



Dublin Civil Defence

Three Year Plan

2022 - 2025



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Legislative Requirement for Local Authority Civil Defence Plans

In accordance with Section 12 of the 2012 Civil Defence Act, each local authority is required to prepare and submit a civil defence plan to the Minister for Defence.

Role of Civil Defence

This plan should be prepared in line with 'Civil Defence Towards 2030' which sets out Government policy in relation to Civil Defence. Towards 2030 states that Civil Defence will continue to be developed around its central strategic objective of supporting the Principal Response Agencies in a variety of emergency and non-emergency situations.

Over the years Civil Defence volunteers have been utilised in a variety of community support roles at local level. Where resources permit and with the agreement of the Local Authority, Civil Defence will continue to support appropriate community events.

Integration of Civil Defence into the Local Authorities emergency management system

(a) Towards 2030 states that 'Provision should be made to appoint the Civil Defence Officer to each Local Authority's Crisis Management Team'.

Please confirm that this is the case in your local authority. This is not the case in Dublin.

(b) Towards 2030 also states that 'Provision should be made in each Local Authority Major Emergency Management Plan for the inclusion of Civil Defence resources'

Please confirm that this is the case in your local authority. Yes this is the case in Dublin.

Section 1: Core Services

Towards 2030 sets out the five core services of Civil Defence. Under each of the core services listed below indicate the roles your Civil Defence Unit will provide in 2023-2025.

a. "Emergency Response"

1. Local Authority request for emergency incidents

Comply with the Four Local Authorities Major Emergency Plans and with any Relevant MEM plans.

- a. Assist with Sandbagging during Flood incidents.
- b. Pumping and Movement of Water during Flooding and Forrest Fires.
- c. River monitoring of Water Levels.
- d. Provide a Flood Response with Trained Responders.
- e. Assist with the Rescue of Persons from a Flood Environment.
- f. Assist with the planning and consultation with Events.
- g. Transportation during Severe Weather for Emergency Staff.
- h. Assist the Housing Section in the Management of Rest Centres.
- i. Assist with the Transport of Evacuees to a Rest Centre.
- j. Drone Support.
- k. Assist with logistical support e.g Emergency Lighting, Tentage etc.
- l. Provide off road assistance for rough terrain. (Hagglund, Polaris, etc.)
- m. Maintenance, transport, deployment and storage of Mass Fatality Tent.

2. Garda request

- a. Search for Missing Persons under the direction of the Gardaí.
- b. Heavy Vehicle Mitigation under the direction of the Gardaí.
- c. Assist with logistical support e.g Emergency Lighting, Tentage etc.
- d. Assist the Gardaí in the Management of the Friends and Relatives Reception Centre.
- e. Provide off road assistance for Rough terrain (Hagglund Polaris etc.)
- f. Provide Drone Support.
- g. Provide K9 services when requested.

3. HSE Request

- a. *Transportation of Doctors and Nurses to /from Work during Severe Weather.*
- b. *Transportation of Patients to/ from Hospital during Severe Weather.*
- c. *Transportation of District Nurses to Patients during Severe Weather.*
- d. *Assist with Meals and Wheels during Severe Weather.*
- e. *Assist with logistical support eg Emergency Lighting, Tentage etc.*

b. "Search and Rescue"

- a. *Land Search Teams if requested by Gardaí or Mountain Rescue.*
- b. *Boat Search Team if requested by Gardaí or Coastguard.*
- c. *Provide Command and Control.*
- d. *Provide Medical Support for Search Teams.*
- e. *Provide off road assistance for rough terrain. (Hagglund, Polaris, etc.)*
- f. *Use of Sonar Technology.*
- g. *Use of Mapyx Technology.*
- h. *Use of Drone Support.*
- i. *Use of K9 support.*

c. "Medical Response" (Provision of pre-hospital medical care services)

- a. *Assist the HSE/DFB during Severe Weather Events*
- b. *Provide Medical assistance during Community Events*
- c. *Provide Medical assistance during Sporting/Music Events*
- d. *Provide Medical assistance during Major Emergency Incidents*
- e. *Provide Medical Assistance for Government Events and all Events in Aras an Uachtaráin for the OPW.*

d. "Community Assistance"

