



An Garda Síochána Annual Report 2013

The mission of An Garda Síochána is working with Communities to Protect and Serve



Foreword



I am pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report of An Garda Síochána that details the work carried out by the organisation across all divisions nationwide.

During 2013 An Garda Síochána maintained its focus on our core commitments – the prevention and detection of crime, the maintenance of national security, and our daily work to keep our road network and communities safe. This was achieved through the dedication, commitment and good work of the men and women of An Garda Síochána working with the communities they serve.

Sadly, on January 25th, our colleague Detective Garda Adrian Donohoe was brutally murdered in Lordship, Dundalk, Co Louth. Adrian was a proud father of two young children, a loving husband to his wife Caroline, and a pillar of the local community. Adrian epitomised all that An Garda Síochána stands for and tragically died in service of his community. The investigation in relation to Adrian's murder remains live and our determination to bring the people who carried out this cowardly act to justice remains steadfast.

Unfortunately, last year saw the first increase in road deaths on our roads since 2006. An Garda Síochána will continue our work in educating road users and enforcing road legislation to ensure that as few lives are lost on the roads as possible. The loss of one life on the roads is one too many. This will be carried out in collaboration with all stakeholders, including, most importantly, members of the public because personal responsibility needs to be taken by all of us who use the roads whether it be as drivers, passengers, pedestrians or cyclists.

In this time of reduced budgets for all public bodies, An Garda Síochána introduced a range of measures in 2013 designed to increase efficiencies and cut costs, while ensuring that we maintained an effective policing service to citizens

and the State. A key demonstration of the success of these measures are the Central Statistics Office's 2013 crime figures, which showed a reduction in the level of crime in the vast majority of crime groups during the year.

2013 also saw the conclusion of the Garda District and Station Rationalisation Programme and the introduction of new rosters. Both of these initiatives will ensure that members of An Garda Síochána will be more accessible and visible to communities around the country.

Although policing may not always be delivered in the form it has been previously, we will maintain our commitment to deliver a service that meets the expectations of the citizens we serve. Successful initiatives such as Operation Fiacla, which is an intelligence-led operation targeting prolific high impact offenders, demonstrate An Garda Síochána's agility and responsiveness in tackling emerging crime patterns and trends.

The work of An Garda Síochána would not be possible without the support of a range of Government Departments, national and international agencies, and our key stakeholders – communities.

In the international context, Ireland assumed the Presidency of the EU for a six month period on January 1st. Close co-ordination between An Garda Síochána and all agencies and Government Departments involved in the Presidency helped ensure it was a resounding success.

We also assisted our colleagues in the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) in providing the policing and security measures necessary to facilitate the hosting of the G8 Summit in Co. Fermanagh. We work with the PSNI on a daily basis to ensure that subversive activity is tackled and this close co-operation delivered significant results during the year in terms of arrests and captures of firearms and explosives.

Since its inception, An Garda Síochána has always operated on the basis of a community-focus. The ability of An Garda Síochána to provide such a service is primarily due to this close partnership between ourselves and the community. An Garda Síochána values the support of the community and we are committed to doing everything we can to maintain and re-enforce the trust, confidence and respect of the community through the provision of an open, transparent, and accountable policing service.

Níóirín O'Sullivan
Commissioner of An Garda Síochána

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Fighting Crime

Criminal Assets Bureau

The Criminal Assets Bureau was established by Government in 1996. The Bureau's remit is to target the assets of persons which derive or are suspected to derive from criminal conduct.



Since its inception the Bureau has been at the forefront of fighting organised crime. The Bureau is a statutory body with staff drawn from An Garda Síochána, the Office of the Revenue Commissioners (including Customs), the Department of Social Protection and the Department of Justice and Equality.

During 2013, the Criminal Assets Bureau commenced 8 new cases incorporating 27 respondents, before the High Court pursuant to the Proceeds of Crime Act 1996/2005.

In addition, 14 cases were finalised before the High Court having obtained orders pursuant to Section 4 and 4A of the Proceeds of Crime Act 1996/2005. Arising from these Proceeds of Crime actions a total of approximately €1m was forwarded to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

During 2013 the Bureau also obtained:

Interim orders to the value of over €2.7 million and Interlocutory Orders to the value of approximately €1 million. Taxes and interest demanded was €7.2 million with approximately €5.1 million collected. Social Welfare savings amounted to over €526,000 while approximately €227,000 was recovered.

