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## 5 News Update

### 12 Road Safety Award

Ireland has won this year's European Transport Safety Council's Road Safety Performance Index award, for demonstrating its drive to cut the number of road deaths through a strategic multi-agency approach put in place by the Irish government to tackle the problem.

### 14 UN Refugee Programme

A UN Community Sponsorship Programme has been set up in Ireland to give communities the opportunity to provide sanctuary to people fleeing war and persecution and to strengthen Ireland's response to the global refugee crisis. The UN Refugee Agency expects that up to 50 people will arrive on community sponsorship programmes by September.

### 17 Hidden Hero Awards

Now open for nominations, this year's Hidden Hearing Hidden Heroes Awards were launched by a motorcyclist who is a previous recipient of the award in recognition of his voluntary efforts in delivering emergency blood supplies to hospitals, hospices and other medical facilities free of charge.

### 21 Women in Fire Service

Inclusivity, integration and improved gender balance in the Irish Fire Service were central to this year's Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA) Annual Conference on Monaghan in May, which also saw the official launch of the Women's Fire Service Network (WFSN).

### 31 CPR Training

The Irish Heart Foundation's free CPR community training programme – Hands for Life – has been launched by a nurse who heroically saved the life of a bus driver suffering a cardiac emergency.

### 33 Critical Healthcare

Irish company Critical Healthcare, which provides a comprehensive range of medical products and services to the pre-hospital market and ambulance providers in Ireland, the UK and Europe, has recently signed a deal worth €10m over five years with a leading international

private provider of emergency services in Europe.

### 37 Dogs for the Disabled

Described as a man with "a seriously big heart", Dermot Cosgrove has been raising money for 'Irish Dogs for the Disabled' since 2016, and to date he has raised over €13,000 to assist the incredible work of this charity. He is now training for his latest fundraising effort – a 600km trek across Iceland in July.

### 43 Healthcare Hero Awards

Dublin Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team and Irish Community Rapid Response are two of ten healthcare charities to have been honoured at the 2019 GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards, which recognise and reward healthcare charities who're making a real difference within their communities.

### 47 Cork Missing Persons

Cork City's Missing Persons Search and Recovery Unit continues to provide an invaluable service of immeasurable value to bereft families since it was founded in 2001. And similar to other charitable organisations the unit always welcomes donations, and it also recently rolled out a recruitment campaign to attract new volunteers on board.

### 53 Dublin Simon Community

The importance of providing a high quality of housing and homeless services to the thousands of vulnerable people who rely on Dublin Simon Community are outlined by Alice Simington, Senior Manager for Supported Housing, following recent European accreditation in recognition of its high standard of service.

### 59 Irish Coast Guard

The family of Irish Coast Guard volunteer Cairiona Lucas, who lost her life while assisting a search mission in Doolin, Co Clare in September 2016, have said they are proud her artwork features on two newly-issued stamps by An Post. Her husband Bernard also looks back on her invaluable work with SARDA Ireland.

### 65 Respond 2019

The importance for Community First Responder groups to register with the Charities Regulatory Authority as part



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of the CRA-CFR Group Governance Scheme was outlined at RESPOND 2019 by Eamon O'Halloran, the Authority's Head of Regulation and Projects,

## 71 Tourist Assistance

Over 17,000 tourists from 110 countries around the world have been assisted by the Irish Tourist Assistance Service since it was set up in 1994. Marking its 25th anniversary recently, President Michael D. Higgins welcomed to Áras an Uachtaráin Italy's Guido Nasi, who received vital support from the service following his vicious assault 20 years ago in Dublin.

## 75 Irish Water Safety

Water Safety Ireland's National Drowning Prevention Plan is a blueprint to save lives and reduce the number of drownings in Ireland by 50 per cent by 2027. The ten-year strategy also shows what can be achieved when all stakeholders combine their efforts with a shared focus, and is a rally call to promote a greater culture of water safety in Ireland.

## 76 Emergency Services Show

The ways in which emerging technologies

improve the efficiency and operational effectiveness of emergency response will be the key focus of this year's Emergency Services Show at Birmingham's NEC on 18-19 September.

## 78 A&E Technology

A cutting-edge 5G-enabled video streaming system that will allow A&E doctors to make life-saving decisions on patient care by viewing live footage from ambulances could revolutionise emergency services in the very near future.

## 79 Victim Identification

'How does your speciality help a police investigation?' was the question posed during a unique training course, in which specialist trainers from PSNI's Body Recovery Team hosted a delegation of field archaeologists, osteo-archaeologists, anthropologists, geologists and forensic specialists at Steeple in Co. Antrim.

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