

# €61 MILLION CAPITAL PROGRAMME ROLLED OUT FOR FIRE SERVICE

A new €61 million Fire Service Capital Programme (2021-2025) will see six new fire stations built, continued support for the construction of a further 12 new fire stations, nine fire station refurbishments, in addition to the allocation of 35 new fire engines.

Outlining details of the new Fire Service Capital Programme, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, said that his department will provide over €61 million in grant aid for newly-built fire stations, refurbished stations, new fire engines, equipment and facilities between now and 2025.

"Following close consultation with local authorities my department carried out a comprehensive analysis of their proposals for fire stations; 27 stations across the country will either be built or refurbished over the lifetime of this plan."

Communications and mobilisation

systems will continue to be upgraded, while at least one new fire engine will be delivered to each county.

Cork is set to receive three fire engines, while Dublin will receive four new engines, in addition to funding for the construction of high rise and tunnel training facilities at the Fire Brigade Training Centre in Marino (costing approximately €1.1 million).

## NEW FLEET TO HIT THE ROAD

Works will also be undertaken to accommodate turntable ladders in two fire stations in Finglas and Rathfarnham (at a cost of €1 million), as well as the significant investment in communications, infrastructure and training.

"In order to maintain a reliable fleet in optimal condition, a total of €27.7 million has been allocated for fire appliances, to be delivered in two tranches. In the first tranche, 35 new appliances will be provided at a cost of almost €16 million, the Minister noted.

"Separately, in Dublin, where requirements are in some ways unique, my department will, as a matter of priority, critically and comprehensively evaluate funding needs over the next few years.

"This is a clear demonstration of the Government's support for our fire service and the work they do in protecting people, communities, property and local infrastructure from fire and other emergency situations."

A further spend of €12 million (to accommodate 20-25 additional appliances) is proposed for the period 2024-2025, with the precise breakdown of this spend to be finalised at a later date.



Following his launch of the €61m Capital Programme, Minister Darragh O'Brien pictured with fire officers and firefighters at Swords Fire Station, which has been allocated a new fire engine under the four-year programme.