Assets targeted by the Bureau emanated from crimes associated with drug trafficking, theft, fraud, fuel laundering and cigarette smuggling.

Divisional Asset profilers trained by the Bureau continue to provide a criminal asset profiling service in each Garda Division in relation to persons or suspects operating within their area, with particular reference to those involved in drug dealing and serious criminal activity.

On the international scene, during 2013 the Bureau held the Presidency of the Camden Assets Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN) Group

The Camden Assets Recovery Interagency Network (CARIN) is an international informal network of experts-practitioners in the field of asset tracing, freezing and confiscation and the Annual General Meeting of CARIN was held in Ireland on the 16th and 17th May 2013.

The Criminal Assets Bureau continues to participate in the Cross Border Excise Group and the Cross Border Fuel Group, two bodies targeting illegal smuggling of tobacco and alcohol and the laundering of fuel.

The Criminal Assets Bureau continues to be an active member of the ARO (Assets Recovery Offices) framework and is a member of the sub-group set up to review best practice in asset management.

Garda National Drugs Unit

The Garda National Drugs Unit (GNDU) has overall primary responsibility for Drug Law Enforcement. The Garda National Drugs Unit (GNDU) is tasked with the investigation of drug trafficking insofar as this jurisdiction is concerned. It has a national and international remit in this regard and also enjoys a fruitful relationship with Revenue's Customs Service, the Irish Navy and the Police Service of Northern Ireland. It has also forged strong partnerships with EU and International law enforcement agencies.

The GNDU carries out long term strategic and short term tactical investigations into the activities of Organised Crime Gangs (OCGs) based both here and on the European Continent from where drug traffickers ply their trade to the

detriment of the Irish nation. The GNDU liaises with other European Police Forces and has strategic partners in the United Kingdom, Spain, Holland and Belgium; countries where OCGs affecting the Irish jurisdiction tend to be the most proactive.



In 2013 the Garda National Drugs Unit arrested 61 persons in connection with drug trafficking offences with €31,940,000 million of controlled drugs seized. This included cocaine, heroin, herbal cannabis, cannabis resin and ecstasy. In total 73 significant seizures were made.

Among the most successful investigations carried out by the Garda National Drugs Unit in 2013 were:

Operation Cogset:

A strategic drugs investigation into drug importation within the State resulting in a number of significant drug seizures (6) with a total value of €4.7m.

Operation Nitrogen:

Operation Nitrogen continues to be the flagship for the investigation of cannabis cultivation in Ireland utilising the national and international remit of the Garda National Drugs Unit in conjunction with local District and Divisional Drugs Units.

The number of cannabis plants seized has been steadily increasing over the last number of years. In monetary value terms, in 2013, €23 million worth of plants were seized.

There were 28,851 cannabis plants seized during 2013 from a total of 394 cultivation and/or manufacture incidents.

Operation Bill 2:

A strategic drugs investigation into illicit drugs importation into the state resulted in a significant seizure in Co. Louth in September 2013 (€1.3 million).

Operation Pallet:

A strategic illicit drugs investigation into drug importation and distribution within the State resulted in 8 significant seizures with a total value of €1.6 million.

Operations Purse and Misspent:

These were two tactical operations which evolved into controlled deliveries resulting in 4 seizures in total with €9 million worth of drugs seized.

4 Test Purchase Operations: targeting mid range and low level drug dealers nationwide. As a result of these tactical investigations, 83 dealers were arrested in respect of 192 criminal offences.

The work of the Garda National Drugs Unit in 2013 has had a major impact on the drug trafficking community both here and abroad. The arrest and prosecution of individuals involved in drug trafficking activities and the disruption of supply routes has severely impacted on those intent on destroying the fabric of Irish society through the illicit drugs trade.

Conscious of the impact that drug trafficking has on the wider Irish community, the Garda National Drugs Unit will sustain its commitment to reduce the desire for illicit drugs through strategic partnerships with various government departments and non-government organisations.

