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COVER IMAGE: Lightning damage to Crookstown Garda Station.

A CHEAP SHOT

Nothing continues to surprise us. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has had a lifetime-habit of silence as to why people are not prosecuted. Yet he has seen fit to break that vow of silence in respect of the Garda Síochána. This is amazing – that the Director could so publicly advise that the difficulties relating to the prosecution of members of the Garda Síochána is due to the late arrival of files to his office - and therefore that the Statute of Limitations prevailed - and this is the reason why more members of the force have not been prosecuted. What a disingenuous response to the RTÉ *Prime Time* programme that sought to denigrate the good name and reputation of the entire Force.

Why, for instance, didn't the DPP explain to the Irish public (if he is going to explain anything) that the question of serious felonies has no Statute of Limitations? In such cases, regardless of when the file arrives - or how long it takes for the investigation – there is no limit on the time the DPP can take to make a decision as to whether or not there are grounds for prosecution. The DPP did not explain the significant delays that can arise in his own office. It is not unknown for files to be with his office for over twelve months awaiting a decision.

Why doesn't the DPP take another step and advise the people of this nation, especially the victims of serious crimes - and their families - as to why some people have not been prosecuted for crimes such as rape or murder? In those instances the reason is simple; the DPP is not obliged to advise anybody on his decision making – or indeed the lack of it. Maybe, as the independent law officer of the State, he is entitled to have that protection. Yet on this occasion he saw fit to explain quite publicly as to why members of the Garda Síochána could not be prosecuted. This was a mistake on his part.

There is also a problem in how the DPP conducts cases against members of the Garda Síochána. A typical example is where a member of the Force is charged with a serious offence and where the Director suggests that if the member pleads guilty in the district court – he will allow the district justice to have the jurisdiction. But if the member contests the case, or pleads innocence, the matter is not allowed to be dealt with in the district court but is automatically referred to the circuit court. Can this type of plea bargaining be appropriate? Is it right, where a member of An Garda Síochána – under intense pressure for family reasons or other to avoid the glare of publicity – is offered a remedy to facilitate an 'easy' hearing? One must remember the democratic principles: innocent until proven otherwise in the eyes of the Law.

Members of the Force have, and should have, the absolute right to contest any case to prove their innocence. Whether that should be in the district or circuit court is immaterial, but it is another lever being used to force people into making decisions. This, in our view is inappropriate. The Garda Síochána and members of Garda rank understand fully that the DPP is the independent law agent of the State who decides on every prosecution. No one disputes this fact. That authority and power also brings with it responsibility, which must be utilised in an appropriate manner. While we have always respected the right of the DPP to remain silent on matters of his office; it was a cheap shot to explain why members of the Force were not being prosecuted when clearly the explanation itself was inaccurate.

It is bad enough to be subjected to the slings and arrows of programmes like the recent *Prime Time*; but when agents of the State facilitate further misconceptions, then it is a very worrying trend indeed.



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THE FULL STORY?

On 8 January 2004, with the New Year only a week-old, RTE broadcast a special edition of *Prime Time*, which featured several cases of people who claimed to have been the victims of Garda 'brutality'. The content was a mixture of interviews, 'reconstructions' and stock footage from a graduation ceremony in the Garda College. This programme has since generated more news and discussion than one might possibly have imagined – especially as much of the content was not particularly new to the media; much of it had been aired in public before. The programme makers have been accused of being in possession of, but holding back, a considerable amount of information that might well have changed the viewers' attitudes and responses, had it not been suppressed. The programme appeared to demonstrate that the Garda Complaints procedure was flawed – and fuelled calls for a new system – canvassing support for the Minister of Justice's forthcoming Garda Bill and the provisions that it makes for the new "Ombudsman" – or whatever it will finally be called.

As individuals we make decisions that largely affect ourselves and those around us – and our views and opinions are often formed on the basis of anecdotal information – and as anecdotes they fulfil a role – a short entertaining story that may highlight a simple message. Societal decision makers are advised not to use this type of information to change laws to enforce behaviour onto others – but are advised to use statistical information – which should pay heed to the notion of proportion. One might hear of a tragic death, say, of a swimmer washed out to sea. This may discourage us from taking to the water ourselves and we might try to dissuade our family members; but would we expect our leaders to make swimming in the sea illegal? We might – but only if statistics could demonstrate a strong correlation between swimming in the sea and certain death. In this respect, the senior figures who called for a Garda Ombudsman as a knee-jerk reaction to this programme were playing to the gallery; doing themselves a disservice by lending the programme undue credence; not introducing carefully researched facts and figures to the debate.

The *Prime Time* Special was itself flawed for this very reason. We were shown a string of anecdotes from a variety of people who we were expected to believe were all completely true – because we were required to trust 'the reassuring voice of RTE'. But there was no statistical information provided – no sense of proportion – without which the viewer is not getting the full story. Anecdotal evidence on its own is subjective to those making the selection; and can easily distort the facts. This is nothing new.

SUBSCRIPTION BENEFITS

We are making some changes to *Garda Review*. We have changed the format and the way we publish the magazine – to speed up the printing and production process – as well as the mailing so that the magazine will reach your doorstep typically around the middle of every month. We are also planning a full ten issues per year – including a double Summer issue as well as the Christmas Yearbook.

Despite the good quality of our competition prizes; entry levels have been remarkably low over the last year or two – which has made the chances of winning for those entering as comparatively good. We appreciate that many of our readers do not always have the time (or the interest) to enter competitions, so from the Spring we hope to introduce a Prize Draw – where, every month, we will randomly draw three winners from our subscription database – and the lucky readers will each receive a cash prize. Watch this space for full details.

Neil Ward
Editor



LIGHTNING STRIKES CROOKSTOWN STATION

Bolt from the Blue: **Neil Ward** witnesses the aftermath of a direct lightning strike on the Garda Station in West Cork.



Garda Ciaran McCrory shows the extent of the damage in the communications room.



Crookstown Garda Station on the Cork to Macroom N22

Lightning struck Crookstown Garda Station and caused severe damage; resulting in a lucky escape for the members who had finished their shift just two hours before. The communications room was devastated when the lightning conductor strap from the 100-foot mast to the earth failed to perform its role – and the destructive charge was carried by the radio wires into the main building.

Lightning struck the mast at the rear of Crookstown Garda Station in West Cork Division on the morning of Sunday 11th

January causing severe damage to the station. Gardaí who had finished their shift at 4am returned at 10am to a scene of devastation. The ensuing blast had shattered the interior 4-inch block walls and even cracked right through the 12-inch mass concrete exterior walls. The station party is 1+4; all were off-duty at the time of the blast. The electrical storm happened shortly after 6am.

Garda Michael Coughlan - one of the regional telecommunications engineers - examined the telephone and radio equipment following the lightning strike. His initial prognosis was

that the lightning had struck the radio mast but bypassed the conductor strap. He said, "The charge travelled down the two radio cables, melting some of the outer protection. The charge travelled along these cables into the communications room – which then exploded – destroying all the radio, telephone system, electrical circuits and the network."

The Office of Public Works (OPW) issued the statement, "A bolt of lightning hit the Garda mast at Crookstown Garda Station and caused some interior damage to the building. The public office and Sergeant's office were damaged. Some damage was also caused to the roof of the building. The electrical points and telephone lines were also damaged. The Commissioners of Public Works are currently carrying out a comprehensive survey of the building."

Sergeant Pat Meaney and Garda Brian Hegarty were fortunate that they had finished



Sergeant Pat Meaney surveys his damaged office.

their shift, and the building was empty when the electrical storm hit the sub-district Garda Station on the N22 between Cork and Killarney. The heat generated by the blast caused substantial scorching but 'somewhat miraculously' – no fire. The Sergeant's Office was also seriously damaged; throughout the station all of the electrical wiring and equipment was destroyed. Garda Ciaran McCrory said, "We were entirely without

electricity, telephone or radio communications for 36 hours – and the water supply was only restored the following Friday. Calls from the community had to be diverted to Macroom Garda Station – and we had to operate on our mobile phones.

"The strike was severe enough to blow open the fuse box and propel the fuses like bullets into the opposite wall – taking off the plaster. Most of the local pubs and houses suffered secondary electrical damage – and were without telephones or electricity – due to the striking of the Garda Station."

The window was blown out; the ceiling was lifted – including the shattering of 7-inch rafter beams. The attic door was blown into the air and came down at a different angle – passing cleanly through the hatch. The wall that the radio had been mounted to completely collapsed, and the radio was destroyed by the current passing through it.

Garda Pat O'Sullivan, CEC Member of the GRA said, "It immediately raises the obvious question – should the main station building be directly wired to the radio mast? Could the radio be annexed? Seeing the devastation inside the building it is unthinkable what might have happened if our members were in there. You cannot legislate for when lightning will strike – and the Garda Masts are making the stations vulnerable to this, and members are not being afforded proper protection.

"While the risks cannot be completely elimi-



Garda Pat O'Sullivan – "It is unthinkable what might have happened"

nated, there are some sensible precautions that must be taken to minimise these risks – otherwise it's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed. The GRA will be seeking an investigation by the National Health and Safety Authority."

SPARKS FLY

Chief Superintendent Jim Jeffers (Telecommunications Unit) personally visited the site. He said, "We are reviewing these installations to see whether we can improve upon the safety. This was a serious strike. I have taken a personal interest in this incident and I think it deserves it because of the damage done. We are initiating an independent inquiry and review; we will be liaising with the GRA I.T. Sub-Committee as well.



Scorched Earth: Despite the heat generated – fire did not break out.



Electrical circuits throughout the building were damaged.

"The Garda Síochána adheres to the best practices and standards of the time; but these often change – some of the equipment is 15 or 16 years old.

"I am not an expert – but I believe that there are not too many (lightning strikes) that are this serious. Climatically, we seem to get more along the coast. I did see a very serious one in the late 1970s in West Cork. All the precautions and standards can be met – but it



Interior walls split – 12 inch exterior walls cracked.

is difficult to protect against a direct hit."

Dr Pat Goodman from the School of Physics at the Dublin Institute of Technology is an expert meteorologist. He says, "Lightning is one of the strongest forces of nature around. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that it struck the aerial or cable.

"Extremely high current causes phenomenal (very) local heating – producing a shock wave which can give rise to damage. There are thousands of amps in a lightning strike – the radio is probably designed to carry a five or ten and cannot cope. Sometimes you get fire, sometimes not; it depends on how combustible the furnishings are.

"There is a slim chance of survival if this level of current directly hits a human being. There is the potential for some serious damage.

There is never 100% safety but to minimise the risk there is normally some lightning conductor device; perhaps in this case it didn't carry all of the charge...views and standards do change. There should be a protocol of inspection."

THREE STRIKES...

This is not the first time that a Garda Station in the Cork West Division has been struck by lightning – it is the third time in as many years, with the sub-districts of Schull and Kinsale also receiving strikes – but fortunately these received lesser damage to that suffered by Crookstown.

The fact that Crookstown Garda Station is a solid-built facility, of mass concrete and block walls would offer some protection to members not in the immediate centre of the blast. Nearby, in the sub-district of Ballinhassig, Cork West, Sergeant Rory O'Dwyer is the solitary member accommodated in a portakabin. He says, "This structure was installed as a temporary measure in 1989 – and even its manufacturers only gave it a life-expectancy of 12 years – it's been here for 14 years and



the timber is rotting. It would afford little protection from fire or an explosion."

Pat O'Sullivan reinforces this view. He says, "It is a firetrap – with no emergency exit other than the main, solitary door. This is typical of the sub-district stations that are vulnerable to the elements and require additional safeguards; the radio should be kept separate from the main station. The GRA will be raising this at national level.

"The station is exposed to the elements; it leaks water and the wind can get in through the closed windows. It is like an oven in summer and freezing in winter.

The station had a party of 1+3 in the early 1990s, but this has dwindled to just one Sergeant – a replacement for Garda Eddie Brophy who retired last year has been



Shock Wave: The heat generated is likely to have caused a massive shock wave.



Car in a cage: Ballinhassig Garda Station. In the absence of a proper garage – the patrol car is secured in its own cage.

promised but not delivered. In contrast, the local population has increased from 3000 to over 5000 in the same period. Sergeant O'Dwyer says, "The local people are unhappy with the appearance of the station – especially with 'Tidy Towns' Awards – but it would not be an exaggeration to say there would be uproar if the station were to close.

"There is plenty of OPW owned land attached to the station on which to build a modern, basic unit with facilities one would reasonably expect; a locker room, a shower and a kitchen we could use." GR

GARDA ID NOT RECOGNIZED BY RYANAIR

The 'low fares airline' Ryanair do not accept Garda ID as proof of identity for boarding flights between Ireland and the UK. Both Aer Lingus and British Midland welcome the state-issued identification

This came as a surprise to Garda James 'Shay' Martin when he tried to use his ID to board a flight to Birmingham. He said, "I was amazed and embarrassed when I was refused access to my flight as my Garda ID was not an acceptable form of identification; despite being issued by the State. In the end I had no option but to pay €60 to transfer a later flight and go home to get my passport.

"Until recently an International Student Identity Card was regarded as acceptable - above Garda ID - especially when you consider the background checks and selection procedures for members of An Garda Síochána."

Ryanair have very recently changed their ID policy - and have dropped the student identity from their valid photo identification. Paul Fitzsimmons, Head of Communications, Ryanair said: "There are no plans to introduce Garda identification as an accepted form of ID for a Ryanair flight."

Ryanair are dogmatic about their policy for photo ID, and state that no other forms of Photo ID will be accepted. In contrast Aer Lingus accept "Work ID with photo" for travel between Ireland and the UK, and



Garda Shay Martin was refused access to his Ryanair flight with his Garda ID. Other operators welcome the official identification for their routes between Ireland and the UK.

British Midland Airways accept Garda ID for boarding planes travelling on these routes.

Gillian Culhane, Press Officer with Aer Lingus says, "Garda ID is acceptable for travel between Ireland and the UK, this has always been the case and we have no plans to change this policy. Any recognised work ID, with name and photograph, is acceptable. If a paper ticket is issued there is no requirement to present any photographic identification."

Jo Tubberer, Press Officer with British Midland says, "The Garda ID Card would be acceptable on both our paper ticket and tick-

etless routes between Ireland and the UK."

While every traveller is reassured by extra security following the aftermath of September 11th, there is something of a paradox when most Irish Citizen's passports and driving licences are issued on the basis that their application is signed by a member of the Garda Síochána; who has to be satisfied that the person is who they claim to be. There is a case that the irony extends further; will all airlines soon be carrying members of An Garda Síochána working as 'air marshals'? Will Garda ID be a requirement to board carrying a gun?

