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## 5 News Update

### 15 E-Learning Project

Thousands of frontline workers are due to undergo training in major emergency management under a new e-learning initiative launched by Dublin City Council, with plans to roll it out nationwide during the year.

### 21 Child Rescue Ireland

A new rapid response scheme for abducted children, recently launched in Ireland more than three years after getting the go-ahead, will be triggered if Gardai believe a child has been abducted and there is an immediate and serious risk to a child's health or welfare.

### 27 Mental Health Reform

If 'A Vision for Change' is to become more than just a good policy, a National Director for Mental Health Services with clear authority and accountability must be appointed without delay, writes Orla Barry, Director of Mental Health Reform.

### 35 Great Garda Run 2012

Great Garda Run 2012 will see 103 members of the force take part in the Munich Marathon in October, in a bid to raise over €100,000 for Our Lady's Children's Hospital.

### 41 Dublin Fire Brigade

Dublin Fire Brigade celebrates a phenomenal 150 years of service to the capital and during that time has faced some major changes and challenges.

### 49 Healthcare Standards

The Health Information and Quality Authority has developed new national standards for safer, better healthcare, which will be launched at the end of June. They are the first step towards a licensing system for public and private healthcare providers.

### 55 Emergency Call-Outs

The introduction of fire and road safety awareness initiatives across Ireland in recent years has contributed to a dramatic reduction in the number of recorded fire-related deaths and emergency call-outs during the last five years.

### 58 EU Fire Officers Federation

Some of Ireland's chief fire officers attended the launch of the '2020 Vision' document in

Brussels by the EU Fire Officers' Federation, which represents 2.7 million firefighters from 22 EU member states.

### 63 Samaritans Connect Project

The Samaritans has recently rolled out a new 'Connect Signposting Project' to deliver more streamlined and efficient services in the area of suicide prevention in Ireland.

### 67 Israel Security

There are numerous possibilities for greater levels of co-operation between Ireland and Israel, especially in the high-tech security sector, writes Colin Sheena, Commercial Officer with the Embassy of Israel in Dublin.

### 72 International Security

Although much has been done internationally since 9/11 to protect the airways, aircraft, airports and the travelling public, huge discrepancies remain in airport security standards, according to security consultant Noel Whelan.

### 81 World Games 2013

As Northern Ireland gets ready to host one of the largest multi-sporting events in the world next year, the World Police and Fire Games are expected to boost the local economy by £15 million during the ten-day event in August 2013.

### 85 Irish Prison Service

The Irish Penal Reform Trust claims that Ireland is falling short of its obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights, and calls on the Government to establish an independent Office of Prisoner Ombudsman in order to address gaps in accountability within the prison system.

### 91 Prisoner Ombudsman

Major gaps in accountability structures across Ireland's prison system were addressed by Northern Ireland Prisoner Ombudsman Pauline McCabe, who outlined the current culture of prisons north of the border at a seminar on 'Strengthening Accountability Behind Bars'.

### 99 Tetra Agency Day

Up to 100 key emergency services personnel, including Fire, HSE Ambulance, An Garda Síochána, Irish Coast Guard, Irish Mountain Rescue and Civil Defence attended Tetra Ireland's third annual Agency Day in April in Dublin.

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## 102 SAR Europe 2012

International search and rescue experts joined forces in Dublin for SAR Europe 2012, which made its debut in Ireland, and was organised with the full support of the Irish Coast Guard, with 'Emergency Services Ireland' on board as media supporter!

## 111 Defence Forces

The number of complaints resolved internally by the Defence Forces has more than doubled over the last two years, according to findings published in the latest annual report of the Ombudsman for the Defence Forces.

## 115 Casualty Care Programme

The South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association has become the first mountain rescue team in Ireland to test the Casualty Care Programme, based on the syllabus used in England and Wales. Mary J. Mullins, Casualty Care Course Co-ordinator, reports on the lessons they learned.

## 120 EU Emergency Awards

A Dublin-based emergency medical controller was one of nine winners at the recent 112 Awards in Latvia. He received the 'Outstanding Call Taker' accolade for his role in the rescue of an injured Irishman stranded on a mountain in Greenland last year.

## 123 Olympic Games Planning

UK security analyst Andy Tomkinson outlines the main preparations that have taken place in setting the scene for the London Olympic Games 2012.

## 127 Exercise Railroad

A mock derailment and chemical spill formed the background to a full-scale inter-agency emergency exercise in Carlow to test the co-ordination of the principal response agencies and other major stakeholders in the event of a major incident.

## 135 Air Base Study Tour

Students studying UCD's MSc in EMS

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(Immediate Care) programme visited Baldonnel Air Base as part of the course module on 'Special Circumstances in Pre-Hospital Care'.

## 137 Public Health Nursing

The voice and visibility of public health nursing in Ireland is often not heard or acknowledged by policy makers despite the volume and range of services provided by public health nurses, notes the Institute of Community Health Nursing.

## 139 Security Industry

Contemporary security threats along with the publicity surrounding the potential closure of Garda stations and the role private security plays in their work were outlined at a recent briefing in Dublin.

## 141 Olympic Games Security

As the final preparations are underway to host the Olympics this summer, Britain has taken tips from India on security of venues, based on its experience of the Delhi Commonwealth Games held in 2010.

## 143 Overseas View

With children estimated to be the third largest cause of accidental fires, an intervention programme rolled out by New Zealand Fire Service recorded an impressive 98 per cent success rate in teaching young people to stop fire-setting.

## 147 Fire Fitness Guides

Firefighters and EMS personnel can often neglect their own health and wellbeing according to US firefighter Todd Platner, who has written exercise guides to address fitness at the frontline.

## 149 UK News

## 161 International News