

## WORLD RESCUE CHALLENGE 2018 – CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA



Note from ROI Chair Pádraig Ó Longaigh

We are at that time again in the International Rescue calendar when the top Emergency Services rescue teams from Rescue Organisations around the world are heading to the World Rescue Challenge. This is the culmination of all the training and hard work that the teams put in throughout the year and is an opportunity for each team to showcase its skills, expertise and knowledge in the 'Rescue' field.

This year ROI will have 3 teams taking part:

- Meath County Fire & Rescue Service in the 'Extrication' Challenge
- Order of Malta Carlow in the 'Trauma' Challenge
- Meath Civil Defence in the 'Trauma' Challenge

On behalf of Rescue Organisation Ireland I wish these teams the very best of luck in their Challenges at WRC 2018 and want to thank them for all their dedication to the 'Rescue Challenge Concept', for all the huge commitment they put in to the training, for their total professionalism, and of course for making the journey to take part in this prestigious international event.

Having seen each team at first hand in our own National Rescue Challenges, as well as at our training days, I know the very high level of skills that they all possess and am confident that they will do themselves, their services, ROI and Ireland proud.

I will also take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues on the Committee of ROI for the huge work and dedication that they put in throughout the year (on a voluntary basis) to ensure that Rescue Organisation Ireland is to the forefront of international rescue organisations and a leading light in Irish emergency services training.

ROI will also have international assessors and representatives attending this event:

Ray Martin: RTC Assessor

Mick Tobin: RTC/Medical Assessor

Declan Cassidy: WRO Treasurer

Mick Gahan: WRC Head Assessor

Pádraig Ó Longaigh: WRO Committee member

Mark Brennan: WRO Committee member

Beirigí bua!

Pádraig

***Further info on the event incl live streaming on  
Rescue Org Ireland Facebook page/ Twitter and WRO media***

## MEATH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE – TEAM IRELAND



Team Ireland is made up of firefighters from Meath County Fire & Rescue Service:

Ciarán Finn / Alan Egan / Liam Caffrey / Alan Campbell / Dave Treanor / Paul Colleran (IC)

We represent the Meath fire stations of Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Navan, and Oldcastle.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> WRC that this team has attended and we all are incredibly excited and motivated by the Challenge that awaits us in Cape Town!

Best wishes to our friends in SAMRO for a very successful event and looking forward to catching up with all the teams at WRC 2018.



### **Carlow Order of Malta Ambulance Corps (OMAC)**

The Order of Malta is one of Ireland's largest voluntary organisations, we make a positive contribution to hundreds of local communities in Ireland. With nearly 4,000 members volunteering their time to provide first-aid medical services at national and local community events, training in life-saving skills and delivering community care initiatives, we continue to save, touch and change thousands of lives across all our charitable works.

The Carlow unit has about 60 members and in the WRO team we have three of the management team Terry Kerschbaum (Officer in Charge); John Lally (Team Captain and Unit Training Officer) and Ben Millar (Unit Duty Officer). This is the units first year to enter the ROI competition and were a little shocked to have done so well in their first attempt. When an opportunity arose to participate in the world championships it was grabbed with both hands. All OMAC members are volunteers who give up their time freely to provide medical cover and most of our members do not work professionally as EMS providers. On our team we have an IT Manager, a Private Ambulance EMT and a college Student. All our team are nationally registered Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) who are really looking forward to participating in this event and excited to be representing EMS volunteers from Ireland.



**Meath Civil Defence – Trauma team**

Ronan and Dylan Smyth are current active members of Civil Defence in Ireland with more than 15+ years of experience in the organisation between the two of them. They have competed four times in the Trauma Challenge run by the ROI and it is their first time competing in the World Rescue Challenge.