BLANK PASSPORTS SEIZED BY GARDAÍ

On 9th January 2004 Gardaí from the Garda National Immigration Bureau carried out a search in the Aylmer Park area of Naas. Two women in their late 20s were arrested and detained at Naas Garda Station under the provisions of section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act. During the course of the search of the premises, among other items the following items were seized; Blank Dutch, British, Irish and Nigerian Passports; Blank Irish Driving Licences were seized.

GNIB officers are constantly on the look at out entry points to detect any Irish passports stolen from holidaymakers and used by inadmissible persons in their attempt to gain entry into EU States.

LAOIS/OFFALY DIVISION APPOINT NEW CEC MEMBER OF GRA



Garda Jerry Dillon is the new CEC Member of the GRA for the Laois/Offaly Division.

Garda Jerry Dillon from Portlaoise Garda Station has been duly selected to represent the Laois/Offaly Division at the central executive committee of the Garda Representative Association. Jerry has been chosen to succeed Garda Terry Leonard, who has been appoint-

ed to the full-time position of Assistant to the General Secretary of the GRA (Garda Review, December 2003).

Jerry Dillon has 21 years service under his belt and has been a representative of the GRA for the last ten years. He said, "I wish to congratulate Terry Leonard on his appointment and it is a daunting prospect to step into his shoes. I am grateful to the members of the Division who have given me this opportunity - I would like to thank them all for their support. I promise to represent the members in a firm and fair way to the best of my ability." Jerry's appointment will also include the membership of three GRA sub-committees that were previously held by Terry Leonard; Medical Aid, Allowances and Detectives.

FIRST RLSS "IRELAND MEDAL" PRESENTED TO GARDAÍ

An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern presented the first Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) Ireland Medal for lifesaving to Garda Commissioner Noel Conroy in Government Buildings on 4th February 2004. The Commissioner accepted the gold medal on behalf of the hundreds of Gardaí who have rescued persons from drowning since the foundation of the force in 1922.

The medal has been introduced by RLSS Ireland, in its centenary year to draw public attention to Irish lifesavers worldwide. One or more medals will be presented annually for an outstanding swimming rescue attempt anywhere in the world by an Irish person or for an extended outstanding contribution to water rescue by an Irish individual or organization. RLSS Ireland is part of The Royal Life Saving Society, the world's largest single lifesaving organisation.

Speaking prior to the medal presentation RLSS Ireland President Declan Harte complimented Commissioner Conroy on the courage and teamwork shown by Gardaí in rescue situations. Between 10 and 20 Gardaí are involved in swimming rescues annually, often in extremely difficult situations, which is why the RLSS was delighted to present An Garda Síochána with the first Ireland Medal.

RLSS Ireland Branch Secretary John Connolly asked that An Garda Síochána continue to assist with ongoing research into drowning rescues, which may influence future lifesaving training given to police officers around the world. He then gave a brief report on recent research he had conducted into rescues by Gardaí;

- the majority of rescues took place in rivers
- most casualties deliberately entered the water

- the majority of casualties were young males
- many casualties had been drinking prior to entering the water
- most Garda rescues took place between 10.00pm and 4.00am
- the water temperature was mainly between 0 and 10 degrees centigrade
- rescues occurred all year round
- rescuers usually swam in their uniforms
- ring buoys were the most frequently used rescue aid
- in the majority of cases the casualty was removed from the water
- because of the effects of cold water immersion (cold shock) and alcohol most casualties didn't resist being rescued
- Garda teamwork often played a critical role in rescues
- many rescuers displayed great courage and commitment in terrible circumstances

GARDA STAFF SUGGESTION SCHEME - "SMAOINTE"

The Garda Staff Suggestion Scheme will recommence from 1st January 2004 and will operate under the title "Smaointe". The objective is to encourage staff to suggest ways, outside the scope of their normal work activities, in which economy, efficiency and effectiveness can be improved. Suggestion such as 'Transfer my Super' or 'Make Unit C work harder' are unlikely to win any prizes. Suggestions may be submitted from members of An Garda Síochána, up to and including the rank of Inspector, as well as some Civil Servants. In line with this Statement of Practice, the maximum Individual Award cannot exceed €2,000. Group Awards cannot exceed €10,000. Entries for the scheme may be submitted anytime during the period 1st January 2004 to 30th September 2004 and should be sent directly to: The Secretary, "Smaointe", Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Garda Síochána College, Templemore, Co. Tipperary.

STORE STREET NEW YEAR DINNER

Gardaí from the Community Policing Unit, Store Street, hosted a New Year Dinner for over 200 senior citizens from 4 Day Care centres in the North Inner City at Store Street Garda Station on Sunday 18th January. A four course lunch was provided along with entertainment.

CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN RESULTS

The Garda Press Office released the figures for the Christmas and New Year Road Safety Campaign 2003/2004. 1556 persons were arrested for Drunk Driving during the six week period from the 23rd of November 2003 to the 4th of January. This compares to

1499 for the same period last year. 25914 speeding detections were made, up from 18339 detections over the same period last year. 3755 persons were detected for the non-wearing of seat belts as compared to 6772 last year.

PROFESSOR MARIE CASSIDY APPOINTED AS STATE PATHOLOGIST

The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr Michael McDowell T.D. appointed Professor Marie Cassidy, FRC Path., as State Pathologist. Professor Cassidy, who formerly worked at the Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Glasgow, was appointed as the Deputy State Pathologist in January, 1998.

Professor Cassidy succeeds Professor John Harbison who has retired from the position of State Pathologist on age grounds. Professor Harbison will, however, complete his evidence in the cases in which he has already been involved.



2% DECREASE IN HEADLINE CRIME IN 2003

The Minister for Justice, Mr. Michael McDowell, published the provisional crime statistics furnished by the Garda Commissioner for 2003. The statistics show a cumulative decrease of 2% for the year 2003 compared with the figures for 2002. The Minister also published the statistics for the fourth quarter of 2003 which also show a decrease of 2% compared to the corresponding period in 2002.

The statistics confirm the trend of falling violent crime noted in statistics previously released for the first nine months of 2003. The year on year statistics now being made

available show that significant decreases were recorded in some of the most serious offence categories relating to crimes against the person: Murder down 12%, Manslaughter down 14%, Assault causing harm down 21%. The two rape categories down by 19% and 33% respectively and Aggravated sexual assault down 54%

"All headline offences are serious but some are far more serious than others. So we have to be careful with the overall figure of a reduction of 2% because that figure attaches the same statistical weight to a bicycle theft as a murder", said the Minister

FOLLOWING PRIME TIME

The RTÉ *Prime Time* special of the 8th January purported to show that discipline in the Garda Síochána had broken down. This appears to be part of a concerted campaign to bring about an Ombudsman type investigative system in relation to Garda activity - similar to that which presently exists in Northern Ireland. This particular programme took many months to make and witnesses were widely canvassed with a view to obtaining material detrimental to the Garda Síochána. The programme rounded up some of 'the usual suspects', including Professor Diarmuid Walsh, a self-appointed expert on Garda discipline, and Fr. Peter McVerry. Some who saw the programme initially believed the programme was a repeat - when they recognised "some of the same faces repeating the same unproven allegations".

UNBALANCED

Retired Judge Murphy who took part in the programme afterwards stated that the programme was 'unbalanced'. Would anyone who has any experience of *Prime Time* programmes on the area of Garda accountability seriously have expected the programme to be anything else? The programme makers were given unprecedented access to the Graduation Ceremony and Award of Scott Medals at the Garda College in Templemore on 23 October 2003. The Garda Press Office co-operated fully and conferred every hospitality on the film crew. Indeed, this surprised other journalists - who were told that *Prime Time* was 'doing a special on Garda Training' - at the time this met with press incredulity: *Prime Time* is not a programme to do Public Relations fluff. No amount of tea and scones would or should sway favour with the producers of issue-based programmes.

CONTROVERSIAL

The programme-makers have all the trump cards; they can pick and select all the ripe cherries. Any information which comes to their knowledge which might in any way contradict or militate against their voice can be ignored. Because RTE is not accountable to any other body, it is left to a few journalists in the print media to point out some of the inaccuracies and highlight some of the inconsistencies in the material presented. Indeed, RTE radio joined in the following day - with radio phone-ins suggesting that listeners should ring in with all their anecdotes of 'Garda behaviour'. This was, perhaps, a defensive reaction on behalf of an organisation that knew they had been (deliberately) controversial.

ANECDOTAL

The material presented was extraordinarily selective. More than this - it was all anecdotal. There were no statistics to give it a sense or proportion - and so it 'tarred all with the same

brush'. This is perhaps the key point that many have since overlooked. It was all very well for the narrator to say (over some footage of Scott Medal Winners) that many Gardaí do a great job under difficult circumstances; they should have highlighted this by giving an anecdotal story - that wouldn't have taken much research with four Scott Medals awarded that very day.

This is not to suggest that every time an allegation was made - as suggested by Diarmuid Doyle in a subsequent article in the *Sunday Tribune* (18th January, 2004) - that the programme makers should counterbalance this with a "heart-warming story about a Garda who helped rescue a drowning dog". *Prime Time*, for example, could have informed its viewers that an innocent man who was arrested could possibly have been mistaken for his notorious brother who was involved in crime. This might lead the public to conclude that the Gardaí made an innocent mistake which was acknowledged - and which resulted in an out-of court settlement. Or perhaps *Prime Time* could have devoted a minute or two to inform its viewers that one of the persons making allegations against the Gardaí had been convicted of a racially-motivated attack on a mixed couple in Pearse Street, Dublin, in June 2000. In any court of law this appalling and motiveless attack would go to the credibility and indeed to the character of the person making an allegation. Why was this concealed from the public by *Prime Time*?

IGNORED

An allegation cannot be investigated if a complaint has not been lodged or if the complaint has been deemed inadmissible by the Complaints Board. The members of the Board comprises mostly of legal and other professional personnel who are not members of the Garda Síochána; a fact ignored by this programme. Neither the number of spurious and mischievous complaints nor the extent and results of various investigations carried out by the Gardaí themselves into alleged wrong-doing by individual Gardaí were referred.

UNPROVEN

The programme-makers in both radio and television must realise the difficulty - and the legal problems - in discussing matters which have been the subject of an out-of-court settlement. Because there has been a settlement it does not automatically follow that all the allegations are admitted. If a civil case is fought in court, both sides of the story will come into the public arena thereby avoiding rumour, speculation and unproven allegations, which can often be made by either party in the aftermath of a settlement without a full

court hearing. It should be clear that where a matter is or has been the subject of civil proceedings it would be inappropriate to have discussions on the airwaves on individual issues that did not benefit from a court hearing. Gardaí, in particular, should be reluctant to discuss matters which have been the subject of an out of court settlement.

STATEMENT

The Garda Press Office released the following statement - a few hours before the programme was broadcast:

"In relation to the broadcast tonight of the *Prime Time* programme the Garda Síochána co-operated fully with the programme makers in the compilation of this report. The advanced publicity in the run up to the programme has highlighted a number of issues in relation to alleged corruption, perjury and breakdown of discipline within the ranks of An Garda Síochána.

This Organisation is very concerned that discipline within the ranks of this Organisation would be portrayed as having broken down and we categorically refute these assertions. This Organisation over the years has dealt with and will continue to deal with wrong doing by its members through the Criminal Justice System and our internal disciplinary codes.

In tonight's programme, a former eminent Judge states that members of An Garda Síochána have committed perjury in his court over the years. This is an extremely serious allegation and of concern to the Commissioner. Another case referred to on the programme is an incident in which a young man was arrested and following his release complained to the Garda Complaints Board in relation to his treatment while in custody. These allegations were investigated by the Complaints Board, following which a file was forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions who directed no prosecution against any member of An Garda Síochána. This case is mentioned by Mr. Dick Roche, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of European Affairs.

The Garda Commissioner very much welcomes the introduction of the new investigative body as proposed under An Garda Síochána Bill 2003 and will fully support it."

More recently, the Garda Press Office have been able to confirm that a special investigation has been ordered by the Commissioner - to fully investigate many of the allegations made in the programme. This will be headed by Assistant Commissioner Catherine Clancy.

RESPONSE

Many members were incensed by the programme - and the following day the Garda Representative Association (GRA) did many interviews and made statements that criticised the lack of balance and proportion in the content of the programme.



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On behalf of the Garda Representative Association (GRA), which represents the rank and file members of An Garda Síochána, I wish to lodge a complaint in respect of the *Prime Time* programme broadcast on the 8th January, 2004.

The programme was portrayed as an investigative approach into Garda discipline; billed on the RTÉ network in the week prior to transmission as an exposé into Garda brutality and Garda discipline and was intended to portray a whole new series of issues which heretofore had not been brought to the public's attention.

The producers of *Prime Time* and the people responsible for the programme making approached the Garda Authorities to deal with issues relating to training and the overall way members of the Force were dealing with the public and multi-cultural issues, etc. The programme makers spent considerable time in the Garda College and were present on a graduation ceremony when Scott Medal presentations for bravery were made to members of the Force. Several student Gardaí were also interviewed in the course of the programme and gave their background and perhaps their reasons for joining the Force etc – the specific details of the interviews I am not familiar with. It is suffice to say that none of those interviews were broadcast. An interview was arranged with Assistant Commissioner (HRM) and issues relating to discipline and particular files were brought to his attention in advance. As I understand it, several of the points and questions raised in that correspondence were addressed adequately in the course of the interview. However, as the matter was not live, this was not shown to the general public.

Equally, the presentation of the witness facts and evidence produced in the programme, some of that had already been rebutted by the Garda Press Office and the information placed before *Prime Time* and this again was not brought to the attention of the public. Throughout the programme there were reconstructed events - clearly portraying imagery of members of the Garda Síochána, in uniform, constantly assaulting people. The 'reconstruction' message would flash on the screen for less than five seconds and disappear - as if to give some viewers the notion that we were not in fact dealing with a reconstruction - but actual events. The number of members of the public, including members of An Garda Síochána, who have brought this to my attention, is staggering. In my view, it can only be regarded as a deliberate attempt to confuse the viewer; whether they were watching reconstructed events or documentary footage.

Some of the people interviewed for the *Prime Time* programme as members of the public - who had a difficulty in respect of the Garda Síochána - have previous convictions. Others, it is only fair to say, have no criminal convictions. However, for the purposes of balance and giving the public the right to make up their own mind of the validity of the information, it would have been appropriate that those who were convicted of serious criminal felonies that that situation should have been outlined in the context of the entire programme. No such reference was made.