Garda Air Support Unit

Incidents / Hours

In 2013 GASU aircraft flew over 1,400 hours attending to incidents in almost every Garda Division throughout the country; this included over 370 night hours. The unit attended over 2,300 incidents of which over 1,100 were within the six DMR (Dublin Metropolitan Region) Divisions. During these incidents over 140 suspects were detained, 16 missing persons were located and 47 vehicles were recovered.

Training

Throughout 2013 the nominated trainers at GASU continued to develop a training programme for Garda air observers. When completed, the training programme will serve to maintain a standard level of proficiency for each observer in particular areas associated with the various roles and capabilities of the unit.

As a result of extensive research in the area of training, which included collaborations with other police air support units, a complete and thorough review of current GASU training was conducted. The review identified areas for improvement in the

selection and training process of new air observers. The review also resulted in the number of training modules being rationalised to a smaller number of pertinent modules.

Operation Shield

The G8 summit took place in June 2013 in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland close to the border with the Republic. There was quite a workload in the months leading up to the event. This included meetings with local Garda management to identify suitable landing sites and staging areas for Garda helicopters, schedule photographic tasks required by them in the planning stages of the operation and to develop a strategy for the best use of Garda air assets in support of Operation Shield. Meetings were also convened with the PSNI to discuss a range of issues such as air to air radio communications, monitoring of groups of protesters and monitoring the Shannon Erne waterway to name but a few.

There was also an extensive work-up required by GASU and the PSNI air support unit to ensure de-confliction of aircraft in the area of operation, and to safeguard aircraft movements on each side of the border which ran very close to the summit venue. Over the days prior to and the days of the summit GASU provided round the clock air support to Operation Shield. This was made possible by having one helicopter fully Night Vision Goggle capable. Patrols along the border stretching from Donegal to Monaghan were carried out over a five day period. Approximately 40 hours flying time was completed by both the Garda fixed wing aircraft and the Garda helicopter in support of this operation.

Some noteworthy incidents involving the Air Support Unit which occurred throughout the year as follows:

Incident 1

In February 2013 a request for air support was received from Garda Units in South Dublin City. It was believed distressed female had gone into a local river with the intention of self-harm. It was 8 pm in the evening and very dark, a large amount of people both Gardaí and civilians were searching along the river bank. A.S.3 responded to the request and established overhead the area. After sometime searching using the Thermal Imaging Camera System a human heat source was detected on the south bank of the river some distance from the area being concentrated on by ground personnel. The crew of the helicopter guided Garda units to the location. The missing woman was found alive and immediately transferred to hospital.

Incident 2

Garda Air Support Unit assisted the Organised Crime Unit with an operation focusing on a mobile crime group who were targeting industrial

commercial units with the purpose of stealing high value stock. On 5th February 2013 GASU deployed a number of covert flights monitoring movements of a criminal gang with the goal being to locate where the criminals were storing the stolen property. The crew of GASU recorded the location of a yard in Straffan, Kildare using thermal imaging. OCU members were provided with footage along with maps of the location. On 6th February GASU assisted OCU in monitoring the movements of the criminal gang in a vehicle entering the Straffan yard. Members of OCU moved into position and entered the premises. Four suspects were arrested and a substantial amount of stolen property was recovered



Incident 3

21st August 2013: Arrest of Four Burglary Suspects, Co Wicklow. A request was received from Baltinglass Garda Station seeking air support near Carnew, Co. Wicklow. Four burglary suspects had fled into field after they crashed their getaway car while being pursued by civilians, they had just attempted to commit a burglary in the village. GASU commenced a detailed search using binoculars, daylight and thermal imaging cameras. During this process a member of the public observed the suspects in a yard getting into a large metal container. GASU monitored the container as ground units arrived. A search of the container revealed the four culprits.

Garda Dog Unit

G8 Summit: 13th-18th June 2013:

In preparation for the summit VIP clearance searches were carried out in the Shelbourne Hotel, Phoenix Park, Farmleigh, RDS, Dublin Airport, Gaiety Theatre, Jeanie Johnston ship, Glendalough, Dalkey and Pembroke Street.

The explosive detection dogs played a vital role in security clearance searches during the EU Presidency from January to June 2013. They also assisted with public order duties during the G8 summit.

