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5 NEWS UPDATE

11 SUICIDE AWARENESS

Two senior police officers involved in roads policing in Ireland and the UK, who helped mark the fifth anniversary of the Twomey Family Remorial Weekend in June this year, have been involved in helping change the way police officers and Gardaí deal with suicidal drivers since the crash in 2012, which claimed the lives of Elber Twomey's entire family.

12 THAI CAVE RESCUE

Irish caver Jim Warny played a vital part in this summer's heroic rescue of the Thai junior soccer team and their coach. His contribution to the rescue mission is particularly amazing since caving is purely a hobby for the Lufthansa electrician who had no hesitation in diving in at the deep end at a moment's notice!

19 BEACH SAFETY

Irish Water Safety (IWS) is funding a project to develop a new beach safety app in association with DroneSAR, and with trials due to start early next year, Oisín McGrath, DroneSAR chief executive, told delegates at a recent IWS Conference in Athlone about plans to roll out the app across all Irish beaches in time for summer.

25 TIPPERARY FIRE SERVICE

Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service was rewarded for its safety management system, which includes an innovative and unique health and wellness plan, when it was presented with the Supreme Safety Award at the 55th NISO/NISG Annual Safety Awards in October.

31 RED CROSS AWARDS

The Irish Red Cross will present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Pat Hume on 24 November in recognition of decades of public service, working alongside her husband John Hume from the start of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, during the Troubles and right through to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

35 MOUNTAIN RESCUE

A new software package, first developed in the UK to enable mountain rescue

teams to locate incidents, record incident data and capture debriefing data, is now being adopted by teams in Ireland.

39 EUROPEAN SAT NAV

The Irish winner of this year's European Satellite Navigation Competition for its 'Jack-In-The-Box' concept, which can be applied in search and rescue and disaster scenarios, will represent Ireland at the 'Space Oscars' during European Space Week on 4 December.

40 CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Dublin firefighter Pádraig Thompson, who has been involved in a number of fundraising challenges for the Children's Medical and Research Foundation (CMRF) Crumlin over the last two years, is now training to run over 100 miles in six days through the jungle of Costa Rica in January 2019 to raise funds for some of Ireland's sick children.

45 PARAMEDIC STUDIES

The Paramedic Studies Division of the Graduate Entry Medical School at University of Limerick has introduced 21st century technology to Ireland's only CAO entry paramedic programme by incorporating Virtual Reality as part of the new anatomy teaching systems.

46 EMERGENCY GATHERING

Cork Airport's Police and Fire Service staged a simulated aircraft incident as part of this year's 'EMS Gathering' in September, which enabled paramedics, firefighters, trauma doctors and other EMS personnel to build on their skills and be ready to respond to aircraft emergencies in their communities and at their local airports.

49 OPERATION PANGEA

Up to 90,000 dosage units of illegal prescription meds, worth €375,000, have been detained by the Health Products Regulatory Authority, in partnership with Revenue's Customs Service and An Garda Síochána, as part of the Interpol-coordinated Operation Pangea.

51 KILDARE ROAD SAFETY

Gardaí in Kildare have joined forces with Kildare County Council in their appeal



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to motorcyclists to slow down, as they continue to target speeding motorists, non-wearing of seatbelts, drink driving and other traffic offences.

53 COMMUNITY AIR AMBULANCE

Ireland's first-ever charity air ambulance service touched down at Kerry Airport before taking flight to Wales on a 'fuel for life' promotional tour in recent weeks, before it goes into full-time daylight hours' service.

58 EMERGENCY CALLS

Up to 150,000 emergency calls are made every month in Ireland, according to the latest figures relating to Ireland's emergency call answering service (ECAS), which is responsible for dispatching '112' and '999' calls to the relevant frontline emergency services.

60 EMT EDUCATION

Education and integration were high on the agenda for voluntary and statutory emergency services personnel at the third annual Education Day for EMTs, hosted by Sligo Fire & Rescue Service at Enniscrone Fire Station in July.

64 FREEDOM OF LIMERICK

The Freedom of Limerick City and County has been awarded posthumously to the late Detective Garda Jerry McCabe, who

was shot dead by the IRA, and retired Detective Garda Ben O'Sullivan, who was shot and seriously injured, for their bravery in foiling a post office robbery in Adare in June 1996.

68 LIFESAVING FOUNDATION

Issues such as lifejackets for non-swimmers, child safety in water sports and RNLI's research and marketing campaigns were high on the agenda at the Lifesaving Foundation's Drowning Prevention and Rescue Research Conference 2018.

72 BRITISH EMBASSY RIOTS

Rioters at the door of the British Embassy – euphemistically referred to as 'The Merrion Road Riot' – proved to be a violent episode in Garda history, writes retired Garda Nick Cunningham, who was on duty on that fateful morning in July 1981.

81 HEALTHCARE REVIEW

A comparative view of the Irish healthcare system has detailed how Ireland may learn from healthcare systems in other countries, such as the UK, Belgium, Germany and Australia.

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