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4 **News Update**

18 **Army Medics**

For the second year running, the Defence Forces finished in second spot out of 22 teams at the recent Army Medical Services Tactical Training Exercise (AMSTTE) in the UK.

21 **Suicide Awareness**

On 6 July 2012 Elber Twomey lost her family when a suicidal driver crashed into her car while holidaying in England. Now three years later the Cork woman is campaigning for suicide awareness training for firefighters and ambulance personnel.

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25 **EMS Parade 2015**

With preparations underway to host its second annual Emergency Services Parade in Dublin on 5 September, the Frontline Emergency & Security Services Eire Forum aims to attract more agencies throughout Ireland to come on board.

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28 **Forensic Science**

With 2015 marking the 40th anniversary of Forensic Science Ireland, the State lab has played a pivotal role in the support of Irish justice over the past four decades.

35 **Irish Naval Service**

Ireland's contribution to the search and rescue mission to help migrants fleeing North Africa has continued with the recent deployment of the LÉ Niamh to the Mediterranean.

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41 **Mountain Rescue**

With this year marking the 50th anniversary of Mountain Rescue Ireland, it will also be the first time ever for MRI to host the International Commission for Alpine Rescue (ICAR) Congress in October, which will take place in Killarney, Co. Kerry.

43 **Maritime Safety**

The latest version of the vessel tracking application – SafeTrx – recently involved in the co-ordination of events offshore during Ireland's largest underwater search and recovery operation in Cork, will be rolled out later this summer to improve safety at sea for boat users.

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46 **Garda Air Support**

The Garda Air Support Unit (GASU) is as good as any in the world and is on a par with the best of them in respect of personnel,

training, aircraft and equipment, and maintains an ever-closer working relationship with police forces worldwide.

57 **Global Intelligence**

Garda Commissioner Noirín O'Sullivan was keynote speaker at the biennial Global Intelligence Forum in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford in July, attended by intelligence officers, former US Secret Service agents, cybercrime fighters and international police personnel.

63 **Cyber Security**

A cyber-breach is a major crisis situation for any business or organisation. While the threat cannot be eliminated it's important to put proper plans in place to respond to the breach, a panel of US cyber-security experts warned business leaders at a seminar in Dublin.

71 **Lifesaving Foundation**

The Lifesaving Foundation wants to collaborate with the Garda College to study drowning rescues in greater detail for its future training programmes.

77 **Air Ambulance**

The Emergency Aeromedical Support Service, set up as a pilot project in 2012 between the National Ambulance Service and the Air Corps, will now continue operations on a permanent basis.

80 **Fire Investigations**

For the first time the Fire Investigators Association of Ireland (FIAI) annual training conference facilitated students engaged in fire-related studies to showcase their individual projects.

83 **Fire Service**

Meath County Fire & Rescue Service finished in top spot in the extrication competition, while Wicklow Fire & Rescue Service took the honours in the trauma section at this year's National RTC and Trauma Challenge in Cork.

84 **Wexford Maritime Festival**

This year's Wexford Maritime Festival was yet again another significant RNLI fundraising event, with an estimated €5,000 collected for the lifeboats. Now in its fourth year, the festival also provided the search and rescue organisations to display their skills and equipment.



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87 Shannon Fire Service

Shannon Airport Fire & Rescue Service was on standby as Shannon Airport hosted a special air display extravaganza on 18 July to mark the 70th anniversary of the first commercial transatlantic flight at the mid-west airport.

90 CFOA Conference Report

During his keynote address to the Chief Fire Offices' Association 2015 conference, Pat Fleming, CFOA chairman and Dublin Fire Brigade's CFO, called on the Government to increase the level of funding available for local authorities to invest in local fire services.

93 Interpol Operations

The Health Products Regulatory Authority joined forces with Revenue's Customs Service and the Gardaí, to detain over 142,000 tablets and capsules worth over €30,000 in Ireland, in a bid to target criminal networks selling counterfeit and illegal medicines online.

97 Water Safety

Members of An Garda Síochána, the Irish Coast Guard and the RNLI recently joined forces to perform a water safety review at Howth Harbour in North County Dublin, in a bid to improve safety awareness amongst boat users.

98 London Fire Brigade

As London Fire Brigade reflects on the changes it has made since the bombings that hit the capital on 7 July 2005, the Brigade's firefighters are better equipped than ever to deal with another 7/7.

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104 Smartphone Response

Smartphone first responder dispatching is becoming a vital tool for emergency medical services who aim to shorten time to CPR and increase survival after cardiac arrest. It's now possible to adapt, test and document the FirstAED system in a large-scale project across Helsinki.

106 112 Emergency Awards

Prague will host next year's '112' Award Ceremony and Conference on 6 April, which will once again highlight the major contributions made by emergency services agencies and individuals throughout the EU in saving lives and promoting the European emergency number '112'.

107 Wildfire Prevention

This year's Wildfire Prevention Conference on 11 and 12 November, hosted by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, will target emergency services, land managers, policymakers and researchers.

109 Emergency Services Show

Increasing the dialogue and co-operation between the emergency services and the voluntary sector will be a key focus of The Emergency Services Show at the NEC in Birmingham on 23 - 24 September.

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