1. *Assist at Community Events and at Major Events*
 - a. *Provision of Medical Cover.*
 - b. *Provision of Rescue Support Boats at Events.*
 - c. *Provision of Drone Support.*
 - d. *Provide Communications, Command and Control at Events.*
 - e. *Train Community Groups in Resilience for Severe Weather.*
 - f. *Traffic Management under the direction of the Gardaí.*
 - g. *Provide Welfare assistance*

e. **"Radiation Monitoring Service".**

1. *Assist the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland in accordance with the National Emergency Plan for Nuclear Accidents*
 - a. *Soil Testing*
 - b. *Grass Testing*
 - c. *Radiation Testing*

f. **"Welfare Response"**

- a. *Provide Welfare Assistance to the Civil Defence Members and PRAs at Incidents / events.*

Other Services

Individual Local Authorities who are responsible for Civil Defence operations may wish to undertake additional "Other Services" other than those within the five Core Services set out. If they do, they should ensure they have undertaken risk assessments, have appropriate policies in place and relevant training has been provided to volunteers.

The Local Authority must consult with the Department of Defence **before** undertaking other services to ensure they are covered by Civil Defence insurance. The Civil Defence Branch of the Department of Defence centrally insures Civil Defence.

Please list below any other Services the Local Authority may/will undertake during the course of this three-year plan.

1. Maintenance, transport, deployment and storage of Mass Fatality Tent for Region.
2. Maintenance, transport, deployment and storage of Emergency Rest Centre Equipment for Region.
3. Heavy Vehicle Mitigation at a Gardaí request.



Section 2: Volunteers.

Q1. Our Civil Defence Unit requires 350 active volunteers and 100 volunteers in basic training to provide the required level of service.

The Unit currently has 288 active volunteers who all meet the Minimum Training Standard as set out in Circular 12 of 2019. Covid 19 has had an impact on our recruitment similar to other organisations.

In order to provide the required level of Civil Defence Service, including allowing for turnover in existing volunteers, we plan to recruit the following numbers of volunteers over the three year period

	2023	2024	2025
Number of new Volunteers to be recruited	150	100	100

Section 3: Civil Defence Equipment.

Q2. What is the Civil Defence Units, Vehicle and Boat Requirements to fulfil your core services as set out in Section 1.

	Total Required Number	Current Number
SUV	20	16
Ambulances	8	7
Comms Vehicles (van)	2	2
Fire Tenders	8	10
Portable Pumps	16	10
Vans (standard)	20	19
Minibus	3	5
Trucks	7	7
Mobile Canteens	1	1
Water Tanker	1	1
Green Goddess	1	1
Polaris	1	1
Hagglund	2	2
Dog Van	2	2
Total Vehicles		74
Pontoons	1 set	1
Boats	8	8
Flood Evacuation Rafts	4	2

** Due to high financial cost of the maintenance of the Hagglunds as a National Asset we require additional funding assistance from the DOD Branch.

Q3. What vehicles/ boats does your Civil Defence Unit plan to acquire (including replacement vehicles/ boats) over the next 3 years?

	2023	2024	2025
SUV	2	2	2
Ambulances	2	2	2
Comms Vehicles	-	-	-
Fire Tenders	2	-	2
Vans (standard)	1	2	1
Minibus	1	1	1
Trucks	-	-	1
Mobile Canteens	-	1	-
Water Tanker	-	-	1
Hagglund	-	1	1
Dog Van	1	-	-
Boats	Replace Humber	Replace Avon	Replace Humber
Total	10	9	11



Q4. What other major items of equipment does your Civil Defence Unit plan to acquire (if any) over the next 3 years to fulfil core services as set out in Section 1?

Description of Equipment	Expected Year of acquisition
High Volume Pump	2024
Portable Pumps	2024 - 2025
PPE for Rescue Units	2023
Basket Stretchers	2023
Rescue Equipment for new course	2023
Flood Raft x 2	2024
Medical Bikes x 12	6 x 2023 6 x 2024
Paniers for Bikes	6 x 2023 6 x 2024
Training on Bikes	2023
Replacement of AED's	2024 and 2025
Internal compartment for our Dog Vans for our K9 Units	2023
Replacement parts for Pontoons	2024
Replacement of Tentage	2023 - 2025
General Ambulance Equipment not including consumables	2023 - 2025
Training Equipment for our new Training Centre	2023

Although not asked within the questions from the DOD Civil Defence Branch, it is important to note that we are in the process of moving to a new HQ at 29 Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate and plan to develop the premises into a modern training facility for our Volunteers in 2023.

To achieve this aim we require substantial financial support from the DOD Civil Defence Branch.

