

**Comhairle Catharach & Contae Phortlairge
Waterford City & County Council**

Date: 10th May 2022

**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.

Applications Received	April 2022	2022 Year to date	<i>Total for April 2021</i>	<i>Total for 2021</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	8	34	6	21

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 2021.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	34	29	14	0
Comeragh	5	2	4	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	22	10	2	0
Total for April	61	41	20	0
Total for 2021	672	460	184	3

Operational Activity Metropolitan District 2021

In addition, an overall breakdown of incidents attended within the 3 station areas in the Metropolitan district for the full 12 months of 2021 is shown below.

Incident Type	WA11 Waterford	WD12 Tramore	WD17 Dunmore East
Chimney Fires	33	0	1
Dwelling Fires	40	2	7
Other Building Fires	19	0	1
Other Fires	295	65	9
False Alarm Good Intent	122	14	5
False Alarm Malicious	3	0	0

Road Traffic Accident	52	14	6
Hazardous Substance/Oil Spill	41	15	2
Flooding	8	3	0
River Incidents	23	0	0
Miscellaneous	101	11	3

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 2022	Cumulative Total for 2022	<i>Total for April 2021</i>	<i>Total for 2021</i>
Commencement Notices	41	112	31	352
Completion Certificates	17	77	21	195
Disability Access Certificates	5	17	3	57

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities during the month of April 2022 consisted mostly of responding to the needs of the Displaced Persons (DP's) fleeing from the effects of the Ukraine Crisis.

- Preparatory Meetings
- Set up of Rest Centres
- Technical Advice on Design & Layouts
- Logistical support
- Meet & Greet with the arrival of Displaced Persons
- First Aid & Medical Support
- Liaison Meetings with Stakeholders and other Agencies
- Coordinated response in cooperation with Rest Centre Managers
- Transportation to Medical appointments such as Hospital Visits, GPs, Dentists etc

We must acknowledge and give credit to the Volunteers who responded to the call to support and welcome the Ukrainian Refugees often in the night and at weekends.

The Civil Defence volunteers are also in demand to support local community and sporting events such as:

- Suicide or Survive Charity Cycle, Lemybrien
- Towers & Tails Event, Lismore Castle

Where possible we have returned to training, where we are working on our core skills to retrain our volunteers in their different service area's like First Aid, Communications etc.