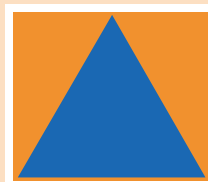




CIVIL DEFENCE

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2022



Foreword



2021 was another exceptional year as the COVID pandemic continued to impact us in so many ways. As always in difficult times and in accordance with our role as set out in the policy document 'Towards 2030', Civil Defence volunteers were very active in helping their communities respond to COVID. Indeed they have done so from the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Thankfully 2022 is looking much more hopeful and the signs are that we can all get back to more normal living.

The pandemic continued to disrupt training however, the Civil Defence College and Local Authorities delivered training, albeit to a smaller number of students whilst remaining within the government guidelines. My Department has invested in a Learning Management System.

This delivers a blended learning experience to Civil Defence volunteers across the country. On-line training has many benefits, not just in a time of COVID. Learning can take place at times that better suit the trainee. We are committed to maintaining high quality training within Civil Defence.

There were two major severe weather incidents in December 2021. Storm Barra impacted the whole country at the beginning of the month and then on Christmas Day we had major flooding in parts of Wexford. Civil Defence played their role in supporting the Principal Response Agencies in dealing with both of these emergencies.

Missing person searches continue to be a major feature of Civil Defences activities. In recent years, Civil Defence has developed an extensive drone capability. Technology is advancing rapidly in this area and some Civil Defence drones are now equipped with thermal imaging cameras. Civil Defence had some notable successes using this equipment in 2021. This is a credit to the highly skilled volunteers which is supported through our investment, in both training and equipment, in this capability.

Civil Defence Officers (CDO's) play a key role in each Civil Defence Unit. My Department has provided additional funding allowing for the appointment of Assistant Civil Defence Officers (ACDO's) to support the CDO. A lot of local authorities have now appointed ACDOs with more to follow in 2022. I welcome these new ACDOs and wish them well in their careers.

In July I was very pleased to officially open the new Clare Civil Defence building in Ennis and also to meet some of the volunteers. I note that Monaghan Civil Defence also moved into a new purpose built building during 2021. My Department will continue to support local authority efforts to provide suitable accommodation for their local Civil Defence Unit.

In March 2021 the Department of Defence signed a contract to develop a new on-line Volunteer and Equipment Management System. Work is well advanced on this new system which will transform a lot of business processes within Civil Defence. Volunteers will have access to part of this system through their smartphone, tablet or laptop. They will receive and be able to respond to timely messages about their training and duties. The new system will be rolled-out later in 2022.

Finally may I wish all our volunteers and their families all the best for 2022. Thank you for continued commitment to Civil Defence. We hope to organise a suitable event later this year to acknowledge your contribution during COVID.

Best wishes,

Simon Coveney TD,

Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs



I want to echo the message from Minister Coveney and thank all the Civil Defence volunteers for their efforts during 2021. Civil Defence would not exist without you, our wonderful volunteers. As the COVID situation eases we can look forward to a more normal life. For our volunteers this will allow a return to regular training and duties and we are all glad to get back to this normality.

I want also to thank the Civil Defence Officers and Assistant Civil Defence Officers for your efforts over the past 2 years, it has been truly excellent. We are very grateful to all of you for the many long hours organising and supporting the volunteers in dealing with the COVID pandemic.

I look forward to meeting many of you in person during the coming year.

With best wishes,

Jacqui McCrum,

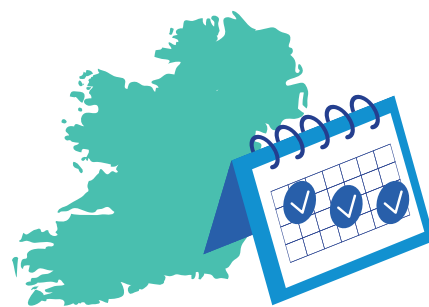
Secretary General, Department of Defence

2021 Civil Defence Response to Covid-19 Pandemic

From
1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021

Civil Defence completed 4,148 COVID-19 related taskings while providing sustained support to communities throughout the country.