Some incidents involving the Garda Dog Unit occurred throughout the year as follows:

Arrest of the offender for an offence contrary to Section 13 NFOAP (Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person) Act 1997 on 16th August 2013. This incident refers to the recovery of a laser light which had been discarded. The laser was being shone directly at the Garda helicopter.

Robbery of Spar Shop, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 on the 3rd April with use of a baton on staff member. Search of the area led to identification and arrest of a suspect.



Drug Detection by Garda Dog “Ben” on the 8th May 2013 in Ballymun resulting in the seizure of ecstasy tablets and cannabis herb with a value of €35,000.

Drug seizure on the 7th December 2013 where coke, crack cocaine, ecstasy tabs and marijuana as a result of indication by Garda dog “Flynn”. The search occurred in Cabra.

There have been over 100 seizures with the use of Garda drug detection dogs during the course of 2013, the above being just a sample of the type of success.

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Public order issues during the year were supported by the Dog Unit from demonstrations to major events including sporting occasions and large scale concerts.

Garda Mounted Unit

Listed below are details of a number of incidents involving the use of Garda horses during 2013.

While on patrol in Grafton Street the Mounted Unit pursued, located and searched a person, Gardaí then arrested the culprit in relation to robbery of a phone from a youth.

The Mounted Unit provided high visibility and security protection in Dublin in relation to the G8 Summit.

The Mounted Unit assisted with Public Order duties during the year including supporting soccer matches, GAA matches and the use of horses playing a pivotal role in bringing order to opposing fans and crowd control.

Garda Water Unit

In 2013 there were many and various incidents where the Garda Water Unit were deployed, below are just a few.

Ireland's Presidency of the European Union, January to June 2013, Culvert/Manhole security searches and River Liffey patrols for the period.

Rescue of male who had attempted suicide off the Athlone Motorway Bridge. This male had climbed onto a concrete support underneath the bridge and was suffering from hypothermia. On becoming aware of the incident the Garda Water Unit immediately launched a boat and transferred the male on a spinal board, in the Garda boat to the waiting ambulance crew who transferred him to hospital where he made a full recovery.

While on a routine patrol of Dublin Bay on the 7th of April 2013, a Garda Water Unit crew responded to a call from the Irish Coastguard to search for a missing male swimmer off Dalkey Island. As one of the first resources on the scene, the Garda crew spoke to a witness. Arising from that information and using their knowledge of the local tides in the area, they commenced a search pattern and quickly located the swimmer; they then proceeded to perform CPR on him in the Garda boat. The swimmer was airlifted to hospital from the Garda boat. Tragically the swimmer died later that day.

During the G8 Summit which was held in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland from the 14th of June 2013 to the 18th of June 2013, the Garda Water Unit was tasked to patrol on a 24 hour basis the Countries' waterways border with Northern Ireland at Lough Erne, Belturbet, Co Cavan. This successful operation which involved all fifteen members of the Garda Water Unit working afloat with the marine trained members of the Emergency Response Unit, and also working closely with the PSNI Marine Support Unit on the Northern Side, resulted in security checks to all marine traffic entering or leaving Northern Ireland as well as patrolling the unofficial or “Off Navigation” marine routes to and from the border.



On December 18th 2013, as a result of a request from the Castlebar Garda District, the Garda Water Unit conducted a search of Lough Lannagh, Castlebar, County Mayo. The search was in relation to a mobile phone which was thrown into the water by a person connected with a murder. After a short search this mobile phone was recovered by the Garda Water Unit search team and handed to the Castlebar Scenes of Crime Unit.

On the 2nd and 3rd of November 2013, the Garda Water Unit were tasked to perform an evidence search in a river near Clonee, Co Meath at a scene where body parts of a missing person had been located, after completing the evidence search, the search team were then tasked to remove the body parts of this male from the river to local scenes of crime officers.

On the 17th of September 2013 and the 7th of October 2013, Garda Water Unit search teams were tasked to search for evidence relating to a murder at the Vartry Reservoir near Roundwood, Co Wicklow. On both dates important evidence including a mobile phone was located and recovered by the Garda Water Unit which led to the arrest of the suspect for this murder.

Garda Síochána Analysis Service

In 2013, Garda Síochána Analysis Service (GSAS) continued to support the organisation across the key priority areas identified in the Strategy Statement 2013-2015.