In respect of Judge Murphy's presentation – I would be obliged if you would advise me as to when that particular interview was conducted and if, in fact, it was conducted for this programme or if the interview was conducted some time ago?

It is the view of the GRA that the programme was unjust, unbalanced and unfair and it failed because of its own agenda in endeavouring to portray members of the Force in the worst possible light and without any sense of proportion. It was merely anecdotal information – and no attempt was made to give this a context of statistical scale.

The only Garda person interviewed on the programme in order to give a Garda perspective was the Assistant Commissioner, HRM. All of the other people interviewed on the programme were in fact saying something which was derogatory or regarded an anti An Garda Síochána.

If, as I suggest, this information were placed before your programme makers - or indeed if the programme makers in pretending to at least approach the matter in a rational and fair fashion did not have this information - then obviously they are guilty of gross negligence.

In any event, it is the view of this Association, that as tax payers of the State, that we are entitled to at least have matters dealt with in a fair and balanced way. We have no objection to *Prime Time* or any Current Affairs Programme, whether RTÉ or any other Station on this Island, making programmes relating to Garda matters. This is entirely within the remit of any independent broadcasting station. But equally, in terms of such a coveted position, one would presume that when you report on such matters that balance and a sense of fair play should also be brought to the proceedings. This programme failed on all counts.

To this end, I would ask you to investigate this matter and advise me of your deliberations.

Yours faithfully

P J Stone
General Secretary

GARDA DRIVING

THE NEED FOR *SPEED*



With so much public interest in how crimes are dealt with on the scene, it is tempting to forget the importance of getting there quickly – and safely. **Terry Cook** highlights some serious concerns over the number of Gardaí driving without specialist training.

Driving a patrol car in a high pressure situation is rather different to popping down to the supermarket for the weekend shopping. The need for haste has to be weighed up against the safety of fellow members of the force and, of course, the public. In situations where mere minutes can make the difference between catching a criminal and arriving too late, sound judgement is crucial. While other areas of the emergency services seem to have addressed the area of driver training satisfactorily, there is still some debate about the level of appropriate training for members of An Garda Síochána.

PERSPECTIVE

Figures released by Garda management in November indicating that about 450 crashes involving Garda vehicles are recorded each year were greeted with shock by some commentators, especially when it was also revealed that almost half the incidents recorded over the last five years were deemed to be at least partly the fault of the Gardaí involved. While the number of accidents might seem rather high, but it is important to put the figures in perspective. An average family car in Ireland will cover between 12,000 and 15,000 miles a year – a Garda vehicle can cover between 80,000 and 100,000 miles in 12 months. These vehicles are more likely to be used in adverse driving conditions and in challenging environments. They are more likely to be on the road during the hours of darkness and in many cases speed is of the essence, although they are still instructed to obey the rules of the road. When a crime is taking place it is often necessary to travel at higher speeds than normal, which in turn places extra responsibility on ordinary motorists to be observant and get out of the way safely when a patrol car (or any other emergency vehicle) is closing up on them.

ALERTNESS

Because Garda drivers are depending on the alertness and driving skills of other road users to help them get to the scene of a crime as quickly as possible, it is inevitable from time to time that someone will panic, fail to notice the vehicle for a variety of reasons or simply fail to observe the standard rules of the road. Any regular driver will recognise that there are times when accidents are only narrowly avoided and emergency services vehicle drivers are no different. For example, in mid November an ambulance carrying a seriously ill child was involved in a collision just outside Carlow as the vehicle was taking the child from Waterford to Dublin. The collision happened late at night when the ambulance reportedly hit a car that was turning right – just as it was about to overtake it.

BACKLOG

A Garda press office spokeswoman confirmed that there are guidelines for managing pursuit situations, but that since the guidelines are a part of an internal document the details of which cannot be disclosed outside of the Force. However, previous comments indicate that by and large a 'softly softly' approach is taken to speeding vehicles and that Garda vehicles will only engage in high speed chases if it is felt that such an action is vital to the saving of life or if there is the potential for serious injury. While it is clear that the number of accidents is not officially a cause for serious concern, GRA president Michael Kirby is concerned that members of the force are driving with no specialist training. "The backlog of applications for driving courses at the training college in Templemore and in Dublin mean a number of Garda are driving patrol cars with nothing more than a full, clean driving licence," he said.

SAFETY

"Our concern is for the safety of Garda in high risk situations. While advanced training is not so much of an issue for someone making routine enquiries as part of a standard investigation, operational personnel are often working in critical situations. The standard of training is high but the schools cannot cope – and our members want to be trained."

UNDERSTAFFED

Michael Delaney, an instructor at the driving school in Templemore, admits the facility is understaffed and that it could train many more drivers. "We currently take between 18 and 21 per course, which runs for two weeks. Every course is full and if resources were not an issue we could fill as many places again."

He says the failure rate is quite low – usually about two out of 18 – and that those who fail are given the opportunity to take the course again, although they have to wait between four and 12 weeks to get another slot. "If their performance is poor they re-take the whole course, but if they were close to passing first time they come back for one week."

DEFENSIVE

The course is based on teaching defensive driving techniques and putting them into practice. In particular participants are shown how to handle more powerful cars – the average vehicle has a two litre engine. Following a day of theory, drivers are taken onto public roads in groups of three with an instructor where they alternate between taking the wheel and observing from the rear. Michael Delaney admits that two weeks is not a lot of time, considering participants are allowed a half day to travel to Templemore and are discharged by 2pm on the final day of the course. Public holidays also eat into the time allowed for instruction and he acknowledges



that if the resources were available, three week courses would be beneficial. Additional resources would also allow for the provision of more instructors and more vehicles to train new drivers. The instructors are all serving members of the force who undertake their instructor and advanced driver training in Templemore under direction of other Garda.

CHALLENGING

Demand for driver training has increased as the age profile of the force, particularly in Dublin, continues to fall. The course is much sought after by those anxious to get off the beat and as such is a valuable step in career development. Some driver training is also conducted in Phoenix Park under the auspices of the main driving school. Michael Delaney says, "The idea of using the Phoenix Park for driver training was to take up the slack from the DMR and clear the backlog from Templemore, but while that was initially planned to happen within two years there is no sign that it will happen in the immediate future."

CONTENTIOUS

Michael Delaney's other concern is that there is no specific driver training in relation to response calls where vehicles are often driven through traffic at high speeds. He also admits that in an ideal world there would be more follow-up with those who have passed the course. Currently, the only time a Garda goes back to the course is if he or she is found culpable in an accident. Of course, Gardaí are not the only emergency service personnel on the roads of Ireland. Fire appliance and ambulance drivers have to cope with similarly challenging situations, although the situation with regard to training is less contentious.

SUCCESS RATE

Prospective fire appliance drivers take a two week course at the Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre in Marino. Instructor Robbie Hedderman explained how the process of training a fire brigade/ambulance driver works. He said, "We have a full driving school here in Marino and prospective drivers are also taken onto the road under instruction from fire brigade staff. On the last day of the two week course they take a test, which is under the auspices of the Department of the Environment as it is for the regular driving test. Each course has an average of three participants and the average success rate is in the order of 80-90 per cent."

NOT ENDANGERED

Those who pass the test successfully receive a HGV licence. They are then sent back to their station to familiarise themselves with the vehicles under non-emergency situations. However, this is far from the end of their training since the instructor will then take them through an EFAB course, which consists of lectures covering relevant laws and bylaws.

As Robbie Hedderman was keen to point out, while emergency vehicles are exempt from some bylaws, for example those relating to red lights, this does not mean the drivers have a free hand to drive through red lights in any situation. "Drivers can pass through a red light in an emergency situation provided other road users are not endangered," he explained.

"After the lectures we take them out and try to teach them the right way of driving on different types of road," he added. "One of the most important elements of this is how to

avoid other road users where possible, rather than always relying on other motorists avoiding the emergency vehicle." In the past the sight of fire appliances weaving through traffic was not uncommon – now drivers are encouraged to drive in straight lines where possible to avoid confusing other motorists or forcing them to make excessive manoeuvres. Drivers are taken through their paces gradually, starting at relatively low speeds. They are also encouraged to analyse each emergency situation and its implications for their actions – a judge is unlikely to look favourably on an ambulance driver who endangered other road users by breaking a red light with a patient with a broken ankle in the back. This is particularly important since they are driving under their own licence and are not exempt from prosecution.

"Once we are happy with their performance we 'sign them up' and they then come under the control of their own officer," said Robbie Hedderman. "However, they are constantly assessed and if the station office has any concerns about a driver he can be reassessed and in serious cases grounded."

NERVOUS

There is no set time period during which potential fire appliance/ambulance drivers have to complete this process. "The main consideration is that they are comfortable driving in emergency situations," concluded Robbie Hedderman. "Drivers who fail the initial test because they were nervous may be given another chance. With personnel retiring all the time there is an ongoing need for new drivers, both to replace retiring staff and to take the pressure off other personnel."

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"GOING POSTAL"

In extreme cases, bullying can have severe consequences, writes **John A. Butler**, which resulted in some American Vietnam Veterans 'going postal'.

In the July 2003 issue of the Garda Review there was an excellent article written by Patrick McGrath titled 'Bullying Takes Many Forms'. All police forces and armies have bullying in some shape or form – and these cases should be brought into the open and freely discussed. Men, especially, who may be bullied are often reluctant to discuss their situation for fear that they may be considered to be 'less macho' than their colleagues; and it is thought that only eight percent of the people who are bullied actually draw the situation to the attention of their senior officers – though one must consider that it is very possible that a senior officer is the bully. If safe work practice is involved and the case is drawn to the attention of the Health & Safety Authority one is likely to receive

advice that the circumstances should be drawn to the attention of the Safety Officer and to the complainant's senior officer. If the bully is the complainant's senior officer - and if the bully is also senior to the rank of the Safety Officer - it can leave the victim in an uncertain limbo.

BACKLASH

It is also alleged that some 47 percent of their colleagues are aware of the situation of bullying but are reluctant to get involved for fear of a backlash from the bully by reporting the problem themselves to a senior officer. In the years to come, that may no longer be a voluntary act on their part. According to present British law, anyone who becomes aware of something that is a danger to the physical or

psychological safety of a fellow employee has a 'duty of care' to report such information to somebody who has the authority to deal with it. I do not know what the Irish law is on that aspect but I doubt if it would be as clear-cut as the British requirement in that regards.

EMPLOYERS ESCAPE HATCH

There is an 'out' weakness in the above requirement. If told officially that they have a problem involving bullying in the work place employers are forced to take action to eradicate the practice in their work force. If the employer suspects that an employee's high stress level is due to bullying in the work place he can send the employee to be counselled by an outside agency. In theory the outside agency counsellor is not required by law

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to inform the employer of his problem of bullying in the work place even though the employer is probably paying the counsellor's fees.

That allows the employer to plead that he was not made aware of the problem should the employee later raise the matter in a court of law. If the Court accepts that pleading then the employer is unlikely to be held responsible if the problem of bullying continues. If the victim employs the counsel through the agency of a solicitor it becomes a different ballgame. Unfortunately, often the employers only take notice when a solicitor becomes involved in the proceedings.

PUBLICITY SPOTLIGHT

If bullies become aware that their actions are known and are seen for what they are by many, rather than confined by secrecy between two parties, they may be shamed into changing their approach to their colleagues.

Bullying exists in the Army, the Navy, the Police force, the Fire Brigade, the local authorities, etc. A position of power encourages bullying. Recognising that the problem exists and where it exists is part of the solution. It is alleged that the problem had existed in the RIC and has existed in the Garda Síochána since it was first formed. It would be 'pussy-footing' the issue to pretend that the problem no longer exists.

RISK

Bullying may take various forms. One of the worse types of bullying is when it increases the risk to the life and limb of the victim. If the spotlight of publicity is brought to bear on the problem it might minimise it. If any case of bullying is brought to the attention of management and management fails to take action to stop the practice the level of compensation now available to the victims should give management pause for thought. Bullying of people by superior officers has been called 'old style management', aggressive macho management, and conflict simulation management'. They may call it all the fancy names they wish - but essentially it is 'bullying' disguised under another name.

LINE MANAGER

I discussed the problem of 'bullying' with one of my sons. He drew on his own experience and told me the following story.

"One of the best line managers I ever worked with learned to be a leader in life-or-death situations as a young sergeant in Vietnam. His name was Gregg. He had served his country as close to the enemy as anyone could get. He learned at a very early stage that his life and the lives of his companions rested in the hands

of each individual in his platoon. It was really a case of 'All for One and One for All' if one was to survive the battlefield conflict. War breeds hate and fear. After engagements in the battlefield it was not unusual for the bodies of the enemy to be savagely mutilated. The sergeant encouraged his men to tone down the excesses of mutilation and be content with taking the ears of the dead enemies. Other platoons continued with the former practices.

OUTPOST OVERRUN

One day he woke up in his outpost to find himself and his men surrounded by Viet Cong actually within their outpost. He thought that death was around the corner for him. To his good fortune he found that the Viet Cong were in very poor physical condition. The Viet Cong had come into the outpost for medical help and to surrender. He was convinced that they had decided to surrender to his platoon because his men only took ears as souvenirs.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

He said that the life expectancy of 'body count' officers was quite short. These officers fresh from the safety of the United States were keen to supply reports of heavy engagements and inflating the 'body counts' of the enemy. Once the actions of the fresh officer indicated that he was prepared to accept large casualties of his own men to gain his gloriously inflated body count of the enemy the clock of his remaining days alive started to loudly tick. It was not unknown for a hand to roll a live grenade - minus its safety pin - under the officer's cot or for the officer to 'accidentally' walk direct into the line of friendly fire during the next engagement with the enemy.

VETERANS BLAMED

Essentially the USA lost the war in Vietnam and the Americans were only too well aware of that. Many Americans were -and still are - ashamed that they had been defeated in Vietnam. When the Vietnam War veterans returned home they were largely treated as outcasts and bore the blame for their defeat. Few soldiers had volunteered to fight in Vietnam. When they got there they largely fought to stay alive. It was hard experience and psychologically it left its mark on them. When they returned to the USA adequate funding was not made available by their government for hospital treatment or counselling. Few jobs were open to them. In the USA, postal services were run along paramilitary lines and are one of the poorer paid jobs in the USA. A number of veterans got employment in the postal services and in low-paid fast food outlets.