Support was also provided to the
Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

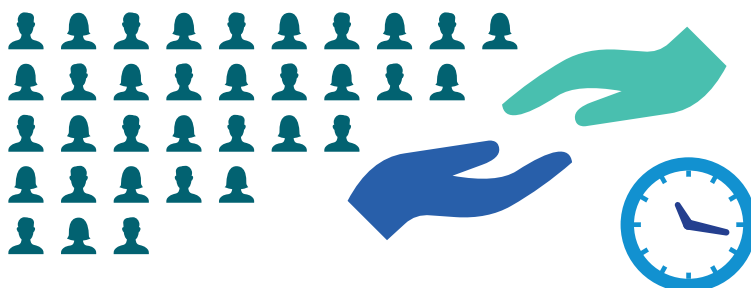


4,148
INDIVIDUAL TASKS

A total of **4,148 individual taskings** were undertaken in support to the **Principal Response Agencies**, and the **Irish Blood Transfusion Service.**

A daily average of

23
Civil Defence volunteers
provided a daily average of
114 volunteer hours.



A total of
41,721
volunteer hours



were provided by over

900 different Civil
Defence volunteers.

These **volunteers** were supported by a fleet of Civil Defence Vehicles including:

54
FOUR-WHEEL
DRIVE JEEPS



13
VANS



27
AMBULANCES



10
MINIBUSES



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Our People

Civil Defence welcomed a number of new personnel to Civil Defence Officer (CDO) and Assistant Civil Defence Officer (ACDO) roles during the course of 2021.

Shane Quinn took over the mantle of Civil Defence Officer in Meath following the retirement of Michael Fitzsimons. Joe Duffy was appointed to the vacant Civil Defence Officer post in Leitrim. Mike Hogan was appointed as Acting Civil Defence Officer in Offaly in the new year, filling the position vacated by the recently retired Raphael Fallon.



Joe Duffy CDO Leitrim



Shane Quinn CDO Meath

A total of 11 Assistant Civil Defence Officer posts were created. Gerard Doyle was appointed to Carlow, Stephen Hayes was appointed to Clare, Michelle Colclough was appointed to Kilkenny, Michael York was appointed to Laois, John McWeeney was appointed to Leitrim, Brian McCreery was appointed to Monaghan, Imelda Bardon was appointed to Westmeath, Sinéad Furlong was appointed to Wexford and Michael Carroll was appointed to Wicklow.

Assistant Civil Defence Officer, Alan Hanafin resigned from his position in Kerry towards the end of 2021.



Brian McCreery, ACDO, Monaghan



Gerard Doyle, ACDO Carlow



Imelda Bardon, ACDO Westmeath



John McWeeney, ACDO Leitrim



Michael Fitzsimons retired CDO Meath



Michael Carroll, ACDO Wicklow



Michael York, ACDO Laois



Stephen Hayes, ACDO Clare



Michelle Colclough, ACDO Kilkenny



Sinéad Furlong, ACDO Wexford

Michael J Ryan

60 Years in Limerick Civil Defence



It was with a certain amount of trepidation that I entered St. Anne's Technical School in Georges Quay, Limerick in December 1961 to join Civil Defence. I was afraid that I would not be accepted as I had about six months to go before I reached the minimum joining age of 16 years. I need not have worried as I was accepted and the rest is history – I am still an active member after sixty years. As I look back on those years I remember all the people that joined with (and after me) who have passed through the training but who are no longer members or sadly who have passed on to their eternal reward. I am sure the training and discipline in CD benefitted them throughout their lives.

The main focus at the beginning was to help mitigate the effects of a nuclear conflict but as time went by the threat diminished and so CD adapted to the changing needs and took on community work. During those years there were five distinct services all operating independently of each other. These services were the Auxiliary Fire Service, the Casualty Service, the Rescue Service, the Warden Service and the Welfare Service. In effect the ladies joined the Welfare Service and the men joined the AFS or the Rescue Service. Older men or ladies joined the Warden Service. The Casualty Service was provided by the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps or the Irish Red Cross. In recent years the emphasis is on multi skilled training with a number

of essential core skills for all members. The principal focus is to provide a backup to the principal response agencies (PRA) in times of crisis. The response by CD to the ongoing Covid pandemic is a prime example of this.

