



Comhairle Catharach & Contae Phortlairge
Waterford City & County Council

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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE DUNGARVAN LISMORE 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	September 2021	2021 Year to date	<i>Total for September 2020</i>	<i>Total for 2020</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	3	50	8	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 months of September. Emergency response has continued uninterrupted throughout the Covid 19 crisis with significant precautionary measures put in place to ensure the safety of fire crews and the community served.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	35	23	9	0
Comeragh	6	7	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	16	16	5	0
Total for September	57	46	15	0
Year to date	520	323	128	3
<i>Total for September 2020</i>	56	29	14	0
<i>Total for 2020</i>	707	455	182	16



Operational Activity Dungarvan Lismore District 2020

In addition, an overall breakdown of incidents attended within the 5 station areas in the Dungarvan Lismore district for the full 12 months of 2020 is shown below.

Incident Type	Ardmore	Cappoquin	Lismore	Tallow	Dungarvan
Chimney Fires	5	9	10	5	28
Dwelling Fires	2	2	3	2	15
Other Building Fires	1	0	0	1	3
Other Fires	3	13	16	3	35
False Alarm Good Intent/Alarm Malfunction	5	0	6	4	21
False Alarm Malicious	0	0	0	0	2
Road Traffic Accident	2	3	3	2	18
Hazardous Substance/Oil Spill	3	13	4	3	22
Flooding	0	2	0	0	5
Miscellaneous	13	37	17	18	21

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.

Application/Notification	Sept 2021	Cumulative Total for 2021	Total for Sept 2020	Total for 2020
Commencement Notices	31	279	20	285
Completion Certificates	13	155	14	224
Disability Access Certificates	4	41	3	45



Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities during the month of September 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.

Plans are in place for the Autumn as we see a return to Training under Covid 19 restrictions. Classes are smaller but are designed with the safety of all involved. Remote Training on line via Zoom is used where possible for theory related content.

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