Reduced Crime, Safe Roads

GSAS continued to support operational activity targeted at reducing property crime (including burglaries, thefts and robberies) and support roads policing. Whilst the type of analysis for each operation may vary according to local circumstances and the nature of the problem, a common theme of the work of GSAS has been to provide information to support the efficient and effective deployment of resources. This includes:

- Identifying the most problematic offenders responsible for crime.

- Identifying key locations (or hotspots) where crime is most likely to occur in order to help support patrolling patterns.
- Identifying traffic collision hotspots to support the targeted deployment of safety cameras.

Additionally, GSAS has supported serious crime investigations. Over the last few years the quality of the work produced by GSAS Analysts has been recognised internationally. For the second consecutive year the work of Analysts in GSAS has been recognised with an award for best practice from the International Association of Crime Analysts.

Ensuring safe communities and safe homes

GSAS has also conducted analysis and research in 2013 to help support safer communities and homes. For example, GSAS Analysts have continued to:

- Examine public order issues, anti-social behaviour and assault trends.
- Provide support for the delivery of the Garda Youth Diversion Project, a multi-disciplinary, local community approach to tackling crime and disorder by young people.
- Provide support to help the development of crime prevention campaigns, providing the necessary information to help formulate strategies.
- Researchers in the Analysis Service have conducted a survey in 2013 looking at the experiences of victims of crime. The findings of this survey will be used to enhance the delivery of service to victims of crime.
- Researchers have also undertaken work to support the development of the new Diversity Strategy for the organisation which will support the delivery of services to Ireland's diverse communities.

Enhance service delivery

This runs through a significant number of our reports – as noted above, a common theme of the work of GSAS has been to provide information to support the efficient and effective deployment of resources.

Sex Offender Risk Assessment and Management

The National SORAM (Sex Offender Risk Assessment and Management) Office, is based at the Offices of the Domestic Violence and Sexual

Assault Investigation Unit, Harcourt Square, Dublin 2 and was established in October 2013. This is a multi-agency Office with one member of staff from An Garda Síochána, the Probation Service and the Child and Family Agency (TUASLA) formerly part of the Health Service Executive (HSE). The National SORAM Office provides support to the local SORAM Teams on a day to day basis while working closely with the National SORAM Steering Group on the development of policy with regard to best practice, disclosure, etc.

The SORAM process was designed to be operated at both a National level (National SORAM Steering Group) and Local level (Local SORAM Team). The National Steering Group has responsibility for providing guidance, training and support on best practice to the local SORAM committees and has oversight of the local SORAM process. The Health Service Executive and the Irish Prison Service are also represented on the National SORAM Steering Group.

The SORAM arrangements apply to all convicted sex offenders who are subject to Part 2 of the Sex Offenders Act, 2001 and are also subject to supervision by the Probation Service on release from prison.

The National SORAM Office through its interaction with the Probation Service, the Child and Family Agency, the Prison Service and a range of Government and Non- Government agencies with regard to housing , provides a seamless structure for appropriately dealing with the release and rehabilitation of convicted sex offenders into the wider community on a nationwide basis.

Garda Technical Bureau

The overarching function of the Garda Technical Bureau is to provide a high quality Crime Scene Investigation service (at scene and under laboratory conditions) to An Garda Síochána and the Criminal Justice System at large. 2013 was a year the Technical Bureau enhanced its professional reputation, both inside and outside the organisation. This is a direct consequence of the efforts and dedication of the Technical Bureau staff.

Crime Scene Investigators Conference 2013

The Annual Crime Scene Investigators Conference was held in the Garda Training College, Templemore and at outdoor facilities in Clonmore on December 5th-6th 2013. Attendees included Crime Scene Investigators from the Divisional units accompanied by guests from the

Police Service of Northern and the Irish Defence Forces. Participants attended Breakout Rooms facilitated by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and the Garda Technical Bureau and areas of learning included:



DNA swabbing, Presumptive Testing, Footwear Impressions, Blood Spatter, Fibre Lifting, ATM Skimming, Clandestine Drug Laboratories and Physical Fit Evidence.