A promotional article many years ago read 'Civil Defence meeting the challenge of a changing world'. Civil Defence has certainly met this challenge. The AFS changed from their traditional role in assisting the regular fire service to flood response and with climate change a huge problem there will certainly be an increased demand for this type of response going forward. The Casualty Service was the first organisation to embrace the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) training. CD now provides medical care to the very high standard demanded by the PHECC. We have modern CEN (European Union standard) compliant ambulances crewed by highly trained crews. These are a far cry from the ambulances that we operated in the 1960s.

The Rescue Service has been totally transformed from the building rescue methods used during the blitz, to the introduction of 'Manpaks', to rescue from heights, land and water search

and rescue capabilities using a fleet of boats. All this is supported by drone technology and Tetra radio systems - a far cry from the semaphore flags that we used in the past. The type of service provided is now dictated by local needs. The Warden Service now provide a soil sampling and radiation monitoring service to assist the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland. The Welfare Service once provided feeding and billeting to displaced people but with modern Health and Safety and food hygiene regulations this function is provided by outside agencies where needed.

The challenges to CD during my sixty years' service have been phenomenal but they have all been met head on and changes have been made where circumstances demanded. Another promotional article from the past declared 'Civil Defence When it counts we're there'. One has only to look at the response by Civil Defence to the Covid-19 pandemic to realise that this is true today. I am confident that CD will continue to change and adapt to an ever changing world. I am very proud of CD and the service it provided to the public in the past and continues to the present day. The range of services provided by CD is immense – I cannot think of any organisation that provides such a wide range of services to the public.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without referring to the Civil Defence Officers and their assistants (and I have volunteered under eleven of them). We don't always agree with them (or them with us) but the task will always be completed in the end. Finally I would like to pay tribute to all the volunteers that I met along the way. They were (and still are) a pleasure to work with. Without the volunteers CD would be nothing. There is another cohort of people that deserve my thanks and the thanks of all volunteers and they are the wives (including my own wife Sheyla), husbands, spouses, partners, brothers, sisters and friends of us all. Without your help, understanding and endless patience we could not commit to CD.



A unique picture taken about five years ago shows Michael J Ryan pointing to a much younger MJ standing beside a doctor at the site of a fatal air crash at Red Hill, Cappamore, Co. Tipperary in 1969.

Missing Person Search Resource Enhancements Reaps Rewards

Clare Civil Defence, with the assistance of the Civil Defence Branch of the Department of Defence and Clare County Council, purchased a state-of-the-art DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced drone during 2021. The Mavic 2 has several innovative features including a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC), Infra-red (IR) capabilities and a loudspeaker through which the pilot can send out voice commands. The TIC capability of the drone proved to be an invaluable asset in the location and recovery of two missing persons within two days in mid-October. In addition to the aforementioned, 32 members of the Clare Civil Defence Search & Rescue Team have, some months ago, successfully completed a Missing Person Search Responder course. This course was formulated as a result of collaboration between the Civil Defence Branch of the Department of Defence and An Garda Síochána.

Search of 16th October:

Clare Civil Defence was tasked by An Garda Síochána, based in Ennis to assist with a search for a missing person at 1.30am on Saturday 16th October. An initial search team, consisting of the unit's Drone Crew, was dispatched to Ballyalla Lake on the outskirts of Ennis town. Assistant Civil Defence Officer, Mr. Steven Hayes, himself an Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) licensed drone pilot, took command of the Civil Defence resources deployed for the search. The Civil Defence drone was launched to conduct an extensive and intensive search of the water's edge and the surrounding area. As it was dark, the drone pilot engaged the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC), which allows for the pilot and a spotter to focus on heat sources – particularly that of humans. After a short time, both the pilot and spotter identified a very faint heat source, in what looked to be extremely heavy undergrowth. A member of the Clare Civil Defence Search & Rescue team accompanied by a member of An Garda Síochána proceeded to the identified area to investigate the source of the heat source being viewed. As they approached the area, they both called out in the hope that there may be a response. A faint cry for help was heard but given the poor light and the very heavy undergrowth, neither could establish exactly where the call for help had emanated from. Radio contact was established between the Civil Defence search team member and the Civil Defence drone pilot. The drone pilot was then able to guide both the Civil Defence volunteer and the Garda to the exact location of where the call for help had come from. The missing person was extricated from extremely thick undergrowth. The rescued person was then assessed for any injuries by a Clare Civil Defence Paramedic. On assessment, no injuries were found, and the person was safely handed over to the care of An Garda Síochána. The search operation was completed within one hour of the callout.



