

NATIONAL RESCUE CHALLENGE GETS SET FOR NEWBRIDGE

Professional and voluntary emergency services are invited by Rescue Organisation Ireland to join forces to demonstrate and share their skills in road traffic collision extrication and pre-hospital trauma care at the National Rescue Challenge on Saturday 22 April in Newbridge Fire Station, in partnership with Kildare Fire Service.

This year's National Rescue Challenge returns on Saturday 22 April, and will be hosted by Rescue Organisation Ireland in partnership with Kildare Fire Service at Newbridge Fire Station. It follows last year's successful event which was held at Newcastle Aerodrome in Co. Wicklow on 25 June 2022, following a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This is the only event in Ireland where domestic and international emergency services share their skills and compete in the two crucial disciplines of patient care. The national event will provide several different learning opportunities, including the CPR Challenge, in partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation and CFR Ireland, which is free and open to the general public.

Rescue Organisation Ireland (ROI), a voluntary organisation and a registered charity, was founded in 2008 by members of Ireland's fire and emergency services to improve, update and standardise the training of emergency services personnel, in particular firefighters, who regularly respond and deal with road traffic collisions on Ireland's roads.

The current ROI Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Mick Gahan, Wicklow County Fire & Rescue Service

Vice Chair: Anthony Byrne, National Ambulance Service

Secretary: John Lally, Order of Malta Ambulance Corps

Treasurer: Mark Brennan, Motorsport Rescue Services

Director of Operations: Ray Martin, Dublin Fire Brigade

According to the Executive Committee, "ROI was set up in response to the consistently high level of incidents on our roads and how we as professionals in the emergency services can strive to improve and train to be better at what we do.

"It is only by the drive and commitment of its members that we have developed to the point that ROI is now the leading authority on crash rescue techniques and RTC training in Ireland.

"The ROI Committee comprises members from across the island and covers various roles and organisations across the Irish emergency services. Every year the organisation holds this National Rescue Challenge event, which is focused on RTC Extrication and Trauma scenarios, in addition to hosting regular Skills Development Days.

"These events are hosted in different locations around

Ireland, in conjunction with the fire authority in that area, as a means of promoting casualty centred training and the 'Rescue Challenge' concept in all parts of Ireland."

PART OF WORLD RESCUE ORGANISATION

A Level 1 member of the World Rescue Organisation (WRO), Rescue Organisation Ireland's chairperson Mick Gahan and executive member Declan Cassidy are also members of the current WRO Executive Committee.

The WRO was set up in 1999 to provide a platform for rescue and medical personnel from around the world to develop the skills and capability when responding to post-crash incidents, and an effective tool in achieving this has been the 'Rescue Challenge' concept.

In a statement on the WRO's website, Paul Schroeder, Chair of the World Rescue Organisation, said: "This Challenge concept is an innovation which is unique in terms of mobilising a wide spectrum of rescue and medical personnel with varying skill sets, to collaborate in the development of best practice, casualty centred rescue and care through the delivery of safe and efficient interventions."

The overall aim of the international organisation is to work with partners in developing enhanced proficiency in rescue techniques, incident management and medical care, the introduction of multi-agency casualty centred approach to all post-crash incidents and the development of partnerships at national and international levels.

RESCUE ORGANISATION IRELAND

NATIONAL RESCUE CHALLENGE
22 APRIL 2023
NEWBRIDGE FIRE STATION
CO KILDARE

EXTRICATION CHALLENGE
 Limited to 9 teams

TRAUMA CHALLENGE
 Limited to 15 teams

CPR CHALLENGE
 Calling all CFR Groups! Test your skills

Entries open on 6 January 2023

Register at
WWW.RESCUEORGANISATIONIRELAND.IE



WORLD RESCUE CHALLENGE 2023

Ireland's National Rescue Challenge on 22 April in Newbridge Fire Station will determine and select the RTC Extrication and Trauma teams to go forward to represent Ireland at this year's World Rescue Organisation (WRO) Rescue Challenge in October.

The 2023 World Rescue Challenge will be hosted by the Spanish Rescue Organisation – APRAT – in Lanzarote, due to take place on the week commencing Monday 16 October.

For details and updates visit the WRO website www.wrescue.org or WRO's Facebook Page www.facebook.com/WorldRescueOrganisation

For highlights of the World Rescue Challenge 2022, check out: WRC2022 Facebook World Rescue Challenge 2022 Luxembourg | Facebook

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Ireland was represented at World Rescue Challenge 2022 in Luxembourg by teams from Carlow County Fire & Rescue Service, County Wicklow Fire Service and Dublin Fire Brigade in the RTC Extrication Challenge, while Civil Defence, META MRT, and the fire services from Carlow and Wicklow competed in the Trauma Challenge.

Ireland is scheduled to host the World Rescue Challenge once again in 2028, after last hosting the event in Cork in 2010.