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A number of Vietnam veterans experienced bullying in the postal services. In general the

bullies were supervisors. As their stress levels of the veterans increased it reached a point when it resulted in a psychological breakdown and the veterans instinctively reacted as in their Vietnam days. They paid a visit to their homes and made a return visit to their workplace accompanied with a gun.

Bang! Bang! And one or more bullies plus some unfortunate bystanders would 'bite the dust'. Frequently the shooter turned the gun on himself. In the workplace - that happened with such frequency that it gave rise to the phrase 'He's going postal'. When that first happened there was a rapid decline in the number of cases of bullying of Vietnam Veterans in the postal services - but it did not stop it completely.

That reaction to bullying was not confined to Vietnam Veterans. Now and again a bullied employee would 'go postal' again and there would be more shootings. Essentially for some bullied employees it was a case of 'If you are driving me to suicide - then you are coming too.' Another phrase that became a cliché - in that context - was; 'It is better to be tried by twelve people than to be carried by six'.

POST-VIETNAM WAR

After the Vietnam War the former sergeant, Gregg, attempted to keep in touch with the members of his old platoon and encouraged them in every way he could. Gregg carried his leadership into civilian life as a maintenance manager. If he was required to call his maintenance team into work any morning at about 4am, to tackle an emergency, it was not unusual to find that Gregg had prepared breakfast for them. As each one entered the room Gregg would welcome him with a big smile and hand him his breakfast. When his men left to tackle the emergency Gregg knew that each of them had sufficient food in their bellies to keep them going for about four hours.

Cancer alleged to have been caused by Agent Orange, the chemical used to defoliate the Vietnam forests and increase the killing zone around an outpost, was the long-term bullet that eventually killed Gregg. He was a man I would have liked to know personally.

WHO MADE THE SELECTION?

A person who has the management skill to forge and strengthen a team spirit among his staff never has to resort to bullying. If one has to resort to using that tactic then he lacks the training and ability to be a manager or a supervisor. The situation also points the finger at a weakness in the selection skills of the Human Resources personnel. GR

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SOMETHING DIFFERENT

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Many people misunderstand acupuncture as a tool for well-being. **Neil Ward** accepted an invitation by Dan-Tien's expert Dave Shipsey to give it a try.



PINPOINTING THE PROBLEM

On arriving at Dave Shipsey's complimentary health studio in Christchurch, Dublin, I was filled with curiosity and a little apprehension. I needn't have worried. By the time we actually got around to any treatment I was completely at ease, having spent nearly half an hour discussing my digestive and sleeping habits, and general well-being, in the kind of detail that my GP has never had the time to go into. There was even something of a therapeutic value in having someone listen to my medical history and take a keen interest in my dietary and resting habits, as well as my emotional states and anxieties. To help Dave pinpoint any problems he used 'Tongue Diagnosis' – an age old technique that involved looking at my tongue four or five times.

THE TONGUE TELLS ALL

Dave says, "Tongues vary – in colour, moisture content and texture – some may even quiver. It takes experience to read a tongue but it is an accurate indicator of the body's state. This diagnosis is often augmented by taking the pulse. There are six pulses on each wrist which correspond to each of the organs e.g. right hand pulse indicates the condition of the Lung/ Large intestine, Stomach/ Spleen/ Kidney / Urinary Bladder.

"The pulse will confirm your diagnosis from the other methods such as asking observing palpating tongue etc."

AT THE SHARP END

It was not at all painful – for me the very notion of acupuncture had always conjured images of the old 'Hellraiser' posters. How wrong I was. The sensation is not unpleasant, almost unnoticeable if coinciding with an intake of breath. The Chinese-made needles are very fine, sterile and used only once. Treatment typically involves 8-10 needles, "Less is more," says Dave. I slept very well, without a single ache or pain.

Each needle provoked a different reaction. Some seemed electric; others more anaesthetic – some radiated outwards and some just concentrated energy. For fifteen minutes or so I was left in a state of grace – not daring to move – or perhaps incapable of movement. But the brain was left with a child-like clear view of the world. I could possibly have drifted into sleep; but stayed awake to enjoy the feeling.

Dave explained, "Different treatments suit different people. The same treatment may treat different conditions in different people; the same ailment may be treated in a variety of different ways depending on the person."

GETTING THE POINT

It was several hours later that I was still feeling the benefits – almost like a mild hypnosis – but it raised as many questions as it answered. Yes, I probably do drink too much coffee; life would be better without that

rushed lunch...

This session would have cost the same price as a visit to a GP – yet the therapist spent significantly more time in diagnosis through an extensive consultation – and also provided a therapy. Dave diagnoses were accurate and several days later – and the treatment on my right knee is still effective; the lasting effects were that I have taken a longer look at myself regarding the common habits that I know should change – and I felt I had more energy for the few days after the treatment. I simply would not have visited the doctor without something very specific for him to treat. Like most people I suspect, I would go to my GP when I need antibiotics, strong pain killers or a referral to the hospital.

Acupuncture has now been widely accepted and recognised by the medical profession in Ireland. The Garda Medical Aid Society (and other health insurances) will pay towards treatment by registered acupuncture professionals. The Garda Medical Aid Society will cover up to £30 per visit for a maximum of ten visits in a 12-month period, subject to a letter of referral from a GP. **GR**

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Ball goes to ground. Ruck forms.

GARDA RUGBY TEAMS BATTLE WITH DEFENCE FORCES

Neil Ward reports on the rugby clash between the Garda and Defence Forces – including the first match for the women's team.

On 4 February 2004 a Garda rugby team defeated their Defence Force counterparts 14-8, in the annual battle for the Gordon Wood Trophy at Westmanstown Sports Centre. The game was preceded by a match between a Ladies team from both the Garda and Defence Forces, the first time either organization has fielded a Ladies team. This match finished with the honours even at a try a piece, 5-5, a worthy

result for both teams on their first competitive outing. Conditions were poor for an expansive game; the ground was heavy and wet and a cross wind brought intermittent heavy showers, but the passion and competitiveness of both teams in both matches was evident.

COMMITMENT

Both of the games played were representative games; with all players being either members

of the Garda or Defence Forces – with players being drawn from all over the country. The men's team included the Carlow Captain Rory Sheriff and Clontarf's Cillian Duffy. This Garda ladies team has only recently been formed; it was tried last year but there was not sufficient interest from the members – but with the growth across the country in the women's game – this year they were comfortable able to field a full side including an inter-



THIN BLUE LINE: Garda win the line out



S/Garda Kate Moran (with headgear) leads the Garda Team.



Inspector Eamon O'Grady



Garda Ladies XV 2004



CHARGE DOWN: Defence Forces' Centre tries to chip ahead while Garda close in.



CLAPPED OUT: The Defence Forces applaud the Garda.

national and several regular club players. While lacking some of the power and impact of the men's game; there was no lack in the commitment.

COMPETITIVE

Garda Fiona Devaney from Kells Garda station holds seven caps for Ireland – having played in the World Cup in May 1998 - was scrum-half for the Garda Ladies Team. She

said, "Prior to today I hadn't played a competitive match since the Holland match in the World Cup, because of an injured shoulder. I came out of retirement for this game.

"The women's game is really taking off in Ireland now – there are now some 30 clubs. When I started playing it was completely different – I had to start off playing mini-rugby with the boys in Creggs, Co Roscommon,

which was unusual at the time. I took my younger brother along, and really wanted to play myself. That's how I started, but it's much easier to get started now."

SOCIAL

S/Garda Kate McCarthy plays competitive rugby for the Clonakilty Club and is the main co-ordinator of the team in the Garda College. She captained the Garda Team; and played an



Scrum Down



ON THE RUN: Garda attack again



Garda Fiona Devaney from Kells



CUT ABOVE: Garda win vital possession



THINK TANK: Garda Forwards plan the next assault.



BLACK & BLUE: The front rows confront each other. Garda (Black) and Defence Fordees (Blue).

influential role and provided the inspiration for her team mates. She said, "It was a good result for us today. I thought the team put in tremendous effort and you can't ask for more than that. This match should, hopefully, 'kick-start' a Garda ladies team - and add a modern dimension to Garda Rugby. The result really sets it up for next year. It was a good standard for teams on their first time out.

"Rugby is notorious for its social element - and it is no different for us. We are very open to new players - who can get started straight away. The only specialised kit you need it a gumshield. The game is played the same way as the men - it is a contact sport - but safety is addressed and players are not thrown in at the deep end; there is training to show how to play the game safely."

Garda Fiona Moran from Rathfarnham Garda Station and Garda Emma Ryan from Store

Street Station are the contacts for anyone wishing to play the sport.

PEDIGREE

The Garda Rugby Football Club (RFC) has both a first and second XV - with the first team playing in Leinster League Division 1. Garda members comprise about 80% of the teams - largely drawn from the DMR. Inspector Eamon O'Grady is attached to Tallaght Garda Station - though on temporary secondment to Harcourt Square - and he is the PRO and contact for the team. He says, "We are always on the lookout for new members. The demands on Garda resources make it increasingly difficult to find new members to commit to training and matches."

"Garda Rugby has a good pedigree - and only last October - an Ireland Combined Police Team won an international 10s tournament in Cyprus. Representatives from both the Garda

Síochána and the PSNI - captained by Ronnie Cary (a former Irish International) beat an RAF team in the final - after a sudden-death playoff - following a 12-12 at the end of normal time. The winning try was scored by the athletic Brendan Burke." GR

Garda RFC Training is twice per week - on Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm - in Westmanstown. Contact Eamon O'Grady on 086-8282046

GORDON WOOD TROPHY

Gordon Wood was the first coach to the Garda Rugby Club - and was himself a British & Irish Lion in the 1950s. His son, Keith Wood, is the former Ireland Captain and Hooker.

A TALE FROM TWO CITIES

In both 2001 and 2002 the Waterford/Kilkenny Division recorded the best detection rates in the country. **Neil Ward** visited Kilkenny and Waterford Garda Stations.



D/Garda Liam Maher in the D-Branch Office of Kilkenny Garda Station. Liam is the third member of the GRA District Committee, with Garda Tim O'Connor and D/Garda Martin Power.

Waterford Garda Station is the Divisional Headquarters; Kilkenny Garda Station is the regional office. "Garda accommodation in the Division is generally good and progressing at a reasonable pace", says Garda Ned Hogan, the Chairman of the GRA Divisional Committee stationed at Waterford. He adds, "We have many new stations and others are in the pipeline." Waterford is the main population centre with some 50,000 inhabitants in the expanding, multicultural city with the associated problems of most urban centres – with larcenies and burglaries being the prevalent problems. There are also public order problems throughout the Division; with drink-related difficulties and the use of 'recreational' drugs growing among the younger residents.

The Division attracts a considerable amount of tourism; with its heritage, golf facilities and coastline. Waterford, Dungarvan and Tramore attract golf fanatics from all over the world – as does Thomastown with its world-renowned Mount Juliet Golf Club. Lismore is

a heritage town with attractive fishing made famous by the English Duke of Devonshire. Tramore, Dungarvan and Dunmore East offer seaside holiday accommodation that draws a big influx of holidaymakers through the Division – especially from the North during July and August. The area has a good name for tourism and is regarded as very safe for visitors. Kilkenny attracts the stag and hen parties, and thousands of visitors on weekend breaks as the area is steeped in heritage – including the Rothe House a Tudor merchant's house, perhaps unique in Ireland.

Waterford and Tramore have a considerable amount of juvenile crime, with around 1000 referrals to the JLOs. The Division piloted the restorative justice scheme – putting offenders face-to-face with their victims. Ned Hogan is himself one of the two JLOs at Waterford Station. He says, "In our view the scheme is very effective, but equally it is very time consuming; some 20-30 hours of Garda time is necessary for each case that we deal with.

"There is no obvious explanation for these

high levels of youth offending; it's mainly shoplifting, underage drinking and drug abuse that are brought to our attention. I'm not sure – but are these figures on a par with Dublin?"

The pattern is similar in the Kilkenny District, where D/Sergeant Jim Lyng says, "Youth crime is 'heavy enough' with around 460 referrals per year – mostly underage drinking, possession of 'recreational' drugs and associated public order offences. Perhaps the high rate of youth offending is a result of the implementation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act."

Garda Christine Manning is the Division's Crime Collator. One of her main tasks is to collate information on permanently active criminal gangs operating out of the Division. One such gang is active nationwide – and are constantly changing vehicles. Christine says, "I produce a regular bulletin which circulates information around the Division; a paper-based exercise that is quite labour intensive



Kilkenny Garda Station

FACTS & FIGURES

The Division has in the region of around 340 members in the five districts of Waterford (143), Kilkenny (74), Dungarvan (48), Thomastown (35) and Tramore (37). There are 36 Garda Stations in the Division; sixteen of them are one-person stations to police an area of 3597 square kilometres and a population of 160,000 – that is seasonally swelled by the tourist industry. In 2002, members in the Division produced a remarkable detection rate of 55% - attributed to the diligence of the personnel.

but is essential to providing a stream of intelligence.

"Here's where PULSE has helped out a lot – especially with my role. It's planned that members will put their own intelligence onto PULSE in the future. Crime collators do have some reservations about this practice – as there could be considerable duplication which might not be the most economical use of resources."

WATERFORD GARDA STATION

Waterford Station is on the main route from Cork to Rosslare; so a considerable amount of traffic passes through the area. The city itself is a ferry port, servicing container ships and the cattle boats to North Africa – that often attract animal rights protestors. A bypass is planned for the city and construction is just beginning, which will include a new river crossing to remove trucks from the increasingly-pedestrianised city. This has had a knock-on effect on parking, which has become a big issue.

Waterford city is thriving. There is a new marina, cruising boats on the river and walks along the banks. The city corporation are widely acknowledged for their efforts over the last ten years. The Waterford Institute of Technology is pushing hard for university status and is expanding into one of the residential areas – with over 6000 full-time students.

Ned says, "This vast number of students can generate work for us – but there are no specific problems associated with them. The community policing unit here operates a 'campus watch' scheme in conjunction with the college.

"The community policing unit has a strength of 2+10 that operate a variety of schemes such as Business Watch and Hospital Watch. They are soon to be joined by a four-person bike unit. The regular units are 2+13 – but even these numbers are insufficient for the increasing demands placed upon them. Waterford Garda Station is the only station in the city."

The station also accommodates a Traffic Unit (1+6), a Crime Unit (1+9), a D-Branch (1+5) and a Drugs Unit (1+5). The drugs unit seized 530 items last year, mostly cannabis and cocaine; indicative of the use of 'recreational' drugs in the Division. The station boasts the highest drug detection rate in the region.