Search of 18th October:

Clare Civil Defence was activated on Monday evening 18th October to assist An Garda Síochána with a search for a person who was out rambling and had become lost and trapped in an area of extremely dense forestry and overgrown vegetation. An initial search team, consisting of the unit's Drone Crew, was dispatched to Ballymaley Business Park on the outskirts of Ennis town.

On meeting with the members of An Garda Síochána at the scene it was discovered that contact had been made with the individual in question, however the Gardaí were not able to establish his location due to the dense and extremely inhospitable topography of the area. The Civil Defence drone was immediately launched to conduct a search of the area. As it was dark, the drone pilot engaged the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC), which allows for the pilot and a spotter to focus on heat sources. Within five minutes of launching the drone, both the pilot and spotter identified a human heat source. The Clare Civil Defence Search Team Manager had at this stage assembled a Search & Rescue (S&R) Team to also respond at the scene. Aerial views, of the area in which the individual concerned was trapped in, were fed live to a monitor in the Clare Civil Defence Communications Unit from the DJI Mavic 2 drone. Using these images, a plan was formulated to safely extract the individual. Members of the S&R Team proceeded to then make their way towards the individual, guided in by the drone team. Although the trapped person was only approximately 30 metres from the S&R Teams operational staging area, it took the team twenty-five minutes of negotiating extremely dense vegetation and forestry to reach the gentleman. As this was happening, other members of the S&R Team engaged the individual in conversation to provide reassurance. On reaching the gentleman, the extraction team established that he was unhurt. The S&R Team then freed the gentleman from his trapped position and carefully guided him out to a safe area. On successfully rescuing the gentleman, he was handed over to Clare Civil Defence medics for a thorough assessment. The gentleman in question, was thankfully, found to have suffered no injuries. In consultation with An Garda Síochána it was decided that Civil Defence would transport the gentleman back to the safety of his own home. The complete rescue operation was completed within one and a half hours of the callout.

Tipperary K9 Unit Search & Rescue Operation:



*Mark Condon and Scooby
on search in Aug 2021*

In August 2021 Tipperary Civil Defence deployed two 4WDs and the K9 Unit (Search dog Scoobie and Dog Handler Mark Condon) to assist An Garda Síochána in the search for a missing person. Following a noon meeting at Cahir Garda Station a search operation plan was put in place.

The missing person's grandmother had sighted him,

in a field in relatively close proximity from his home at approximately 1pm. A member of An Garda Síochána who had extensive knowledge of the area directed the Civil Defence dog handler to the location in question. The Civil Defence search dog picked up the scent and followed this through two fields. It was decided to set up a cordon with Garda Dog Handler Pat Harrington, Cork Search

and Rescue members and Cork City Missing Persons members. The cordon proved successful and the missing gentleman was located safely.

A debrief was conducted at Cahir Garda Station. Civil Defence was commended on the swift and efficient response, which resulted in a successful outcome in difficult weather conditions and terrain.



Civil Defence in Aviva Stadium

Dublin Civil Defence provide cover at Aviva Stadium for events hosted by IRFU, FAI, Leinster Rugby plus various concert promoters.

These duties have been taking place for approximately 30 years going back to the old Landsdowne Road stadium days. Over the years Civil Defence has developed a fantastic working relationship with the stadium management and all the stakeholders involved with the venue.

all fire points and equipment to ensure they are in a state of readiness. This is done upon initial deployment in the stadium. Throughout each given event they provide a fire picket observing safe practice of all staff in terms of fire safety and report any issues through Civil Defence Control to Stadium Management. For a number of soccer matches this role is enhanced to provide pitch side flare response teams depending on the security classification of the event. As recently as the 2021 FAI Cup Final Civil Defence had their busiest duty, dealing with in excess of 110 flares/fireworks.



The services provided are generally threefold:

- medical cover on level 5 of the stadium including two first aid posts on that floor,
- two rescue teams on level 5 - one on the East Stand and one on the West Stand. This came about when the level of incline on that floor was identified as a significant risk when moving a non-ambulatory or unconscious patient from the seating areas,
- deploying at least one practitioner to each first aid post and each rescue team.

