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Services: Water, Environment & Emergency Services Section

Civil Defence

General information on Donegal Civil Defence and their key role in community emergency support. Membership and management details. Further information and contact details.

Civil Defence

The Civil Defence Mission is *“To support the emergency services and to provide community support by promoting, developing and maintaining Civil Defence as an effective volunteer based organisation”*.

Donegal Civil Defence currently provides community support to some 70+ community events annually, as well as acting as a multi-skilled 2nd line service to the main emergency services of the Fire Service, Local Authority, An Garda Síochana, Health Service Executive & Irish Coast Guard.

Currently Donegal Civil Defence is pro-active in community emergency support and assists the local community in the following areas;

- First Aid
- Search and Rescue
- Auxiliary Fire Fighting
- Kayaking / Boating Techniques
- Radiation Monitoring
- Radio Communications
- Welfare Provision
- Blizzard Conditions
- Gorse Fires
- Flooding
- Traffic Control
- Crowd Control

Active Voluntary Membership

National Membership - 6,500 Volunteers

Donegal Membership - 109 Volunteers

Organisation

Civil Defence is organised on an electoral area basis with relevant Commanders appointed in each Area.

Non Emergency Events

- Donegal Civil Defence volunteers provide stewarding & first aid cover at major public events and assist community and statutory services.

Emergency Events

- Supporting Gardaí and others in search and recovery missions.
- Supporting the HSE and Local Community during the Severe Weather conditions.
- Supporting the Donegal Fire Service and front line Council Services.

Training:

Training Classes are held weekly in following areas around the county:

- Stranorlar - First Aid, Rescue, Boating, Radio, Welfare, Foot Drill, Auxiliary Fire Fighting.
- Carrigart - Auxiliary Fire Fighting, First Aid
- Donegal Town - Auxiliary Fire Fighting
- Letterkenny - Kayaking
- Carndonagh – Auxiliary Fire Fighting, First Aid, Boating

Major items of equipment available for use:

Item	Number
16 Seater Minibuses	2
Inflatable Boat	2
Crew Cabs	3
Kayaks	14
Ambulance	3
Kayak Trailer	2
Search & Rescue 4WD	1
Fire Tender	1
Incident Control Vehicle	1
Generator	1

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