The Waterford District Crime Unit deal with an average of 1.5 murders each year. Last year they had to investigate the 'circumcision' death of a baby born to Nigerian parents. The case attracted significant media attention and interest from a range of agencies. This was the first case of its kind in the country. It was a 'very distressing experience' for the officers who attended the scene. The cross-cultural nature of the case made it especially sensitive



L-R: S/Garda Martin O'Connell and Shane O'Connell attached to Kilkenny Garda Station. The lads stress that they are not related!



Garda Aidan Fitzpatrick in the public office of Kilkenny Garda Station.

– and has even resulted in the South-Eastern Health Board now offering this as a service in certain circumstances. With over 2000 crimes per year being investigated by the crime unit a mountain of paperwork is created – especially files prepared for the Superintendent and the DPP. The D/Superintendent based here is also attached to the South eastern region.

Turnover of staff is high in Waterford Garda Station. Ned explains, "A generation gap has appeared between members with senior and junior members and there is not the socialising between units that there used to be. During the 1980s there was a spell where we had few new members allocated to the station and this has resulted in a gap – there are fewer members with medium service."

Despite this, the station party has raised a considerable amount of money for local charities – Ned thinks that this is in excess of __ million. Ned has a particular interest in welfare – a member of the GRA Welfare Committee – and

also runs a variety of sports and fitness events in the station – for both members and civilians from the local community. Gardaí from Waterford Station are also heavily involved in outreach work and sports events to help divert young people away from crime.

Ned says, "This is a large, mixed station. Jerry Mulligan (the other GRA Divisional Representative based in Waterford) and myself have tended to specialise – I am primarily concerned with welfare issues and Jerry looks after the legal issues. We feel that this arrangement works particularly well – it is also a bonus that this station has an AGSI/GRA office which we can use to talk privately and confidentially with our members, in a quiet and dedicated office."

KILKENNY GARDA STATION

The district of Kilkenny is largely rural; Kilkenny sub-district is urban – covering the city. The city is continuing to develop, with considerable construction work in progress on



D/Garda Martin Power and Garda Tim O'Connor in the recreation room of Kilkenny Garda Station. New office furniture has been delivered - but there is currently nowhere to utilise it.

the western side – and the district has the N9 and N10 national routes carrying considerable traffic through the area.

Assistant Commissioner Noel Smyth is attached to Kilkenny Garda Station; making it the headquarters of the South Eastern Region - as well as the District Headquarters – in the heart of the medieval city of Kilkenny. Castlecomber is a sub-district with a station party of 2+5, as is Callan (1+3), Freshford and Ballragget having a solitary Garda. The district covers the north of Co. Kilkenny.

Kilkenny City is the destination for the stag and hen weekends. D/Garda Martin Power is a representative of the GRA District Committee and he is part of the D Branch in Kilkenny. He says, "By and large the stag and



Divisional Communications Room: Gardai Alan White, Eugene Carley (Radio Technician) and Alan Stafford

hen parties are well-behaved. This does create a serious influx of people from outside the area to the nightclubs and bars at the weekends. Any trouble – of a public order nature – is usually caused by a minority." Garda Tim O'Connor is also a member of the GRA District Committee, with Martin and D/Garda Liam Maher. Tim says, "There is only so much the Gardaí can achieve – much is then down to the courts. Many of the local population have expressed their dissatisfaction with the judicial system – as many re-offenders are using the legal system to their own advantage and are back on the streets – often because of the lack of prison spaces. The closure of Spike Island will not alleviate this problem in the short term."

The district is subjected to the type of crimes

that are typical of modern Ireland – burglary, larceny and shoplifting – the latter often committed by 'awayday' visitors to the city. D/Sergeant Jim Lyng says, "Car theft is not a significant problem and while murders have averaged about one per year; last year there were none."

Tim says, "The official side have recently reported that headline crime figures were down last year – and there is a general feeling here that we had a quieter year. While the Minister attributes the fall off in public order offences to the new Garda powers – it could be linked to the fall in sales of alcohol. Generally, In-Service Training is struggling to implement training for the increased volume of new legislation. Updating our knowledge of the law is paramount - is a vital tool



Kilkenny Members L-R: D/Garda Martin Power, D/Garda Luke Kelly, D/Sergt Jim Lyng, Sgt Canice O'Gorman, Garda Tim O'Connor, Garda Aidan Fitzpatrick, Sgt Pat Phelan and Garda Joe Robinson (Waterford Division PSV Inspector).



The communications room in Kilkenny is also the public office. Here the station orderly answers the telephone, operates the radio base station, serves with the visiting public and is responsible for prisoners. Garda Paul Quirke checks the computer.



L-R: Julie Power and Fiona Murphy in the General Office, Waterford Station.



Waterford Station: Garda Kevin Nolan



L-R: Garda Jim Flahavan and Sergeant John Mulligan in the Divisional Office, Waterford Station



Waterford L-R: Francis Walsh and Garda Janet O'Neill

of our trade. I don't feel that enough resources are put into this."

The station party at Kilkenny Garda Station is in a state of transition. Martin says, "Many of the senior members have retired in recent years and are being replaced by junior members. Sergeant John Gannon is soon to retire; lots of experience and local knowledge has been lost – which takes years to obtain. The 'apprenticeship' and guidance for junior members is probably the biggest loss. Youth brings energy, enthusiasm and fresh ideas but there is no real substitute for experience."

Living accommodation is still affordable – so the members can live locally. As Tim and Martin both say, "There is a great camaraderie within the station and the members enjoy a good social life and know each other well. Sport has helped enormously – the uniform units and detectives have their own soccer teams and play their own six-a-side



Waterford Unit C. Front L-R: Garda Paula Kehoe and Garda Siobhan Keating. Back L-R: Garda Brian White, Garda Joe Cawley, Garda John Shorthill, Garda Edwin Flynn, Sgt Anthony Dineen and S/Garda Glenn Mackessy.



Waterford Station: Sergeant John Buckley (District Clerk) and Inspector Tom King



L-R: Garda Edwin Flynn, D/Sergeant John Hunt and D/Garda Fred Blackett in the Waterford District Crime Office.



Waterford Station: Garda Christine Manning, Divisional Crime Collator

soccer tournament. Thomastown and Castlecomber stations also participate."

Martin adds, "The detective branch have been the very popular winners of this tournament twice in the last three years – and we have just signed the Superintendent for our team. We have an experienced team – an average age of 41." This last sentiment is not echoed by Martin – who questions the D-branch policy of playing 'ringers'. There are other tournaments such as golf and snooker, where 'the competition is secondary to the social aspect'.

The Drugs Unit in Kilkenny has a strength of 1+2; and discovered a cocaine processing factory in the district – the first of its kind in Europe. The perpetrator was processing the drug which had been impregnated into clothing and was being crystallized back into a usable form. The technical bureau videoed



Garda Pat Doyle and Ned Hogan in the Waterford JLO Office

the facility upon seizure; for obvious reasons the processes used have been kept secret. The district also has a traffic unit (1+4), two immigration officers and two members dealing with juvenile offenders. A community Garda also operates from the station – but there are no other specialised units in the district.

Kilkenny District HQ has an acute problem with space and the members demonstrate a great flexibility in working in the cramped conditions. The recreation room is currently used to store new office furniture – which cannot be utilised because of the severe lack of office space. The station itself has no separate communications room: the station orderly is required to do all of the communications requirements from the public office – answering 999 calls as well as local enquiries, radio traffic and looking after any prisoners. Tim says, "It's a situation that is far from satisfactory. It can be stressful for the member – moreover it can be unacceptable to the public. Delays inevitably occur – which does little for our public image." GR



Waterford Garda Station



Garda Paddy Moore. 37 years service - 32 spent in waterford.

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AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA & 'THE QUIET MAN' CONNECTION

Submitted by Garda Peter M Kenny

Sergeant Richard (Dick) Farrelly
Reg. No. 8812 – From Kells, Co.
Meath. Started 01/04/42 – Retired
25/04/77. Stationed at Clontarf,
College Street, Bridewell, Sundrive
Road, Donnybrook & Dublin Castle.



Richard Farrelly or 'Dick' as he was affectionately known was born in Kells, Co. Meath, in 1916. He joined An Garda Síochána at the age of 23 and served for 38 years – the final period spent in the finance department of the Detective Unit in Dublin Castle. Dick was a songwriter who succeeded in leaving his mark upon history with his song "The Isle of Innisfree". Dick got the inspiration for this timeless classic on a bus journey to Dublin from Kells – and by the time he reached Dublin he had written the words and music of the song. That same night he committed it to manuscript and the song later went on to become a huge international hit for Bing Crosby in the 1950's. It has endured as one of Ireland's great songs.

Another member of the Force, Joe Cummiskey, has been interested in music and singing since his childhood days and took part in various Gilbert and Sullivan productions in his native Kells. Not known to many of us, Joe's claim to fame, in early 1953, is that Dick Farrelly had just composed "The Isle of Innisfree" and gave the original manuscript to Joe's sister Vera; for Joe to perform the song in public for the very first time. He sang it for the first time on the 17th March 1953, in the Vincent De Paul Hall in Kells.

Film Director John Ford on a visit to Ireland heard the tune, which was on everyone's lips at the time - and he chose it as the theme music for his film "The Quiet Man". The "Isle of Innisfree" became the love theme for Sean Thornton (John Wayne) and Mary Kate (Maureen O'Hara) and although the melody is featured well over a dozen times throughout the film including its use during the opening sequence, neither Dick Farrelly's name nor the name of the composition appeared in

the production credits. Victor Young was credited with the penning of the full musical score.

The "Isle of Innisfree" also makes an appearance in the Film "ET" where a scene from "The Quiet Man" is shown, and again the melody is used in the soundtrack of the film, "Distant Voices, Still Lives", a British film, made in 1988.

Dick Farrelly continued to write songs throughout his lifetime including "We Dreamed our Dreams", written a few years before he died and it was one of his own personal favourites. It was recorded by The Fureys & Davey Arthur on their album "The Scattering" in 1988. There now features a haunting interpretation of this song by



D/Garda Joseph Cummiskey,
Reg. No. 09691A – From Kells, Co. Meath.
Started 15/05/45 – Retired 15/05/88. Stationed at
Tina, Myshall, Garda Band, Ray, Tyrrellspass,
Greystones, Aughrim, Rathdrum & Wicklow

Sinead Stone and Gerard Farrelly, Dick's son, on their album "Legacy of a Quiet Man", which is dedicated to Dick Farrelly. Anyone who ever knew Dick Farrelly would have to agree that he was indeed a quiet gentleman.

ISLE OF INNISFREE" BY RICHARD FARRELLY

I've met some folks who say that I'm a dreamer

And I've no doubt there's truth in what they say

But sure a body's bound to be a dreamer
When all the things he loves are far away.
And precious things are dreams onto an exile
They take him o'er the land across the sea
Especially when it happens he's an exile
From that dear lovely Isle of Innisfree.

And when the moonlight peeps across the rooftops
Of this great city wondrous tho' it be
I scarcely feel its wonder or its laughter
I'm once again back home in Innisfree

I wander o'er green hill thro' dreamy valleys
And find a peace no other land could know
I hear the birds make music fit for angels
And watch the rivers laughing as they flow.
And then into a humble shack I wander
Mr dear old home, and tenderly behold
The folks I lover around the turf fire gathered
On bended knees their rosary is told.

But dreams don't last
Tho' dreams are not forgotten
And soon I'm back to stern reality
But tho' they paved the footways here with gold dust
I still would choose the Isle of Innisfree

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON NEW ST RAPHAEL'S HEADQUARTERS



Laying it on with a trowel. L-R: Mark Elliot (MD of P.Elliot & Co.), Michael O'Brien (General Manager, St Raphael's), Commissioner Noel Conroy, An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Oliver Harrington (Director, St Raphael's) and John O'Driscoll (Chairman, St Raphael's). Picture by Bill Cooper.

St Raphael's Garda Credit Union celebrated the commencement of the building work for their new headquarters on the Naas Road, when Taoiseach Bertie Ahern formally laid the foundation stone on 1st December 2004.

The 20,000 sq ft new building is designed to accommodate a banking hall, reception, offices and staff room on the ground floor – with a board room, conference room, offices and staff facilities for the upper floor. Extensive underground parking and a roof garden are also integral features in this predominately steel, stone and glass construction. A spokes man said, "The move to the Naas Road is prompted following a period of sustained growth – and we recognised the need to develop and grow the services we provide. A well located and modern, customised building was needed for this."

GARDA LADIES CHOIR RAISING FUNDS

The Garda ladies Choir report a very busy season in 2003 – with concerts in many venues all around the country. In doing so they helped many busy committees raise much needed funds for schools, hospitals and churches.

The choir are now in the process of raising their own funds so that they can continue this rewarding and enjoyable programme of performing for the public. To that end, they wish to invite all interested to their Table Quiz in the Garda Club on Harrington Street, Dublin, at 8pm on Thursday March 4th 2004. If you are interested in taking part – or wish to join the choir in another capacity – contact Angela Coyle, Chairperson at 087 127 8034 or Bernadine McEnroe on (01) 838 9811. Or you can call into the band room, Phoenix Park Headquarters, on a Tuesday night between 8 and 10pm.

MEMBERS BECOME MASTERS



Pictured at the IPA Graduation held in The Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Mon 17th Nov 2003 were members of An Garda Síochána (from left) Aidan Minnock (Ballyfermot), Andrew O'Riordan (Limerick), John McMonagle (Ballyfermot), Paul Smith (Crime and Security Garda HQ), Sgt Albert Gill (Waterford) and Detective Inspector Kevin Lynch (Crime and Security Garda HQ), all of whom received an MA in Public Management.

A MODEL GARDA

By S/Garda Nickie McMahon



On November 3rd 2003 the phase I student Gardaí at the Garda College, Templemore took to the catwalk for the public in aid of the LARCC Retreat Centre, a cancer centre in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. One of the founders of this centre was the late Ita Bourke a former resident of Templemore. The LARCC Centre aims to assist people living with cancer to deal with the fear that accompanies a cancer diagnosis.

A cheese and wine reception kick started the evening and Claire Cullinane from the Illusive Model Agency in Cork compered the show. Forty male and female phase I students took to the ramp! Fashion for the evening was provided by local shops and boutiques from both Templemore and Thurles. The fashions on display included sports and casual wear, evening and bridal wear. Guest models on the evening were Superintendent John Roche, Sergeant Mary D'Estelle Roe, Sergeant Chris Grogan and Garda Karl Fleming.

