

## **Fire Service**

### **Introduction**

January to March Marked significant progress within the Fire Authority. Currently there are 2 vehicles in construction with Sidean Teo in Galway and HPMP in Tullow. One number Class B fire appliance, and one number Water Tanker for Carlow town. Within the area of operations, training courses were completed in Breathing Apparatus, Medical First Aid and CISM. We welcomed 2 new recruit firefighters and one permanent ACFO to the organisation. There are plans to rollout many local and national courses over the coming year and with the delivery of 2 new vehicles, on-going construction within the Training Centre development, Capital approval for refurbishment works at Bagenalstown Fire station and approval of Circa. €50,000 for investment in operational equipment, 2017 promises to be a year of change and development within the service.

### **Operations**

The first 3 months of the year is consistent with the number of incidents attended from the same period last year, so far there has been minimal gorse and wildland fires on mount Leinster and a campaign in social media and through local radio was launched warning of the dangers of illegal burning in this area. In total the counties brigades responded to a total of 119 incidents From January to March 2017 as follows;

RTC	13
Domestic Fire	14
Car/Vehicle	29
Bin/Skip/Small fire	15
Alarm Activation	13
Industrial	6
Chimney	10
Fire Other	12
SS Amb Assist	7
Total	119

### **Safety, Health & Welfare**

centre in the country to provide all elements of fire fighter and officer training which provide a much needed boost for the local economy.

### **Capital Investments**

Ongoing investment into developing Hacketstown training centre, work commenced December 2016, Phase one completion due July 2017, Capital funding approved circa. €750,000. Awaiting approval to commence with phase II.

Class B fire appliance currently in build at Sidean Teo in Galway – expected delivery April/May 2017 – value €290,000

New water tanker on order with HPMP Tullow – Chassis delivered, the completed tanker is expected to be delivered in May 2017 – Capital approval of €80,000 received

Work commenced on proposals for refurbishment works at Bagenalstown Fire station. Approval in principle approved for the value of €450,000. Final Proposed designs completed and ready for submission.

Recent Approval of €50,000 for purchase of hydraulic E-tools for use at Road Traffic Incidents, and purchase of various training and operational fire fighting equipment such as PPV fans, Fog Spikes, Smoke Curtains, temperature monitoring equipment and Thermal Imaging Equipment.

In total, Carlow County Fire & Rescue Service have received in excess of €1.6 Million in capital approvals from the €20 Million available to the fire service nationally over the next 4 years from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government which is well above the average amount secured from any other fire authority within the country.

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Seamus O Connor

Director of Services