The experts from the Photography Section provided practical demonstrations on photography of Injuries, Post Mortems, Footwear Impressions, Blood Spatter and Aerial Photography.

The Forensic Science Laboratory and Garda Technical Bureau Personnel also provided on scene instruction using staged suspicious death incidents at Clonmore with mock scenes including a rape murder scene, tiger kidnapping and a post mortem. These scenes allowed discussions to develop and issues such as cadaver fingerprinting, processing of the body, forensic awareness, prioritisation of evidence, communication of important information and DNA considerations were clarified by the relevant experts present.

Pilot Crime Scene Managers Course

In October 2013 the first Crime Scene Managers Course specific to Organisational policies and procedures was coordinated by the Garda Technical Bureau and the Garda Training College, Templemore.

The training modules are mirrored on the previous training completed by members of the Garda Technical Bureau in the UK. The aim of this course is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to perform the roles and responsibilities of the Crime Scene Manager to the highest standards.



The course participants, 12 in total, included members of the Garda Technical Bureau and a number of experienced Crime Scene Investigators from each of the Regions.

Postgraduate Diploma in Firearms Examination

In 2013 the Award for the "Highest Marks Achieved by any Candidate in a Professional Diploma" was awarded to Detective Garda Dave O'Leary by the Forensic Science Society in recognition of this outstanding achievement. Dave completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Firearms Examination in October 2012.

Forensic Science Society provides opportunities for experienced practitioners in specified fields to study for a professional postgraduate diploma. The Syllabus for the Post graduate Diploma in Firearms Examination includes the following: General assessment of firearms, Historical aspects, Modern Ammunition, Modern Firearms, Interior Ballistics, Comparative Microscopy, Exterior Ballistics, Terminal ballistics, Chemical Aspects, Scene Examination and Report Writing.

National Fingerprint Learning Programme

The National Fingerprint Learning Programme Student of the Year 2013 was awarded to Detective Garda Fiona McGuire, Fingerprints Section, on successful completion of the Fingerprint Intermediate training course in 2012.

Fiona's enthusiastic attitude and high level of theoretical knowledge in her field of specialisation was acknowledged on presentation of this award. The UK College of Policing in Durham aims to provide training at an intermediate level with emphasis on practical identification skills and competences and to provide a springboard towards the Advanced Assessment.



The Intermediate Evidential Portfolios covers the following topics:
 Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation of Friction Ridge Skin impressions
 Recovery and Recording Friction Ridge Detail from Cadavers, Laboratory and Crime Scene.

Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation

In 2013 the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation initiated a review of the existing organisational response to the investigation of reports of illegal money lending. Among the practical initiatives taken to deal with this matter included the participation by members of this Bureau in a seminar hosted by the National Traveller MABS (Money Advice and Budgeting Service) in October 2013.



The photograph shows from left - Detective Garda Martha Coyne, Detective Inspector Gerard Walsh, Detective Sergeant Ronan Joyce, Dermot Sreenan National Traveller MABS, Detective Superintendent Colm Fox

The focus of the seminar was to work with persons in the National Traveller MABS to

assist those who may have been victims of this type of criminal behaviour. Among the speakers were Detective Sergeant Ronan Joyce, Dermot Sreenan National Traveller MABS, Thomas Mc Cann Psychotherapist.

Garda Technical Bureau Photography Section

John Kavanagh achieved a Gold Award from the Irish Professional Photographers Association for his image of Garda canoeing sports star Peter Egan. John is a photographer with the Garda Technical Photography Section and this is an extremely prestigious award in the field of professional photography. The Irish Professional Photographers Association is a qualified association and prides itself on the professionalism, dedication and competency of their members to produce high quality images.

First prize of Europol Law Enforcement Photo of the Year 2013 was been awarded to Detective Sergeant David Conway, a forensic photographer with the Garda Technical Bureau, Photography



Section. The image captures a crime scene investigator swabbing a firearm for potential DNA evidence. It was originally taken for the Garda Press Office for inclusion in Garda publications and this clearly demonstrates the high standards and professionalism which David applies to his routine work.