Civil Defence AFS responders also play a significant role at Aviva Stadium events. They complete audits of

Civil Defence medical teams are also very busy during the big games and concerts dealing with headaches and heart attacks and everything in between. The duties in Aviva are long as the crews must be on site three hours before kick-off and only stood down when up to 53,000 fans and spectators have left the stadium. However the volunteers get fantastic exposure to quality patient contacts.

In total on each match day Dublin Civil Defence provide 30 volunteers, on occasion supported by neighbouring counties to cover all aspects of service provision and the volunteers are highly respected for the level of dedication and professionalism they bring to every event.



Monaghan Civil Defence New Headquarters, Official Opening

The heroic effort made by members of Monaghan Civil Defence to support the community during the Covid-19 pandemic was praised by the Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council, Colm Carthy when he performed the official opening of the organisation's new headquarters located at Annahagh, Monaghan Town on 28th May 2021.

The new building was funded by Monaghan County Council with assistance from the Department of Defence. The building provides personnel with training and lecture rooms facilities, office space and storage capacity for the modern vehicle fleet, equipment and boats. It will enable the delivery of Civil



Defence activities to the highest level into the future.

The new headquarters served as the Command Centre for all Civil Defence deployments during the

pandemic focusing on supporting the HSE, the community helpline and also ensuring the commitment to delivering on the Government policy "Civil Defence Towards 2030".

Minister Coveney officially opens new Clare Civil Defence Headquarters

The new Clare Civil Defence headquarters was officially opened on 8th June, 2021 by Mr Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The facility at the Quin Road Campus in Ennis, Co. Clare, is a state-of-the-art, purpose-designed building that will be utilised by more than 100 Civil Defence volunteers from around the county, and includes training facilities, office accommodation, a records management centre, storage and garage.

Speaking at the official opening of the Clare Civil Defence headquarters, Minister Coveney said "I am delighted to be here on this important occasion. It is a fantastic facility and a tribute to everyone who has been involved in this project. We have some of the Civil Defence volunteer community here and I would like to



take this opportunity to pay tribute to them. Clare Civil Defence have undertaken 300 separate Covid-19 related tasks, and multiple other roles including a number of missing person searches, including in January, which concluded with the safe return of an elderly man. It is an organisation that brings with it a high level of professionalism in a volunteer body. During the

darkest times of this pandemic, there were very few positives, however our renewed sense of community during this same period is something we should be all proud of."

The acquisition and redevelopment of the headquarters was funded by Clare County Council, supported by the Department of Defence.

Minister Coveney's Visit to Civil Defence Headquarters



Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney TD paid a visit to Civil Defence Headquarters in Roscrea in July 2022.

During the course of his visit Minister Coveney, accompanied by Secretary General, Jacqui McCrum

met with with Departmental staff, Civil Defence Officers and Volunteers.

A number of Civil Defence resources were displayed including a Ford Ranger which had been a recent purchase from the Dormant Accounts Fund, a Rib Boat which is used for River searches, a collection of drones, which

have proven to be a valuable search and rescue resource, a Communications Vehicle, and an Ambulance.

While viewing the display Minister Coveney was briefed on the various disciplines which Civil Defence volunteer excel in, while assisting their communities in their times of need.



Minister Coveney meets volunteers from Cork South on Cape Clear Island in August 2021

TRAINING

Civil Defence College Launches its Learning Support Portal (LSP).

Civil Defence College launched its LSP last July as part of its review of central training provision. Aimed at bringing a blended approach to central training, the LSP (hosted on the Moodle platform) aims to provide a learning experience which supports volunteer's education, promotes access to distance learning opportunities and creates a space to engage in continuous professional development.

The LSP was developed with our partners in the Department of Defence's ICT Unit, Data Protection Office and our Finance Section.

As a hands-on organisation, the College seeks to strike a balance between the importance of face-to-face learning supported by a variety of digital aids, strategies and course materials which offer greater flexibility for volunteers. Volunteers on the



current EMT programme will have experienced first-hand this blended approach through the LSP, with its mix of in-person and live cast workshops, quizzes, MCQ exams, course materials and learning activities.

2022 will see greater use of the LSP across a range of central training programmes, and the College will be seeking opportunities to run courses and workshops regionally in partnership with Civil Defence Officers.