On November 11th 2003 a representative from the LARCC Retreat Centre was invited to the college and presented with a cheque for €1400, proceeds of the night.

ST RAPHAEL'S CELEBRATE 25,000 MEMBERS



Chairman of St Raphael's Garda Credit Union Ltd, John O'Driscoll presents the 25,000th member of St. Raphael's with €1,500 Voucher – which went to Student Garda Thomas Lombard, 30489A

STUDENT WINS CAR IN ST RAPHAEL'S DRAW



Student Garda Niall Crotty became the latest student to become the lucky winner of a new car in the October Car Draw by St Raphael's Garda Credit Union. Pictured at the presentation are L to R; John O'Driscoll, Student Garda Niall Crotty, Aidan Murchu, Mary d'Estelle Roe and Chief Superintendent Kevin Ludlow.

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Member in Clare Division seeks swap with member in Cork City Division.

Member in the DMR East seeks a swap with anyone in the Sligo/Leitrim or Donegal Divisions

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STORE STREET GARDAI RUN FOR AUTISM



Left to Right: Treasa Kelly, Maria Jordan, Alison O'Neill, Cormack Rennick, Michelle Kelly and Caitriona Flanagan.

For the second consecutive year Gardai from Store Street Garda Station ran the Women's Mini Marathon for Autism. The 24 members raised €2120 in 2003 which was presented to Cormac Rennick.

LAPLAND WINNER



Garda Jim, Vera, Darragh (age 10), Ciara (age 7) Rock.

Garda Jim Rock was the winner of our competition for a fabulous trip to Lapland. The Rock family went on to Lapland in December 2003 and had "an amazing time between seeing Mr. Claus himself, Reindeer rides, snowmobiling, enjoying the snow and the atmosphere."

PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION WINNER

The lucky winner of our 'Premiership' Competition (Garda Review, October 2003) was Garda Seamus Halpin from Waterford Garda Station. Seamus is a Liverpool supporter and will be making his way to Anfield on a luxury trip for two with the essential match tickets. Our congratulations to Seamus.

COISTE SIAMSA PRIZE DRAW – RESULTS FOR 2003

Draws for the 1st Quarter

1st Prize €1,000	Garda D. J. Keane	Abbeyleix	Co. Laois
2nd Prize €500	Sgt. G.F. Nohilly	Mullingar	Co. Westmeath
3rd Prize €300	Sgt. Pat Magee	Garda Museum	Dublin Castle
4th Prize €150	Sgt J. O'Riordan	Gorey	Co. Wexford
5th Prize €150	Garda J.M. Lonergan	Fethard	Co. Tipperary

Draws for the 2nd Quarter

1st Prize €1,000	Sgt E.J. Clarke	Castlebar	Co. Mayo
2nd Prize €500	D/Garda C.J. Coleman	Harcourt Square	Dublin
3rd Prize €300	P. Canavan	Salthill	Co. Galway
4th Prize €150	Garda J.J. O Gara	Ballyconnell	Co. Cavan
5th Prize €150	Sgt. T. B. Slattery	Caherconlish	Limerick City

Draws for the 3rd Quarter

1st Prize €1,000	Insp J. Castles	Wicklow	Co. Wicklow
2nd Prize €500	Insp D. Kelleher	Crumlin	Dublin
3rd Prize €300	Garda J. Foley	Ballinskelligs	Co. Kerry
4th Prize €150	Garda J.A. Griffey	Corofin	Co. Clare
5th Prize €150	Garda M.F. Keavney	Letterkenny	Co. Donegal

Draws for the 4th Quarter

1st Prize €1,000	Garda Ann Brady	Monaghan	Co. Monaghan
2nd Prize €500	Garda J. Sweeney	Donegal	Co. Donegal.
3rd Prize €300	Sgt. Angela Bates	Fitzgibbon Street	Dublin
4th Prize €150	Sgt. T. McPartland	Na Cealla Beaga	Co. Donegal
5th Prize €150	Garda K. Ruane	Carn Dolla	Co. Galway

'THE KING' RETIRES FROM AIRPORT DUTY



Frank O'Regan retired in March last year – but missed out on getting his picture into Garda Review. On Franks Last Day at Dublin Airport with Unit B - Front Row L- R: D/Sgt Paudie Curran, D/Insp Simon O'Connor, Frank O'Regan, D/Sgt Liam Tighe Back Row L- R: D/Gda Philip H.B. Fay, D/Gda John

Moffitt, D/Gda Simon Duignan, D/Gda Carol O'Sullivan and D/Gda Breandan O'Somachain. Frank was affectionately known as "The King" at Dublin airport. As with many a passing King we say we shall not see his like again! All the best to Frank from all at the Airport.

METAL FROM GUNS TO MAKE PEACE FOUNTAIN



Detective Inspector Brendan McArdle with a DSHK machine gun at Garda HQ, where up to 800 firearms seized from criminal and subversive groups were destroyed. The destroyed weapon included Heavy sub-machine guns, hand guns A47 assault rifles, sawn-off shotguns and RPG rocket launchers. They will be melted down and shipped to Ohio in the United States where they will be used to build a 'Peace Fountain'. Photo: Photocall Ireland!

GAA LEINSTER CLUB FINAL DIVIDES CELBRIDGE STATION'S LOYALTIES

The GAA Leinster Club Final played on 7th. December 2003 between 'Round Towers' of Kildare and 'St. Brigid's' of Dublin caused a unique situation; not only were two of players involved from one Garda station – but they were on opposing teams. The 20-strong station party at Celbridge in Kildare were inundated by media attention - with reporters and press photographers calling to the station; the match, played at Parnell Park was televised live on TG4.



L-R: Gardai Leonard Donlon and Dermot Cahill

Garda Dermot Cahill (Unit B) and two brothers, Declan and Martin, play for the Dublin club 'St. Brigid's'. Martin Cahill is also a Garda, stationed at Blanchardstown. Garda Leonard Donlon (Unit C) plays for Kildare's 'Round Towers'. Leonard is the son of (recently retired) D/Garda Pat Donlon; formerly of

Kildare Station.

Dermot Cahill's St. Brigid's won the game by seven points and will play 'An Gaeltacht' in the All-Ireland Club Final on the 22nd February 2004.



Throw-in Garda Leonard Donlon (Unit C) faced up to Garda Dermot Cahill (Unit B) in Celbridge's own match. Photographs by Sgt. Brian Sheridan of Celbridge Garda Station.

GARDA ARREST UCC'S PROGRESS



On Thursday the 11th December 2003, the Garda College caused a major surprise in the 2003/2004 Munster Colleges Ladies Senior Football League quarter-final by defeating a highly fancied UCC side on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-8. This was a wonderful achievement by the Garda Ladies considering that it was their first time competing at the highest level of intervarsity sports; even more remarkable when you consider the huge disparity in student numbers between UCC and the Garda College.

The game started off very evenly and the Garda College began to stamp their authority, thanks mainly to the outstanding and inspirational leadership shown by, Galway senior footballer Annette Clarke. Sloppy defending allowed UCC back into the game and the game was level at half time 1-4 to 0-4.

The introduction of Sligo's Bernie

McGowan and Tipperary's Edel Hanley along with the switching of Annette Clarke to midfield injected some urgency into the Garda attack, and the college raced into a 5 point lead thanks to an opportunist goal by Bernie McGowan. This deficit however, seemed to inspire UCC and they began to pick off points to haul themselves back into the game. A tense final few minutes saw the Garda Ladies emerge victorious by a one point margin.

Impressive for Garda on the day were Siobhan Mollahan at fullback, Aine Ni Chathain and Geraldine McCarthy in the half backline while Bernier McGowan did well on her introduction, without doubt the most impressive player on the field was Annette Clarke, the Galway Senior who seemed to be everywhere when Garda needed her.

This victory now sets up the Gardaí with a semi-final clash against UL.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

Please note that the following date has been booked for the Club Outing to Loughmourne Shooting Grounds. SUBJECT to the following conditions:

1. That Ireland's Presidency of the E.U. does not interfere with the taking of Annual leave on this day
2. That no industrial action on the part of any of our public service colleagues will prevent our taking a day off.

Wednesday 7th April 2004 - Club Outing. Because of the growing interest in this outing, accurate numbers for those intending to travel, stay for the meal etc will be required by the club.

May 23rd 2004
Garda Championships, Ashbourne

July 11th 2004
Silver Jubilee / Fundraiser Shoot, Ashbourne

Sept. 19th 2004
D.M.R. (Dublin) Garda Championships and Mick Gorry Cup, Ashbourne

Nov. 21st 2004
Garda Christmas Shoot, Ashbourne.

All shoots will have an Open competition for friends and supporters, Everyone welcome.

For more details and information, please contact Pat Cullen on 086 8191963

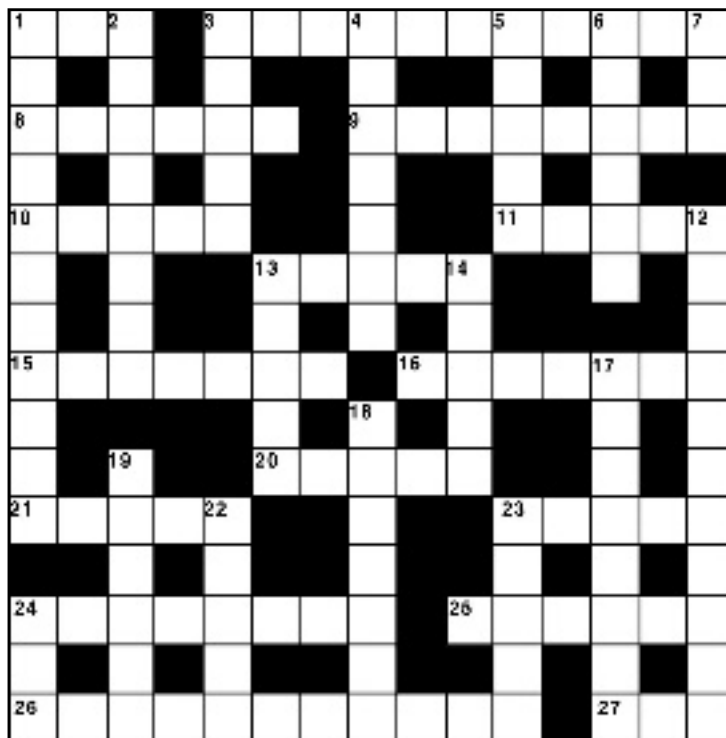
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1. A type of lettuce. (3)
3. Cocktail you buy in a hardware shop? (11)
8. Got closer in a way that might endear. (6)
9. Shipped out of the country for sale abroad. (8)
10. Team race. (5)
11. Fling to the end of the fifth row. (5)
13. Group of schoolchildren. (5)
15. Sounds like a number make a hole in the shoot. (7)
16. It helps you show a clean pair of heels! (7)
20. The 'cream', the privileged few. (5)
21. Do they act exclusively in Space Movies? (5)
23. Lizard found in the Keg Co. (5)
24. Sweat. (8)
25. Replenish. (6)
26. Argument, scuffle. (11)
27. An animal's hairy coat. (3)

Down

1. Such builders might hoodwink farm machines! (11)
2. Spring onion. (8)
3. Shabby, run-down. (5)
4. Everlasting. (7)
5. Where to perch with a broken torso. (5)
6. Electors found right in the middle of a broken 14 down. (6)
7. Fishing stick. (3)
- 12 and 13. Does such illegal activity involve the results of laundering part of a shirt? (5-6,5)
14. Cooker. (5)
17. Devilment. (8)
18. Being mental, I possibly create illness. (7)
19. This bird speaks average rubbish. (6)
22. Great. (5)
23. Inexperienced part of the golf course? (5)
24. Vegetable found in a pod. (3)



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Leo O'Brien, Rathvale Park, Dublin 13 - 25264F

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Noel Mulligan, Athlone - 19597K

YEARBOOK – BUMPER CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1. Sandstorm 6. Cracker 10. Wad 12. Ear 13. Occur 14. Awn 15. Son 16. Driving test 17. Kilogram 20. Able 21. Sails 22. Pry 23. Nicest 25. Feast 28. Depot 31. Icicle 32. Reindeer 33. Barge 34. Lobes 36. Gauntlet 38. Tattoo 39. Riots 42. Motor 46. Sherry 47. Add 48. Happy 49. Tows 50. Toboggan 53. Medicine man 56. Era 57. Obi 58. Inept 59. Lie 60. Try 61. Enlarge 62. Legislate

DOWN

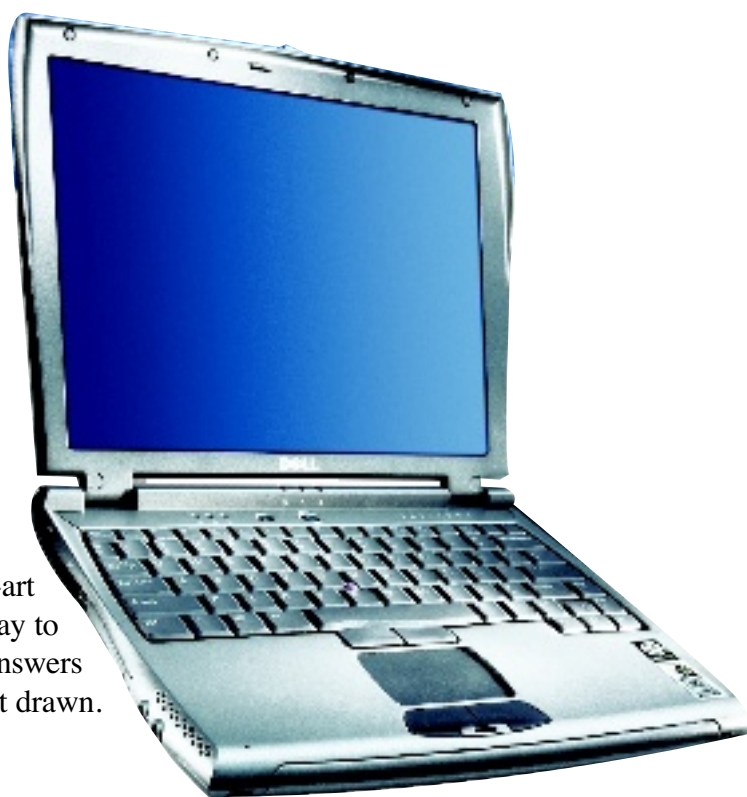
1. Stocking filler 2. Necklace 3. Scrag 4. Osaka 5. Mend 6. Cruise 7. Asti 8. Kingpin 9. Reversed 10. Waste paper 11. Donkey 18. Rat 19. Male 21. Sum 24. Smiles 26. Awe 27. Tiny Tim 29. The Holly and the Ivy 30. Beat 32. Road 35. Bloody Mary 37. Eat 40. Schedule 43. Oast 44. Drogheda 45. Special Branch 46. Sob 47. Advent 49. Tumble 51. Owing 52. Omits 54. Near 55. Noel

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- Intel Pentium M1.3GHz processor
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- 20GB HDD & 256MB RAM
- 12.1" TFT Display



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IN THE JOB

PROMOTION NOTIFICATIONS

Notification is hereby given of the promotion to the rank and pay of Inspector of the undernamed with effect from the 12th of November 2003.

