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4 NEWS UPDATE

19 EMS PARADE 2017

This year's Emergency Services Parade, hits the streets of the capital on Saturday 9 September to celebrate the work and achievements of emergency personnel and volunteers throughout the State.

21 DRONE SEARCH & RESCUE

An Irish software start-up has teamed up with Clare County Council to boost lifeguarding operations by trialling the use of drone technology, which will be deployed as automated beach patrols for the first time ever in Ireland.

23 MEATH FIRE BLAZERS

Eight firefighters from Meath are putting final preparations in place to take part in the 'Race Around Ireland' – the ultra-marathon cycling event – in August to raise much-needed funds for suicide and bereavement counselling service SOSAD (Save Our Sons and Daughters).

25 DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND

This year's Tour de Leinster 600km cycle challenge (14 to 17 September) will help raise vital funds for Down Syndrome Ireland, writes AGSI's Alan Dowley, who took on the challenge in 2016 and has signed up for 2017. He is now urging other cycling enthusiasts to support this very worthy charity.

26 IRISH COAST GUARD

In paying tribute to the four crew members of 'R116' and Coast Guard volunteer Cairtriona Lucas, who died in a search operation off Co Clare in September 2016, a four-day cycle to the rescue bases in Dublin, Sligo, Shannon and Waterford, is due to take place on 8 September.

28 IRISH NAVAL SERVICE

The Irish Naval Service has been awarded the Honorary Freedom of Entry to Dún Laoghaire, and also received the Ireland Medal for 2016 in recognition for its ongoing humanitarian rescue missions in the Mediterranean.

35 SUICIDE PREVENTION

The donation of radio communications equipment to Limerick Suicide Watch will

play a critical role in assisting the voluntary suicide prevention group to save lives, as it patrols the five bridges of Limerick city and along the banks of the Shannon waterway.

37 VOLUNTARY SERVICES OVERSEAS

Sierra Leone's highest maternal mortality rate and the highest under-five mortality rate in the world has led VSO Ireland (Voluntary Service Overseas Ireland) to launch its summer fundraising campaign to help save more Sierra Leonean mothers' and babies' lives.

38 OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Serving as Head of Operations with EUCAP Somalia, Chris Reynolds plays a key part in assisting the EU mission to rebuild the war-torn country of Somalia on the Horn of Africa during his secondment from his position as Director of the Irish Coast Guard.

47 AUTISM ASSISTANCE

National charity Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland (AADI) has welcomed eight new Golden Retriever/Labrador cross puppies, as part of the first breeding programme to tackle the five-year waiting list for children with autism who need a highly-trained assistance dog.

49 RNLI CAMPAIGN

Research by the RNLI has revealed that over one third of people in Ireland questioned said they would follow their instincts and fight against the water, if they unexpectedly fell into it. However the RNLI's 'Respect the Water' campaign is urging people to remember that floating could save lives from drowning.

53 COLD CASE INVESTIGATION

Retired Garda Trevor Laffan from Cork City was one of 98 new Garda recruits tasked with searching for Phyllis Murphy, the young woman who went missing from Kildare in late December 1979. He reflects on the chilling case, which was resolved nearly 23 years later thanks to Operation Trace, when her killer was given a mandatory life sentence.

54 HEALTH & SAFETY

A new online facility for protecting the psychological wellbeing of emergency



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60 CROSS-BORDER CARE

Doctors' leaders have warned that Brexit may threaten the survival of crucial cross-border care arrangements for patients living in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

61 RED CROSS AWARDS

Two Irish Red Cross volunteers from Clonakilty in Cork were presented with 'Volunteer of the Year Awards', which was marked by World Red Cross Red Crescent Day 2017 in May.

62 HOSPITAL CARE

A new end-of-life care report has revealed that 87% of bereaved relatives rated as 'high' the overall quality of care from both St James's and Mater Misericordiae University Hospitals.

63 EMERGENCY SHOW

Vehicles and equipment for the emergency services and allied organisations will again be on display at The Emergency Services Show at the NEC, Birmingham on 20 and 21 September.

64 EUROPEAN DEFENCE

The European Commission recently announced plans for a co-ordinated EU Defence Fund of €5.5 billion a year for common research and defence capability projects, as well as for technological innovation in defence across the 27 Member States.

65 PAIN MANAGEMENT

The Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council has issued new pain management clinical practice guidelines to provide emergency care teams with a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach on how patients can receive optimal care in the pre-hospital setting.

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