



Comhairle Catharach & Contae Phortlairge  
Waterford City & County Council

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DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE  
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

## Emergency Services Report

### Fire Safety:

The following applications for fire safety certificates have been received with comparison shown for the same period last year.

<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>April 2021</b>	<b>2021 Year to date</b>	<i>Total for April 2020</i>	<i>Total for 2020</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	6	21	6	84

### Fire Service Operational Activity:

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for the year to date and for the month of April. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues. Also included are overall incident figures for 2020.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Special Service</b>	<b>False Alarm Good Intent</b>	<b>False Alarm Malicious</b>
Metropolitan	86	28	15	0
Comeragh	12	2	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	33	6	1	0
<b>Total for April</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total for 2020</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>16</b>



### Operational Activity Metropolitan District 2020

In addition, an overall breakdown of incidents attended within the 3 station areas in the Metropolitan district for the full 12 months of 2020 is shown below.

Incident Type	WA11 Waterford City	WD12 Tramore	WD17 Dunmore East
Chimney Fires	31	9	2
Dwelling Fires	51	6	1
Other Building Fires	10	0	0
Other Fires	307	70	8
False Alarm Good Intent/Alarm Malfunction	113	13	5
False Alarm Malicious	14	0	0
Road Traffic Accident	46	12	2
Hazardous Substance/Oil Spill	46	2	1
Flooding	4	0	0
River Incidents	6	0	0
Miscellaneous	76	34	4

### Building Control:

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below as well as referrals from the Planning Authority for fire safety and building control advice.

Application/Notification	April 2021	Cumulative Total for 2021	Total for April 2020	Total for 2020
Commencement Notices	31	99	15	285
Completion Certificates	21	82	19	224
Disability Access Certificates	3	12	5	45



**Civil Defence:**

Civil Defence activities during the month of April 2021 consisted of Covid-19 Response duties with the exception of the 3 Day Search for a missing mountain runner in the Comeragh Mountains.

Essential Tasks undertaken were:

- PPE training.
- Vehicle preparation.
- Vehicle Cleaning and Decontamination.
- Mission Planning and Communications.
- Patient Transportation for cancer treatments.
- Review of Vaccination Center Transport Requirements and Coordination of the Voluntary Emergency Services Capabilities to respond to Humanitarian Requests for Transport.

Patient Transportation was provided by Civil Defence volunteers to members of the community with no other available means of transport. This was only made possible by the cooperation and dedication of Civil Defence Volunteers.

Transportation tasks included to and from:

- Clinical appointments (e.g. doctors, dental, radiotherapy, etc).
- Hospital Appointments in South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel, Cork CUH, Waterford UHW and Whitfield.

At all times stringent measures were put in place to ensure the safety of Civil Defence volunteers and those members of the community served.

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Throughout 2020 Civil Defence carried out 183 (Covid 19) exercises and activities. Activities include duties and training nights. The total number of volunteers in Civil Defence in 2020 was 143.

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