

## 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>March 2025</b>	<b>Total year to date for 2025</b>	<b>Total for March 2024</b>	<b>Total year to date for 2024</b>
Fire Safety Certificates	5	12	8	20

### 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.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Special Service</b>	<b>False Alarm Good Intent</b>	<b>False Alarm Malicious</b>
Metropolitan	59	20	7	1
Comeragh	3	3	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	7	11	2	1
Total for March	69	34	9	2
Year to date	113	124	48	4

### Operational Activity Metropolitan District 2024

In addition, an overall breakdown of incidents attended within the 3 station areas in the Metropolitan district for the full 12 months of 2024 is shown below.

Incident Type	WA11 Waterford	WD12 Tramore	WD17 Dunmore East
Chimney Fires	13	6	2
Dwelling Fires	44	3	2
Other Building Fires	8	1	1
Other Fires	213	68	11
False Alarm Good Intent	128	16	10
False Alarm Malicious	7	2	0
Road Traffic Accident	66	22	13
Hazardous Substance/Oil Spill	37	12	7
Flooding	5	1	0
River Incidents	19	0	0
Miscellaneous	88	21	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.

<b>Application/Notification</b>	<b>Mar 2025</b>	<b>Cumulative Total for 2025</b>	<i>Total for Mar 2024</i>	<i>Total for 2024</i>
Commencement Notices	19	49	28	407
Completion Certificates	21	47	21	235
Disability Access Certificates	6	28	2	57

### **Civil Defence:**

Civil Defence activities during the month of March 2025 continues with assistance in the response to the urgent needs of the Displaced Persons (DP's) fleeing from the effects of the Ukraine Crisis.

- Logistical support & Transport of over 4 Ukraine related calls
- Transportation to Medical appointments such as Hospital Visits, GPs, Dentists etc

National Radiation Monitoring Exercise. On Saturday the 1st March, Civil Defence units nationally, were activated as part of a national radiation exercise to take samples of both grass and soil for analysis by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This is an annual event that enables the EPA to monitor levels in the soil country wide.

Waterford Civil Defence was chosen as the lead unit for the coordination and collection of Background Radiation Readings from across the South East. This was in the form of both Grass and Soil samples for onward delivery to the SETU Dept of Science Main Campus Waterford. We were delighted to be working in collaboration with the SETU Dept of Science, who work closely with the Environmental Protection Agency for whom Civil Defence survey teams collected samples.

Thanks to our volunteers for giving their time and the efficiency displayed.

For Local Events we were involved in supporting:

- Thomas Francis Meagher Tri Colour Celebrations
- St Patricks Day Parades
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The Civil Defence volunteers have also completed a number of Core skills courses like Cardiac First Responder, Tusla Children First Awareness and Manual Handling courses. These courses are essential as our teams of volunteers prepare for upcoming events and duties.