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## 4 News Update

- Garda Charity Mountain Challenge (May 2017)
- First Armed Support Unit for Dublin
- National Bereavement Conference (March 2017)
- Corporate sponsor on board for BUMBLEance
- New emergency jeeps rolled out in Donegal
- 50% drop in calls to emergency services



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## 16 Voluntary Services Overseas

Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) Ireland is on the look-out for more Irish health professionals to play a vital role in developing the health systems in some of the world's poorest communities, by joining the organisation that works in 24 countries across Africa, Asia and the Pacific.



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## 19 Cork Policing Plan

The Cork City Joint Policing Committee has launched its first six-year strategy in a bid to enhance relationships between Cork City Council, An Garda Síochána and the local communities.



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## 21 Defibrillators

The Health Products Regulatory Authority claims that up to 750 automated external defibrillators in Ireland require urgent safety and maintenance updates, such as software upgrades or the replacement of an AED component.

## 22 Emergency Drones

Civil Defence Ireland's recent demo to West Cork's emergency services on the uses of drones in the search for missing persons, served to highlight the invaluable role they play during such operations by the Gardaí and the Coast Guard.



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## 26 Peer Support Network

With a peer support network available for firefighters and other frontline emergency services personnel in Chicago, US firefighter and paramedic Michael

Flanagan who visited Ireland to gauge the level of interest from the agencies in running a similar model here, says the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

## 34 Water Safety Awards

Having saved thousands of migrants during the humanitarian missions in the Mediterranean, Irish Naval Service personnel were presented with Rescue Appreciation Awards at Irish Water Safety's 2016 National Annual Awards Ceremony in Dublin.

## 36 Galway Fire Service

Galway Fire and Rescue Service's second Irish-speaking brigade, which covers South Connemara, and joins Inis Mór Fire Brigade on the Aran Islands, is the first new station in over 15 years.

## 39 First Response Scheme

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service and Northern Ireland Ambulance Service have teamed up to work on a pilot first responder scheme in the Lurgan area. The aim is to alert fire crews to certain pre-determined emergency calls, and is an extension of the ambulance schemes in operation throughout rural communities in the north.

## 41 The Rutland Centre

The Rutland Centre has a long heritage in the treatment of addiction in Ireland, since it was established in 1978. With over 400 people passing through its doors every year, many are treated for addictions ranging from alcohol and drugs to gambling, sex and eating disorders.

## 45 Wildfire Management

UK farmers and landowners in Northumberland are now better prepared to deal with wildfire incidents, and keeping land and businesses safe from wildfires, following an information session, organised by Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service on behalf of Northumberland Fire Group.



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## **47 Kildare Road Safety**

Daily checkpoints, speed detections and targeted patrols across Kildare are high on the agenda of the county's Christmas Road Safety Campaign, as Kildare County Council and the Gardaí have joined forces to focus on social responsibility, designated drivers and pedestrian safety during the festive season.

## **49 HSE Flu Vaccination**

The HSE's winter immunisation campaign is alerting healthcare workers, including emergency services personnel that they can prevent the spread of influenza (flu) and save lives every year by getting the flu vaccine themselves.

## **50 Youth Firesetting**

The largely misunderstood behaviour of youth firesetting is often addressed as a criminal justice-involved matter in the United States rather than as a mental health and/or societal issue. A number of counsellors and psychologists are now calling for the implementation of co-ordinated intervention strategies.

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