Swiftwater

Civil Defence's Swiftwater capability continued to play a vital part in the organisation's Emergency Response throughout 2021. Over the course of the year, there were many Swiftwater responses over the entire country, with several in response to severe weather instances, most notably flooding events such as Storm Barra.

On June 28th the Minister for Defence, Simon Coveney, along with the Secretary General of the Department of Defence visited Civil Defence Branch in Roscrea, where they received a briefing on the many supports and resources that Civil Defence make available to the Principal Response Agencies and communities countrywide. During this brief, both expressed their support and gratitude towards the Volunteers of Civil Defence for the Emergency Response Service that they provide, especially in terms of Swiftwater Response.

In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Rescue 3 Europe

Use your knowledge of directional terms to match the word to the statement. Simply select the word and drag it to your sentence choice.

In front of, front: Proximal ✗

After, behind, following, toward the rear: Posterior ✓

Away from, farther from the origin: Distal ✓

Near, closer to the origin: Anterior ✗

Above, over: Superior ✓

Below, under: Inferior ✓

Toward the side, away from the mid-line: Lateral ✓

Toward the mid-line, middle, away from the side: Medial ✓

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Retry

LSP activities such as above from the EMT programme allow students to complete learning quizzes and receive instant feedback.



Cork North, Off Road Driver Training

introduced a change to the recertification process for Swiftwater & Flood First Responder Instructors. Rescue 3 Europe developed an online conference which allowed Instructors complete theory modules online. The practical aspects will be delivered during face-to-face sessions.

The Civil Defence College Learning Support Portal (LSP) will allow Civil Defence Swiftwater Instructors discuss resources, training materials and share their experiences, thus further developing their skills and abilities.

Manual & People Handling

While some certifying agencies allowed extension of certification

periods during the pandemic, the Health and Safety Authority required organisations to maintain Manual & People Handling certification. The Civil Defence College recertified Manual Handling Instructors through seven workshops in five locations. Instructors participated in a blended-learning process, where online learning was completed before attendance at one of the practical skills workshops. The workshops included discussions on common misconceptions relating to Manual Handling, debate on the "8 Steps": Instructors worked in groups in order to correctly outline the 8 Steps of Manual Handling and, more importantly, explained the rationale for this order, and finally "Risk Assessment":

Instructors worked in groups in order to risk assess various pieces of Civil Defence equipment used in the delivery of the core services.

The feedback from Instructors on this new process was overwhelmingly positive, so much so that it will now form the basis of Manual Handling Responder & Manual Handling Instructor training going forward.

As with Manual Handling, People Handling is also getting an overhaul, with a similar "scenario-based" teaching model being used. Civil Defence College, in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service, have redesigned the People Handling Course to better suit the needs and experiences of Civil Defence Volunteers, with a

greater emphasis on Scenario Based Learning rather than traditional theory/PowerPoint methods. These changes will be implemented for the upcoming People Handling Instructor Recertification Workshops, and should provide Instructors and Volunteers with a richer and more relatable learning experience.

Meeting National and International Standards

The Civil Defence College, in partnership with our regulatory partners, work to ensure Volunteers are trained and certified to meet national and international standards; most certification is linked to defined standards set by relevant agencies.

The standards agencies include the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC), the Health & Safety Authority (HSA), Quality Qualifications Ireland (QQI), Health Products

Regulatory Authority (HPRA), Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), Food Safety Authority (FSA), and Rescue3 Europe.

The role of Civil Defence Branch is to facilitate the various applications, provide policy, training and pay the various registration fees, while our partners, in the Local Authorities are responsible for operational matters and ensuring appropriately qualified volunteers

Each of the agencies require us to provide evidence that training courses meet an agreed standard, and that instructors delivering the various courses are certified to do so and doing so within the limitations and standards set down by the awarding body.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Programme.

Civil Defence College is currently delivering an Emergency

Medical Technician (EMT) programme, 86 volunteers from 17 Local Authorities are enrolled on the course. The course has been affected by the pandemic which has caused disruption along the way.

Government restrictions and guidance prevented central training sessions in the Civil Defence College, this was unfortunate as the transfer of peer knowledge and experience is invaluable learning for students. The LPS forms a vital element of training delivery for both the students and their instructors. Without the instructors we would not be able to deliver this course.