REG. NO.	NAME	DIVISION
00192K	Mary Murray	Sligo/Leitrim
19540E	Thomas Fox	Louth/Meath

Notification is hereby given of the promotion to the rank and pay of Sergeant of the undernamed with effect from the 11th of December 2003.

REG. NO.	NAME	DIVISION
23239D	Michael Macken	Technical Bureau

Notification is hereby given of the promotion to the rank and pay of Sergeant of the undernamed with effect from 20 January 2004.

REG. NO.	NAME	DIVISION
24034F	Derek Gallagher	Carlow/Kildare
25464K	John Murphy	Cork North
25469L	Stephen Power	Telecommunications

TRANSFERS

The transfer of the following shall take effect as set out hereunder :-

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	FROM	TO	DATE
20760H	Aidan Boyle	Insp.	Command & Control	Baltinglass	17/12/2003
24166M	Paul Slattery	Sergt.	Raheny	Howth	03/12/2003
00273K	Rosemary O'Shea	Sergt.	Passage West	Anglesea St.	22/12/2003
22311E	John Minnock	Sergt.	Dromad	Dundalk	04/12/2003
19714K	Cornelius Horan	Sergt.	Croom	Henry Street	25/11/2003
25129A	Daniel Cronin	Sergt.	Mayorstone Pk	Mary Street	17/12/2003
24849E	Michael Gubbins	Sergt.	Donnybrook	G.B.F.I.	17/12/2003
27522M	Sean McClafferty	Garda	Store Street	G.B.F.I.	17/12/2003
01344G	Celine Ryle	Garda	Blackrock	G.B.F.I.	17/12/2003
27734G	Alan Egan	Garda	Tallaght	G.B.F.I.	17/12/2003
26551K	Karl Moriarty	Garda	Shankill	G.B.F.I.	17/12/2003
01359E	Deirdre Heneghan	Garda	Store Street	G.B.F.I.	17/12/2003
00740D	Natalie Moore	Garda	Garda Mounted Unit	Operational Support Unit	22/12/2003
26517K	Colm O'Flaherty	Garda	Togher	Passage West	17/12/2003
27323F	Patrick McGirl	Garda	Kildare	Naas	10/12/2003
20687C	John Nugent	Garda	Dungarvan	Aglish	17/12/2003
29092M	Robert Lewis	Garda	Tramore	Waterford	16/10/2003
00801L	Tracey Stanley	Garda	Ennis	Sixmilebridge	17/12/2003
27830M	Kenneth Coughlan	Garda	Kevin Street	H.R.M.	01/12/2003
18890E	Mathew Givens	Garda	Kilkenny	Galway	08/12/2003
23168A	Michael Quinn	Garda	H.R.M.	Kilkenny	08/12/2003
01385D	Michelle Egan	Garda	Dublin Airport	Waterford	17/12/2003
24070B	Peter Dunphy	Garda	Rathgormack	Dublin Airport	17/12/2003
25112G	Brian Frost	Garda	Wexford	Oylegate	17/12/2003
25976D	Myles Rooney	Garda	Waterford	Kilmacthomas	16/10/2003
27824F	Raymond Byrne	Garda	Store Street	Ronanstown	09/12/2003
24760L	Graham Greene	Garda	Sundrive Road	Blanchardstown	09/12/2003
29134L	Amanda Twomey	Garda	Stepaside	Tallaght	12/12/2003
26648E	Mark Darmody	Garda	H.R.M.	Cashel	17/12/2003
21615A	Donal Doyle	Sergt.	Donnybrook	G.A.S.U.	02/01/2004
21355A	John Liston	Sergt.	Fermoy	Mitchelstown	22/12/2003
20793D	Edward O'Connor	Sergt.	Bridewell	Defence Unit	23/12/2003
20986D	Sean Butler	Sergt.	S.D.U.	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	FROM	TO	DATE
20682B	Ciaran Walsh	Sergt.	G.N.D.U.	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
00138D	Mary Thornton	Garda	Security & Intelligence	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
23377C	Maurice Downey	Garda	Cabra	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
26891G	Francis Lavin	Garda	Fitzgibbon St.	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
26778C	Joseph Clare	Garda	Pearse St.	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
25244A	Raymond Flannery	Garda	Finglas	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
27159D	Michael Griffin	Garda	Tallaght	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
26412A	Gary McCabe	Garda	Mountjoy	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
22908C	Richard McGrath	Garda	S.D.U.	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
26765A	Ronan Biggins	Garda	Ballymun	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
26870D	Michael Neville	Garda	Store Street	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
27375K	Rowan Casey	Garda	Coolock	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
26374E	Donal Ryan	Garda	Dundrum	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
00746C	Orla Geoghegan	Garda	Ballyfermot	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
24802K	Tomas Murphy	Garda	Howth	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
26111D	Bryan McGuire	Garda	Crumlin	G.N.I.B.	17/12/2003
01303L	Sheila Brady	Garda	Blackrock	G.A.S.U.	02/01/2004
27041E	Peter Shovlin	Garda	Rush	G.A.S.U.	02/01/2004
01239D	Carmel Dalton	Garda	Tallaght	G.A.S.U.	02/01/2004
27884L	Peter Clifford	Garda	Santry	G.A.S.U.	02/01/2004
27079B	David Kenny	Garda	Finglas	G.A.S.U.	02/01/2004
25916M	James Buggie	Garda	Command & Control	G.A.S.U.	02/01/2004
24680H	John Considine	Garda	Castlereagh	Roscommon	07/01/2004
24445G	Peter Davey	Garda	Ballyshannon	Bundoran	22/12/2003
26502M	Francis Lavin	Garda	Bundoran	Donegal	22/12/2003
25783D	Eric McGovern	Garda	Technical Bureau	Ashbourne	07/01/2004
25545K	Gerard Collins	Garda	Ashbourne	Dundalk	07/01/2004
29233H	Hugh O'Donnell	Garda	Dundalk	Dromad	07/01/2004
27492E	Gerard Galwey	Garda	Dundrum	Tullamore	07/01/2004
21897K	Peter Devine	Garda	N.B.C.I.	Westport	07/01/2004
28276F	Brian White	Garda	Carrigaline	Bishopstown	08/10/2003
23696K	Shane Gallagher	Garda	Cabra	Security & Intelligence	07/01/2004
28819E	Josephine Kिरrane	Garda	Galway	Manorhamilton	19/12/2003
21269E	Jerard Enright	Sergt.	Abbeyfeale	Newcastle West	21/01/2004
22562B	James Fox	Sergt.	Sligo	Manorhamilton	21/01/2004
21929M	Paul Williams	Sergt.	Gorey	Wicklow	21/01/2004
23505K	Terence Kenny	Sergt.	Wicklow	Gorey	21/01/2004
23230M	Joseph O'Hara	Sergt.	Sundrive Road	Shankill	21/01/2004
01083K	Siobhan McDermott	Garda	Kilmainham	Kevin Street	19/01/2004
29877H	Andrew Lyons	Garda	Raheny	Clondalkin	21/01/2004
27561A	John Coughlan	Garda	Coolock	Roundwood	21/01/2004
27230B	Martin Kehoe	Garda	Roundwood	Arklow	21/01/2004
28241C	Mark Cushen	Garda	Pearse Street	Caherciveen	21/01/2004
27182K	Fergal O'Connor	Garda	Tallaght	Blessington	21/01/2004
23195K	Michael Shevlin	Garda	Milford	Churchill	21/01/2004
29891C	Michelle O'Leary	Garda	Donnybrook	Tipperary Town	21/01/2004
25624B	Gary Rayner	Garda	Enniscorthy	Wexford	21/01/2004
29870M	Jennifer Stones	Garda	Lucan	Portlaoise	21/01/2004
24216M	Patrick Cunningham	Garda	Buncrana	Carndonagh	21/01/2004
26289G	David Clifford	Garda	Security & Intelligence	Balbriggan	21/01/2004
27633B	Thomas Griffin	Garda	Crime & Security	Ronanstown	19/01/2004
22052C	David McInerney	Sergt.	Irishtown	Community Relations	04/02/2004
24145H	Vincent Markey	Sergt.	Security & Intelligence	S.D.U.	22/01/2004
21365K	Gerard Lennon	Sergt.	Granard	Kilbeggan	04/02/2004
23931C	Francis McGrath	Sergt.	Blanchardstown	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
23761B	Eamon Cowzer	Sergt.	Sundrive Road	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
24905L	John Stratford	Sergt.	Store Street	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
24589E	Paul Bourke	Garda	Clontarf	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
24862B	Derek Smith	Garda	Blanchardstown	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
26925E	Aidan Doherty	Garda	Finglas	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
26405K	Mark Anderson	Garda	Coolock	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
27378C	Raymond O'Connor	Garda	Crumlin	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
27441M	Bernard Davin	Garda	Dublin Airport	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
00758G	Geraldine Kinane	Garda	Pearse Street	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	FROM	TO	DATE
26099A	Mark Massey	Garda	Kilmainham	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
26087H	Mervyn Minto	Garda	Donnybrook	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
00726K	Mary Tarpey	Garda	Terenure	G.N.I.B.	04/02/2004
18513B	Leonard Lennox	Garda	Newtown-mountkennedy	Wicklow	04/02/2004
28606M	Anthony Connor	Garda	Wicklow	Newtown-mountkennedy	04/02/2004
00877L	Karen Keogh	Garda	Carrick-on-Bannow	New Ross	04/02/2004
28448C	Gerard Goldrick	Garda	Dundalk	Trim	22/01/2004
25795H	Gareth Walsh	Garda	Finglas	Glenamoy	04/02/2004
25278F	Christopher Walsh	Garda	Cabra	Celbridge	04/02/2004
27289B	Bernard Heaney	Garda	Celbridge	Enfield	04/02/2004
28442D	James Buckley	Garda	Balbriggan	Cabra	04/02/2004
01034M	Karen Ryan	Garda	Waterford	Dungarvan	04/02/2004
28675C	Patrick Healy	Garda	Waterford	Tramore	04/02/2004
29673B	Kieran Fitzgerald	Garda	Kells	Athlone	04/02/2004
27773H	Bryan Moroney	Garda	Howth	Kells	04/02/2004
27752E	David Lynam	Garda	Rathmines	Athlone	04/02/2004

ALLOCATIONS

The allocation of the following personnel shall take effect as set out hereunder :-

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	STATION	ALLOCATION	DATE
22866D	Kevin Donohoe	Supt.	Liaison & Protection	Detective Duties	12/08/03
23239D	Michael Macken	Sergt.	Technical Bureau	Detective Duties	11/12/03
20986D	Sean Butler	Sergt.	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
20682B	Ciaran Walsh	Sergt.	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
00138D	Mary Thornton	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
23377C	Maurice Downey	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26891G	Francis Lavin	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26778C	Joseph Clare	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
25244A	Raymond Flannery	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
27159D	Michael Griffin	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26412A	Gary McCabe	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
22908C	Richard McGrath	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26765A	Ronan Biggins	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26870D	Michael Neville	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
27375K	Rowan Casey	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26374E	Donal Ryan	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
00746C	Orla Geoghegan	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
24802K	Tomas Murphy	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26111D	Bryan McGuire	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
24680H	John Considine	Garda	Roscommon	Detective Duties	07/01/04
19127B	Brendan Kerins	Garda	Ballinasloe	Detective Duties	07/01/04
26075D	Noel Greaney	Garda	Castlereagh	Detective Duties	07/01/04
23696K	Shane Gallagher	Garda	Security & Intelligence	Detective Duties	07/01/04
24849E	Michael Gubbins	Sergt.	G.B.F.I.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
27522M	Sean McClafferty	Garda	G.B.F.I.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
01344G	Celine Ryle	Garda	G.B.F.I.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
27734G	Alan Egan	Garda	G.B.F.I.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26551K	Karl Moriarty	Garda	G.B.F.I.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
01359E	Deirdre Heneghan	Garda	G.B.F.I.	Detective Duties	17/12/03
00366B	Pauline McDonagh	Garda	Sligo	Detective Duties	17/12/03
26816L	Peter Cullen	Garda	Sligo	Detective Duties	17/12/03
24812F	Andrew McGauran	Garda	Carrick-on-Shannon	Detective Duties	17/12/03
18447M	Peter Mullen	Garda	Ballymote	Detective Duties	17/12/03
22562B	James Fox	Sergt.	Manorhamilton	Detective Duties	21/01/04
21583L	Padraig Scanlon	Sergt.	Sligo	Detective Duties	21/01/04
23230M	Joseph O'Hara	Sergt.	Shankill	Detective Duties	21/01/04
20036M	William Piper	Sergt.	Dundalk	Detective Duties	04/02/04
22794C	Brian Mohan	Sergt.	Dundalk	Detective Duties	04/02/04
24145H	Vincent Markey	Sergt.	S.D.U.	Detective Duties	22/01/04
22518E	Edward O'Callaghan	Sergt.	Togher	Detective Duties	19/11/03
23931C	Francis McGrath	Sergt.	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
23761B	Eamon Cowzer	Sergt.	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
24905L	John Stratford	Sergt.	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
24589E	Paul Bourke	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	STATION	ALLOCATION	DATE
24862B	Derek Smith	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
26925E	Aidan Doherty	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
26405K	Mark Anderson	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
27378C	Raymond O'Connor	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
27441M	Bernard Davin	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
00758G	Geraldine Kinane	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
26099A	Mark Massey	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
26087H	Mervyn Minto	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
00726K	Mary Tarpey	Garda	G.N.I.B.	Detective Duties	04/02/04
26498K	Patrick O'Brien	Garda	Wexford	Detective Duties	04/02/04
23284L	Peter Saunders	Garda	Enniscorthy	Detective Duties	04/02/04
25795H	Gary Walsh	Garda	Glenamoy	Official Accommod	04/02/04
26992A	Gerard Davis	Garda	Glenamaddy	Official Accommod	12/12/03

ALLOCATION OF NEWLY PROMOTED PERSONNEL

The allocation of the following recently promoted personnel shall take effect as set out hereunder :-

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	FROM	TO	EXPENSE	DATE
00192K	Mary Murray	Insp.	Sligo	Pearse Street	Public	17/12/03
19540E	Thomas Fox	Insp.	Dundalk	Command & Control	Public	17/12/03
24034F	Derek Gallagher	Sergt.	Naas	Telecom-munications, Garda H.Q.	Public	04/02/04
25464K	John Murphy	Sergt.	Mitchelstown	Portlaoise	Public	04/02/04
25469L	Stephen Power	Sergt.	Telecom-munications, Garda H.Q.	Telecom-munications, Garda H.Q.	Public	04/02/04

Members qualified for specialist allowance shall cease to be so qualified with effect from the date of Promotion. District Pay Staff shall make the necessary arrangements in respect thereof.

