



Comhairle Catharach & Contae Phortlairge
Waterford City & County Council

January 2020

DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH AN CHOMARAIGH
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COMERAGH

Emergency Services

Fire Service Operational Activity:

Call outs to incidents in December for the three districts are shown along with the totals for the full Fire Authority throughout 2020. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues. Good intent false alarms include alarm system malfunctions, alarm systems alerting due to factors other than fire (e.g. steam, dust, power surges, break glass units accidentally set off etc), persons mistakenly observing fires and calls to controlled burning. Malicious false alarms occur where persons deliberately alert the brigade where no emergency exists.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	24	23	11	1
Comeragh	0	1	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	15	21	4	0
Total for December	39	45	15	1
Total 2020	707	455	182	16



Operational Activity Comeragh District 2020

In addition, an overall breakdown of incidents attended within the 2 station areas in the Comeragh district for the full 12 months of 2020 is shown below.

Incident Type	WD13 Kilmacthomas	WD14 Portlaw
Chimney Fires	6	2
Dwelling Fires	3	1
Other Building Fires	1	1
Other Fires	20	14
Alarm Malfunction Good Intent	16	2
False Alarm Malicious	0	0
Road Traffic Accident	8	5
Hazardous Substance	0	0
Flooding	1	0
River Incidents	0	1
Miscellaneous	14	11



Fire Safety:

Applications for fire safety certificates is shown as follows:

Applications Received	Total 2020	December 2020
Fire Safety Certificates	84	8

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	Total 2020	December 2020
Commencement Notices	284	18
Completion Certificates	224	12
Disability Access Certificates	44	3



Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities during the month of December 2020 consisted solely of Covid-19 Response duties. Essential Tasks undertaken were:

- PPE training.
- Vehicle preparation.
- Vehicle Cleaning and Decontamination.
- Mission Planning and Communications.
- Patient Transportation.
- Assisting the Blood Transfusion Service in the Woodlands Hotel.
- Collection and delivery of prescriptions for Customer Care Helpline.

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:

- Nursing Homes.
- 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.

Training has resumed on line via Zoom.

Throughout 2020 Civil Defence carried out 183 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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