mobile phones 4,000 times more accurately than the current system is cutting the handling time for the emergency services.

163 UK Emergency Show

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015, the Emergency Services Show returns to the NEC in Birmingham on 23-24 September next.

169 Medical Response

The GoodSAM app, which uses GPRS technology to alert trained first responders to emergencies within their areas, has been developed by a London Air Ambulance medic. The global app is due to be rolled out in Ireland and other countries as far afield as Australia.

171 Forensic Software

Surrey and Sussex Police Forces have teamed up to develop new technology, which can speed up the justice process by providing forensic information more quickly and directly.

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