The EMT course is time and resource consuming, the 86 volunteers and the volunteer instructors participating in the course are committing a lot of time and energy and are supported along the way by their CDO's and the Civil Defence College.

The course began immediately



Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Programme



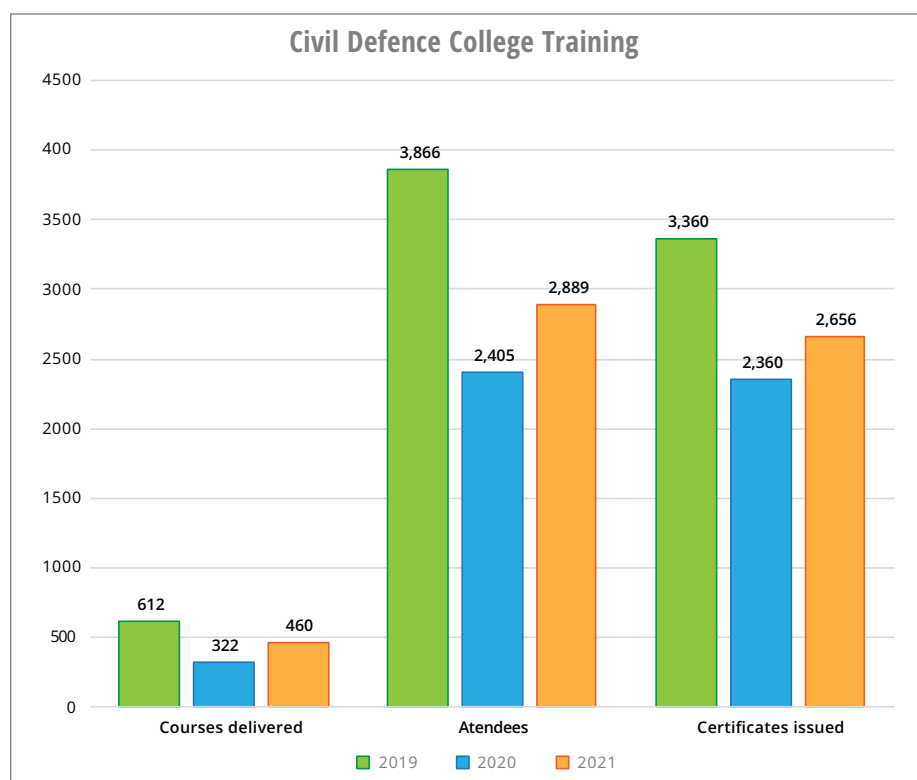
Emer Dalton, Principal Officer, Civil Defence Branch presenting a certificate to Luke Geraghty

following the introduction of the Learning Support Portal (LSP). This support tool has proved to be a very valuable asset, as it allowed for Blended Learning, where the monthly MCQ's could be completed online. The course

learning material was uploaded to the LSP for both the students and their instructors.

We would like to acknowledge the support of EMT students, Civil Defence Instructors and

Local Authority Civil Defence Officers for their dedication and patience with the changes that had to be made due to the pandemic. In addition we recognise the support received from National Ambulance Service College (NASC) and PHECC. We are confident that this course will result in competent and confident Civil Defence EMTs.



Training Section in Numbers:

The Delivery, Assessment and Record Management of Civil Defence College training is managed by a committed group of people. They continue to provide an excellent service and support to Civil Defence Volunteers, Instructors and Civil Defence Officers alike. The table outlines the level of training and certificates issued over the preceding three years.



▲ Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD meeting with volunteers from Cork North at a Vaccination Centre

Roscommon Boat Unit, Lough Ree ►



Civil Defence in Numbers, as per Volunteer Register

There were 2,741 active volunteers organised in 29 Civil Defence Units across Ireland.

Civil Defence volunteers were deployed to 5,475 events/activities during the course of the year.

Activities included:

- 4,148 COVID-19 pandemic duties
- 152 Missing Person Searches
- 392 Sporting Events
- 753 Community Events
- 30 Climatic/Severe Weather Relief Efforts



◀ Louth volunteers providing First Aid cover at Poc Fada on the Cooley Mountains

Roscommon Boat Unit, Lough Ree ▼



New Members are always welcome. Enrolment enquiries may be made through your local Civil Defence Officer. Contact details are on our website

www.civildefence.ie