



Comhairle Catharach & Contae Phortlairge
Waterford City & County Council

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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 2021. 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	37	38	23	0
Comeragh	3	4	2	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	6	14	5	0
Total for December	46	56	30	0
Total 2021	672	460	184	3



Operational Activity Comeragh District 2021

In addition, an overall breakdown of incidents attended within the 2 station areas in the Comeragh district for the full 12 months of 2021 is shown below.

Incident Type	WD13 Kilmacthomas	WD14 Portlaw
Chimney Fires	5	2
Dwelling Fires	1	1
Other Building Fires	0	1
Other Fires	17	10
Alarm Malfunction Good Intent	5	1
False Alarm Malicious	0	0
Road Traffic Accident	6	9
Hazardous Substance	2	3
Flooding	0	1
River Incidents	0	2
Miscellaneous	5	6



Fire Safety:

Applications for fire safety certificates is shown as follows:

Applications Received	Total 2021	December 2021
Fire Safety Certificates	73	7

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 2021	December 2021
Commencement Notices	352	15
Completion Certificates	195	12
Disability Access Certificates	57	4



Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities during the month of December 2021 consisted mostly of Covid-19 Response duties.

Essential Tasks undertaken were:

- PPE training.
- Vehicle preparation.
- Vehicle Cleaning and Decontamination.
- Patient Transportation for cancer treatments.
- Vaccination Centre Transport Requests and Coordination of 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.
- Vaccination Centre Transport's to WIT Arena.

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

Due to the rising Covid 19 numbers our training has been postponed but Plans are in place for a Safe return to Training under Covid 19 restrictions when the situation improves.

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