Kilkenny Civil Defence

Operations update: 1st January to 30th June 2023
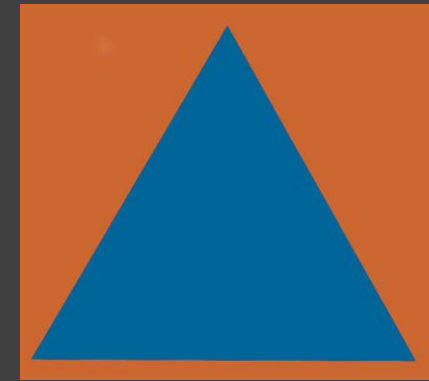
where medieval meets modern

A little bit about us:

- Civil Defence is a voluntary based organisation that supports the frontline services.

- Civil Defence has 2500 members throughout Ireland.

- There are currently 42 active volunteers in Kilkenny Civil Defence, with plans to recruit more.

- We support the frontline emergency services in dealing with severe weather, flooding, major accidents and searching for missing persons.

- Civil Defence supports hundreds of community events throughout the year

Volunteer hours completed

Event Type	Number of events	No of volunteers attending	No of hours
First Aid	19	80	447
Search and Rescue	5	23	92
Ukraine Response	4	7	22
Community assistance	9	9	22
Medical Assistance	4	8	52
Emergency Response	1	2	18
Safety Boat	3	14	78
Total	45	143	731

Training Courses

Course title	No of Volunteers certified	No of Volunteers re-certified
Missing Person Search Responder	9	3
Missing person Team Leader	4	
Community First Responder	5	
Community First responder Advanced	7	
People handling	13	
Manual Handling	26	
Swiftwater Responder	3	3
Community First Responder – Member of community/ GAA	21	
Critical Incident Stress Management	1	
MapyX	9	
Swiftwater and flood rescue boat operator	4	2

Unveiling of "Lady K" and new Sonar

Civil Defence Act 2023

Signed into law on 26th June 2023

Number 17 of 2023

Civil Defence Act 2023

V.E.M.S.

Volunteer and Equipment Management System.

- A new online portal to manage stock, equipment, vehicles, courses and training in one place.

- Kilkenny Civil Defence have been heavily involved in development and user testing with the Department of Defence.

- It will greatly assist in our climate action plan to reduce the usage of paper.

Events within the community and training exercises.

Lifejacket Testing

Training Exercise in Clashganny

Team up to clean up.
Rescuing a dog while on training course

Assisting with the evacuation of Wexford General Hospital.

Collecting, packing and delivering of interactive packs to young people across the county with special needs
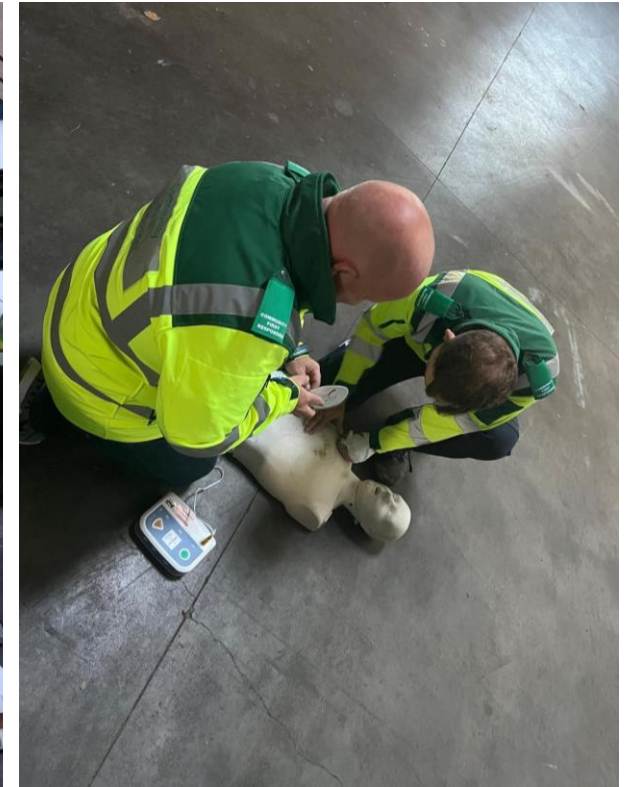
Community First Responders

Responding to 999/112 calls for cardiac arrest in Kilkenny City

We facilitate training for CFR groups throughout the county. As well as training member of GAA clubs.

Some of our volunteers operate a cfr group outside Civil Defence and their jobs.

Thank you to Kilkenny County Council and elected members for your continued support.