Maritime Analysis Operations Centre - Narcotics

An Garda Síochána continued to support the MAOC-N initiative in 2013, maintaining a Garda Liaison officer at the Irish office in the centre. MAOC-N is now in phase IV and its final phase under programme funding for Prevention of and Fight Against Crime (ISEC) from the European Union which runs until October 2015. Ireland and An Garda Síochána has continued to support the initiative through provision of resources which

have contributed to the operational and strategic successes of MAOC-N in the area of co-ordinating maritime interdictions of cocaine in the Atlantic vector and building efforts and enhancing capacities with West African partners to help combat the threat posed to Europe in drug trafficking.

Tasking and Co-ordination Unit

OPERATION FIACLA

The Tasking and Co-ordination Unit co-ordinates Operation Fiacla. An Garda Síochána, under Operation Fiacla, continues to proactively target the persons and Organised Criminal Groups suspected of involvement in the commission of burglaries.

The operation, which is ongoing, is supported by Regional Anti-Burglary Operations based in the six Garda Regions. This ensures a nationwide co-ordinated response to this particular crime issue. The operations are co-ordinated from the National Support Services Section of An Garda Síochána.

Since its inception in April 2012, Operation Fiacla has proven successful. This is borne out by the 2013 burglary figures compiled by the Central Statistics Office, which show a 7.2% drop in the national burglary figures for the year 2013 compared to 2012. This equates to 26,115 offences recorded in 2013 as compared to 28,132 in 2012.

An Garda Síochána remains committed to targeting the persons and Groups identified as being involved in this type of crime.

Community

Connect with Respect

The Garda Schools Programme in conjunction with the Department of Education and Skills designed a lesson plan on 'Internet Safety for Young People'. The lesson entitled 'Connect with Respect' addresses the social media element of the personal safety module of the Garda Schools Programme.

The Connect with Respect resource aims to help students in secondary schools to understand the impact that cyberbullying can have on different people, and to recognise that cyberbullying, is not acceptable. It aims to help prevent this behaviour from occurring, and to enable people to respond effectively if it does occur. This talk aims to change the attitude of bystanders to make them more likely to intervene positively and effectively in online bullying situations.



Garda Commissioner Martin Callinan and Minister for Education and Skills, Mr Ruairi Quinn T.D. with a student at the launch

The centre piece of this pack is the 'Let's Fight It Together' film. It is a short film (7 minutes) based on a composite view of real events developed by Childnet International. It depicts the story of a teenager who becomes the target of bullying via the internet and his mobile phone.

This initiative was launched by the Garda Commissioner on 4th February 2013 in advance of European Internet Safety Day which was on 5th February 2013. Lesson packs were distributed to Garda members and Divisional School Liaison Inspectors.

The total number of visits for 2013

Primary Schools 4554

Secondary Schools 1505

Total 6059

The total number of schools on the Garda Schools Programme database is 4,210; of these schools 1,671 (40%) received a visit from the local Garda in 2013.

Crimecall



The National Garda Crime Call office is attached to the Community Relations Bureau, Harcourt Square, Dublin 2.

The tenth series of Crime Call commenced in September 2013. The programme is presented by Grainne Seoige and Philip Boucher Hayes.

During 2013 new Garda presenters were introduced to develop the Garda presenter panel and to ensure a continued professional delivery of appeals.

Over the past year there has been an increase in studio appeals from families who have lost a relative as a result of a crime. The appeal involves a close family member joining the Garda investigator in studio on the night of the broadcast. The appeal follows the normal format where by the investigator looks to the public for their assistance, however the human interest aspect of the appeal is done by the relative.

Feedback to this new style of interview has been very positive, both from the families concerned and the public in general.

The Crime Prevention and Traffic segments of the programme continued to be a success with members of the public. A number of Crime Prevention features were broadcast during the year, including mobile phone and personal safety. The mail bag that was introduced in 2012 was very successful with viewers being invited to send

a request to the Crime Prevention Sergeant for additional Crime Prevention information.

The Traffic segment of the programme was further developed during 2013 with the recording of some mini features including topics such as heavy goods vehicles, winter ready and lighting up.