Section 4: Training

Using the form below, please outline your Civil Defence Unit's training requirements in order to fulfil the core services as set out in Section 1.

CDOs are required to outline the Total Number of Volunteers (strength) and Instructors required to maintain that strength, in order to fulfil the core services as set out in Section 1. The figures submitted must include the current number of certified volunteers and instructors.

Following receipt of all Local Authority Civil Defence Plans, the Department of Defence will analyse and endeavour to meet the needs as outlined based on available resources.

Training Requirements		
Course Name	Number of Volunteers required (strength) to have effective capability in this discipline	Total number of Instructors required to maintain the strength*
Medical Response		
Cardiac First Response Community	450	10
Cardiac First Response Advanced	50	5
First Aid Response	225	10
Emergency First Response	100	
10Emergency Medical Technician	50	
Emergency Response		
Pump Operator (**Course under Development)	30	
Basic Water Rescuer	50	10
Lifejacket Competent User	450	
Water and Flood Awareness	225	
Swiftwater and Flood First Responder	110	
Marine / Water Based		
ISA/RYA National Power Boat Level 2 (Crew member)	60	
ISA/RYA Advanced Power Boat Level 3 (Coxwain)	50	
ISA / RYA Coastal Navigation	10	
Personal Survival Techniques (Maritime College)	130	
Sonar Operator	6	
Search and Rescue		
Missing Person Search Responder	300	6

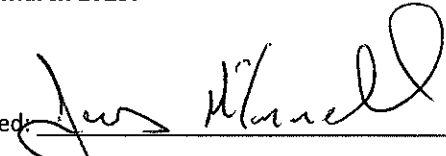
Missing Person Team Leader	30	
Search Management Software Operator (MAPX)	8	2
Missing Persons Search Manager	8	
Search Dog Handlers	3	
Drone Remote Pilot Training (Open Category)	10	
Drone Remote Pilot Training (Specific Category)	5	
Communications and Operational Support		
Radio Communications - L01 - Introductory Training	450	
Radio Communications - L02 - Net Operator	45	
Radio Communications - L03 - Advanced Operator Training	6	6
Radio Communications - L04 - Network Controller	6	
Radio Communications - L05 - Dispatch and Information Management	6	
Marine VHF Short Range Certificate (SRC)	130	
Marine Band Restricted Operators Certificate (GMDSS)	30	
Vehicle Based		
Approved Driving Instructor		4
Severe Weather Off Road Driving Operator	225	
Radiation Monitoring		
Radiation Monitoring	10	
Welfare		
Food Safety and You Operative	200	2
Health & Safety (H&S)		
Manual Handling Operator	450	6
People Handling Operator	450	6
Miscellaneous		
Children First / Child Protection / TUSLA	450	
Designated Liaison Person (DLP) Training for Child Protection	6	
Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) - Peer to Peer Support	6	
Avian Influenza Training	50	
Rope Rescue (**Courses under Development)		
Responder / Operator (Level 1)	150	
Climber / Technician (Level 2)	30	
Team Leader / Safety Supervisor	10	
CDO / ACDO Courses		
Management of Water and Flood Incidents	6	
* Merged Cells means one instructor covers all levels Blacked out cells means no instructor capability provided at this time		
<i>**Courses under Development Note: Full training details will be made available once the courses are fully developed and training syllabi designed. CDOs are requested to provide a training estimation for their Units at this time.</i>		

Q5. Is there any additional training not listed above that is required by your Unit to deliver the Core Services as set out in Section 1? If so please complete table below.

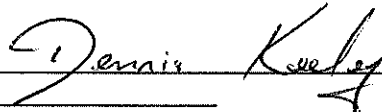
Training Need	Core Service
Manpack Type Rescue	Emergency Response/Search and Rescue
Pump Operators Course for Tender and Portable	Emergency Response
Pontoon Training	Emergency Response
Fire Ground Training incl. Ladder Drill	Emergency Response

This Local Authority Civil Defence Plan, as required under Section 12 of the 2012 Civil Defence Act, is hereby submitted to the Minister for Defence on behalf of Dublin City Council local authority.


Note the signed plan must be submitted to the Department of Defence (Civil Defence Branch, Benamore, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary), both in hard copy and electronically (civildefence@defence.ie) by 15th March 2023.

Signed: 
Civil Defence Officer

Date: 22/03/23

Signed: 
Chief Fire Officer

Date: 22 March 2023

Signed: 
Chief Executive

Date: 23 March 2023

