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6 News Update

- Defence Forces invest in specialist fleet of drones.
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) seminar in June.
- Heart Foundation rolls out 'CPR 4 Schools' programme.
- The Helix to host European Cyber Threat Summit in October.
- Laois FRS lifts overall award at National RTC & Trauma Challenge.

15 RNLI Mayday

Fresh from completing her 1,509-mile 'Lap of the Map' run around Ireland, marathon runner Mary Hickey recently joined Arklow RNLI volunteers to launch 'Mayday' – the RNLI's annual fundraising event during the month of May.

16 Community Response

Having created a network of over 200 volunteer doctors to respond to life-threatening emergencies in communities throughout Ireland since 2008, Irish Community Rapid Response now plans to recruit more medics over the next five years.

23 Respond 2018

Since the first National CFR Conference – RESPOND – was held five years ago, it has become one of the highlights of the year for community first responders and those seeking to improve the survival rates from cardiac arrest.

40 Paramedics on TV

Having returned to our screens recently for a third series, TV3's 'Paramedics' yet again went behind the scenes with the HSE National Ambulance Service, to give viewers a keen insight into the hectic routine of Ireland's frontline emergency medical service.

47 Maynooth University

The new MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice in Maynooth University's Department of Law provides students with the opportunity to develop a specialist knowledge of debates around crime causation and control.

49 Early Intervention

A network of evidence-based practice, advocacy and research organisations

across Ireland held a conference to address if Ireland could develop a model of prevention and early intervention to steer disadvantaged young people on the right path, similar to the approach taken by the city of Nottingham in the UK.

55 Irish Prison Service

The proliferation and power of gangs on the inside, in addition to the need to address the pending cycle of overcrowding by ensuring full capacity in the open centres and to reopen the Training Unit in Mountjoy, were high on the agenda at this year's Prison Officers' Association conference.

56 DRONE Search & Rescue

DroneSAR has become the first company in the world to develop software that can turn a commercial drone into a search-and-rescue platform, which the Irish start-up aims will make a vital difference to first responders during SAR operations.

65 Security & Defence

Ireland's participation in PESCO – the EU body that aims to boost military co-operation – is voluntary, the decision-making remains in the hands of participating member states and there is no mutual defence clause. However, it remains a pesky issue, according to one security consultant.

70 Air Ambulance

Northern Ireland's first Helicopter Emergency Medical Service has carried out over 140 missions since its launch in July 2017. It now needs all-round support in Ulster to ensure that it continues to save lives on a daily basis.

76 Lifesaving Foundation

The Lifesaving Foundation and Waterford Institute of Technology have set up a new research partnership with the Gardaí, to investigate the concept of self-rescue in life-threatening situations.

79 Hospice Heroes

A number of 'Hospice Heroes' will take to the streets in June to raise funds for Hospice Sunflower Days, with every euro raised to be used locally to support the growing number of people using hospice and homecare services in Ireland.



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81 Road Safety

Dublin's emergency services have joined forces with South Dublin County Council and the Road Safety Authority in a road safety campaign to outline the causes, consequences and injuries of a collision, to target those who not safely follow the rules of the road.

83 Tourist Assistance Service

The Irish Tourist Assistance Service is again calling on the government to provide additional resources for organisations who provide support to victims in the aftermath of crime and other traumatic events.

86 Information Management

The introduction of an electronic Information Management System within

the last year has vastly improved the strategic management of critical events and monthly training programmes for major emergencies in Galway.

91 UK News

- Stage is set for Emergency Services Show (19-20 September).
- East Midlands Ambulance Service scoops EMS2018 award.
- London to host Disaster Response Expo in November.

95 International News

- World Rescue Challenge 2018 moves to Cape Town.
- Ontario expands cancer pay-outs for firefighters.
- Deaths due to 9/11-related illnesses continue to rise in New York.



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