NOTE: Newly promoted personnel whose date of permanent allocation takes place during their promotion course shall have their date of allocation deferred until the FIRST TUESDAY following the completion of such course.

RETIREMENTS, DEATHS & DISCHARGES

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	STATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	CAUSE
19456E	Gabriel Long	Garda	Procurement	20/11/2003	Retirement
16722C	Patrick Kingston	Garda	Barrack Street	29/11/2003	Retirement
17571D	Damien O'Meara	Garda	Clondalkin	29/11/2003	Retirement
18011D	Patrick Campbell	Sergt.	Shankill	30/11/2003	Retirement
16410M	Kevin Dillon	Sergt.	Tralee	24/12/2003	Retirement
16363E	Raymond Quigley	Garda	Oylegate	28/12/2003	Retirement
19013F	Charles Duffy	Garda	Kilmessan	30/12/2003	Retirement
17147F	James O'Doherty	Garda	Henry Street	31/12/2003	Retirement
19273B	Michael Glynn	Sergt.	Rathmore	01/01/2004	Retirement
16401A	John McAuliffe	Garda	Hospital	01/01/2004	Retirement
16975G	Patrick McInerney	Garda	Fermoy	02/01/2004	Retirement
17355L	Brian Lynch	Garda	Roxboro Road	02/01/2004	Retirement
18283D	Denis O'Neill	Garda	Drinagh	02/01/2004	Retirement
18769M	James Cremins	Garda	Blackrock	02/01/2004	Retirement
18844M	Martin Carthy	Garda	Portumna	02/01/2004	Retirement
18986C	Patrick Boyce	Garda	Letterkenny	02/01/2004	Retirement
19007A	Daniel Donovan	Garda	Coachford	02/01/2004	Retirement
18682A	Peter Cavanagh	Sergt.	Monaghan	02/01/2004	Retirement
17802M	Brendan O'Hara	Garda	Enniskerry	04/01/2004	Retirement
19959A	Michael Ward	Sergt.	Kilbeggan	04/01/2004	Retirement
16710L	Daniel Lane	Garda	Anglesea Street	05/01/2004	Retirement
16976E	Thomas Fitzpatrick	Garda	Balbriggan	05/01/2004	Retirement
16977C	William Mugan	Garda	Longford	05/01/2004	Retirement
17202B	Timothy Bowe	Sergt.	Ballincollogh	05/01/2004	Retirement
18798D	Ignatius O'Neill	Garda	Anglesea Street	06/01/2004	Retirement
19053E	Brendan Coughlan	Garda	Defence Unit	06/01/2004	Retirement
19470M	Gerard Ryan	Sergt.	Dundrum	06/01/2004	Retirement
17101H	Michael Gallagher	Garda	Milford	07/01/2004	Retirement
17131L	John Culligan	Garda	Anglesea Street	07/01/2004	Retirement
17720B	Martin Rowley	Garda	Enfield	07/01/2004	Retirement
18100E	Patrick Rooney	Garda	Navan	07/01/2004	Retirement
23445A	Martin Smyth	Garda	Wexford	01/01/2004	Deceased
18121H	John Johnson	Garda	Ministerial Pool	08/01/2004	Retirement
18527B	John O'Sullivan	Garda	S.D.U.	08/01/2004	Retirement

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	STATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	CAUSE
19340B	Patrick Tansey	Garda	Ballybofey	08/01/2004	Retirement
16695B	John Whelan	Sergt.	Newcastle West	08/01/2004	Retirement
17853E	Patrick Colleran	Garda	Clontibret	09/01/2004	Retirement
17772E	Kieran McGee	Garda	Trim	09/01/2004	Retirement
19068C	William O'Grady	Garda	Tullamore	09/01/2004	Retirement
00482M	Catherine Towey	Garda	Anglesea Street	10/01/2004	Retirement
16932C	Michael Donegan	Sergt.	Stepaside	10/01/2004	Retirement
18625B	Patrick Lyne	Garda	Caherciveen	12/01/2004	Retirement
17630C	John Smith	Sergt.	Carrickmacross	13/01/2004	Retirement
28200F	Patrick O'Donoghue	Garda	Mountjoy	13/01/2004	Resignation
18672D	George Maybury	Sergt.	Pearse Street	14/01/2004	Retirement
18707M	Patrick McGillicuddy	Garda	Anglesea Street	14/01/2004	Retirement
18799B	Jeremiah Horan	Garda	Blackrock	15/01/2004	Retirement
19010A	John McHugh	Garda	Tralee	15/01/2004	Retirement
16691L	Patrick Keown	Garda	Roscrea	16/01/2004	Retirement
17176L	Patrick Nee	Garda	Salthill	16/01/2004	Retirement
18764L	John Larkin	Garda	Portlaoise	16/01/2004	Retirement
18336K	Donal Cotter	Garda	S.D.U.	18/01/2004	Retirement
20736E	Anthony Smith	Garda	S.D.U.	18/01/2004	Retirement
18317B	Patrick Phelan	Garda	Garda College	19/01/2004	Retirement
18719D	Kieran McDermot	Garda	Rathdowney	19/01/2004	Retirement
18894H	Thomas Greaney	Garda	Arles	19/01/2004	Retirement
19228G	Richard Dunne	Garda	Ballylinan	19/01/2004	Retirement
19474C	Patrick McClafferty	Sergt.	Lifford	19/01/2004	Retirement
19299F	Kevin McMahon	Garda	Drumkerrin	20/01/2004	Retirement
18808E	Basil Judge	Garda	Claremorris	21/01/2004	Retirement
24416C	Denis McCarthy	Garda	Tullamore	29/11/2003	Retirement
17273A	Joseph O'Brolchain	Garda	Carrick	10/12/2003	Retirement
17074G	Denis Ward	Sergt.	Kilmainham	11/12/2003	Retirement
20057C	Fergus Ronan	Sergt.	Defence Unit	11/12/2003	Retirement
16584M	Daniel Bamburly	Garda	Bandon	12/12/2003	Retirement
17855A	Barry Martin	Garda	Athlone	12/12/2003	Retirement
21899E	Brian O'Sullivan	Sergt.	Buncrana	13/12/2003	Retirement
19054C	James Conlon	Garda	Roscommon	15/12/2003	Retirement
16666K	Thomas O'Dubhthaigh	Sergt.	Galway	19/12/2003	Retirement
23485M	Paul Murphy	Sergt.	Information Tech	20/12/2003	Retirement
24856H	James McGonigle	Garda	Raphoe	20/12/2003	Retirement

CANCELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

REG. NO.	NAME	RANK	FROM	TO	DATE
25321K	Joseph Lawlor	Sergt.	Kill-o-Grange	Tallaght	01/04/2003
24425B	Philip Kelleher	Sergt.	Gurteen	S.D.U.	17/12/200
27948L	Catherine O'Donoghue	Garda	Caherciveen	Tralee	22/01/2004
29891C	Michelle O'Leary	Garda	Donnybrook	Thurles	21/01/2004
29741M	Claire O'Flaherty	Garda	Boyle	Ballinasloe	Deferred
01041C	Maeve Carthy	Garda	Castlereagh	Boyle	Deferred
24760L	Graham Greene	Garda	Sundrive Road	Blanchardstown	Cancelled

VACANCY FOR SERGEANT AT THE GARDA BUREAU OF FRAUD INVESTIGATION

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Members whose names do not appear on this list have been unsuccessful.

REG. NO.	RANK	NAME	STATION
24849E	Sergeant	Michael Gubbins	Donnybrook

VACANCIES FOR GARDAÍ AT THE GARDA BUREAU OF FRAUD INVESTIGATION

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REG. NO.	RANK	NAME	STATION
27522M	Garda	Sean McClafferty	Store Street
01344G	Garda	Celine Ryle	Blackrock
27734G	Garda	Alan Egan	Tallaght
26551K	Garda	Karl Moriarty	Shankill
01359E	Garda	Deirdre Heneghan	Store Street

VACANCY FOR SERGEANTS AT THE GARDA NATIONAL IMMIGRATION BUREAU, BURGH QUAY.**The following members have been successful in the above competition.**

Members whose names do not appear on this list have been unsuccessful.

REG. NO.	RANK	NAME	STATION
20986D	Sergeant	Sean Butler	S.D.U.
20682B	Sergeant	Ciaran Walsh	G.N.D.U.
23931C	Sergeant	Francis McGrath	Blanchardstown
23761B	Sergeant	Eamon Cowzer	Sundrive Road
24905L	Sergeant	John Stratford	Store Street
17990F	Sergeant	Laurence Mythen	Bray
22309C	Sergeant	John Foudy	Donnybrook

VACANCIES FOR GARDAÍ AT THE GARDA NATIONAL IMMIGRATION BUREAU, BURGH QUAY.**The following members have been successful in the above competition.**

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REG. NO.	RANK	NAME	STATION
00138D	Garda	Mary Thornton	Security & Intelligence
23377C	Garda	Maurice Downey	Cabra
26891G	Garda	Francis Lavin	Fitzgibbon Street
26778C	Garda	Joseph Clare	Pearse Street
25244A	Garda	Raymond Flannery	Finglas
27159D	Garda	Michael Griffin	Tallaght
26412A	Garda	Gary McCabe	Mountjoy
22908C	Garda	Richard McGrath	S.D.U.
26765A	Garda	Ronan Biggins	Ballymun
26870D	Garda	Michael Neville	Store Street
27375K	Garda	Rowan Casey	Coolock
26374E	Garda	Donal Ryan	Dundrum
00746C	Garda	Orla Geoghegan	Ballyfermot
24802K	Garda	Tomas Murphy	Howth
26111D	Garda	Bryan McGuire	Crumlin
24589E	Garda	Paul Bourke	Clontarf
24862B	Garda	Derek Smith	Blanchardstown
26925E	Garda	Aidan Doherty	Finglas
26405K	Garda	Mark Anderson	Coolock
27378C	Garda	Raymond O'Connor	Crumlin
27441M	Garda	Bernard Davin	Dublin Airport
00758G	Garda	Geraldine Kinane	Pearse Street
26099A	Garda	Mark Massey	Kilmainham
26087H	Garda	Mervyn Minto	Donnybrook
00726K	Garda	Mary Tarpey	Terenure
27332E	Garda	John Rodgers	Crumlin
26561F	Garda	Ciaran Briody	Store Street
19308K	Garda	Anthony Sweeney	S.D.U.
00610F	Garda	Elizabeth Martin	Dunboyne
24448A	Garda	Desmond Lambe	Drogheda
00814A	Garda	Alice Tierney	Pearse Street
26424E	Garda	Eamon Moran	Store Street
26947F	Garda	Conor Boland	Bridewell (D)
00782L	Garda	Hanna Neville	Fitzgibbon Street
27178M	Garda	John O'Halloran	Donnybrook

VACANCY FOR SERGEANT AT THE GARDA AIR SUPPORT UNIT.**The following member has been successful in the above competition.**

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REG. NO.	RANK	NAME	STATION
21615A	Sergeant	Donal Doyle	Donnybrook

VACANCIES FOR GARDAÍ AT THE GARDA AIR SUPPORT UNIT.**The following members have been successful in the above competition.**

Members whose names do not appear on this list have been unsuccessful.

REG. NO.	RANK	NAME	STATION
01303L	Garda	Sheila Brady	Blackrock (D)
27041E	Garda	Peter Shovlin	Rush
01239D	Garda	Carmel Dalton	Tallaght
27884L	Garda	Peter Clifford	Santry
27079B	Garda	David Kenny	Finglas

MISSING BEAT...

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POLICEMAN'S LOT

This piece of literary genius is alleged to have originally appeared in the Australian Northern Territory Police News Sept 1982. We have selected some of the highlights...

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, the country Policeman, being of unsound mind and worn out body, hereby make my last Will and Testament:

To my Wife:

I leave all my worldly goods and a big apology for not being home as often as I should and for being so tired when I was home and she wanted to go out. I also take this last opportunity to explain that I really wasn't having as much fun at work as she imagined.

To my Children:

I leave all the wisdom we coppers never had, in the hope that they will grow up to seek sensible employment and not be at the beck and call of a public who doesn't want them.

To the Officers: Who were fair-minded and took an interest in us, I leave a friendly wave and good wishes. To the other officers, aforementioned, I also leave a wave, but add some variations to the action.

To the DPP:

Who withdrew prosecutions or plea bargained against my wishes or in my absence, I leave a pair of sweaty socks and a set of water wings for the next time they try to walk on water.

To the Defence Solicitors:

Who harassed me, laid allegations against me and called me a liar, under the privilege of the court room, I leave a stone, to be placed under each piece of paper they have to write on and the hope that their wives run off with the local garbage collectors.

Signed "The Country Cop"

Witnessed by "His Offsider"

THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON

This is from a Sergeant's memo 'leaked' to Garda Review... Station Party,

It is disappointing to see that three dinner plates and three cereal bowls have gone missing from the canteen. We are now just down to one dinner plate and one cereal bowl. These were obtained for the benefit of the station party and obviously it can only be concluded that someone is taking them home.

I don't want a situation which pertained in the old station where we had to stir our tea with a fork – the only piece of cutlery that was there – or to boil water for tea in a saucepan but we are heading in that direction!

If the missing items are put back there will be no word about it – if not social club money will be used to replace them. If after that items still keep going missing all crockery and cutlery will be removed from the canteen and locked up being issued only on request and after being signed out and back!