Text Alert

The Garda Commissioner introduced a “Text Alert” initiative at the National Ploughing Championship on Tuesday the 24th of September 2013. “Text Alert” is designed to facilitate immediate and cost effective communication from An Garda Síochána to the public. This will be



achieved in a structured and consistent way in conjunction with existing Community Crime Prevention Programmes (Community Alert, Neighbourhood Watch Group) or I.F.A. Branch etc. A copy of the “Text Alert Guidelines” developed by the National Community Policing Office can be found on www.garda.ie

Bogus Caller Cards

In September 2013 a bogus caller card was produced by the National Community Policing Office. Supplies of the cards were distributed to



each Garda Division so Community Gardaí in their Districts could disseminate them to older persons in their communities.

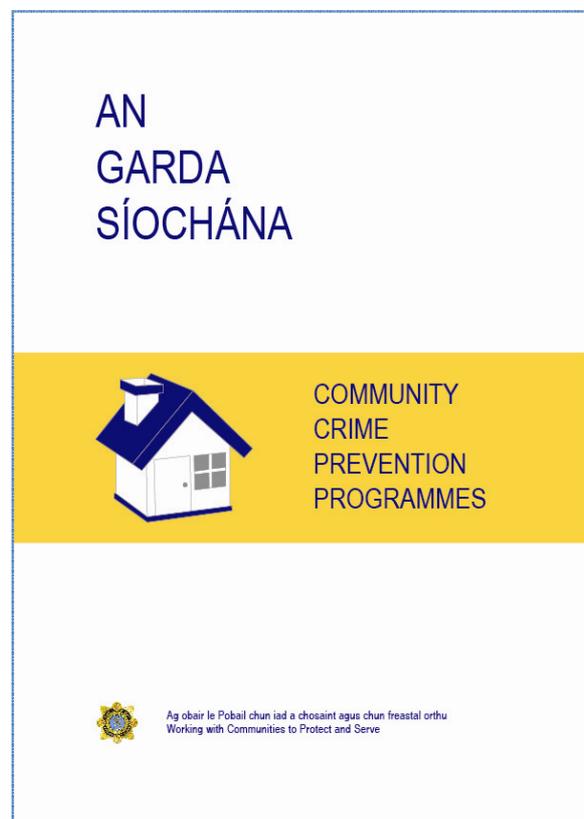
This card assists in advising older people how to engage with uninvited callers to their homes. The

object of this initiative is to empower the older person when dealing with unwanted or unknown callers and to reduce the need for them to have to engage in conversation with them.



The older person can hand the card to the caller advising her/him to leave their business card or fill in their contact details and he/she will be contacted if required. This eliminates the need for any further conversation and provides the older person with a means to ending the conversation without further argument or discussion. The genuine caller will have no difficulty with this proposal and it should make life a little more complicated for the unwanted caller.

Community Crime Prevention Programmes Launch



The “Community Crime Prevention Programmes” was launched by the Minister of Justice and

Equality and the Garda Commissioner on the 31st of January 2013. A Memorandum of Understanding, concerning the operation of Community Alert, was also signed by the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána and the President of Muintir na Tíre.

Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert (in conjunction with Muintir Na Tíre) established crime prevention initiatives in Ireland in 1985 and have enjoyed widespread support and appeal amongst all communities.

Following a review, involving the community and Gardaí/Muintir Na Tíre input, a number of



Community Alert & Neighbourhood Watch Representatives with Minister Alan Shatter & Garda Commissioner Martin Callinan, Assistant Commissioner Jack Nolan, C/Supt Ann Marie McMahon and Superintendent Karl Heller

proposals emerged to assist in promoting and supporting Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert. Acknowledging these findings the Garda Commissioner has since approved a new framework for Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert which is outlined in the "Community Crime Prevention Programmes" document. This document gives clear and concise information to the public on how to establish and maintain a Neighbourhood Watch or Community Alert scheme.

Water Metering Programme – Crime Prevention Sheet

In November 2013 the Irish Water metering programme in consultation with the National Community Policing Office developed a crime prevention leaflet for the information of the public concerning Irish Water Staff Identification Cards and safety measures to combat any bogus callers to houses posing as staff or contractors of Irish Water. This leaflet was distributed to all Gardaí so it can be displayed in areas of Garda Stations or presented at Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert meetings.

Aoibheann's Pink Tie Event

On Saturday 13th July 2013 Community Police in Ashbourne and Dunboyne and the Aoibheann's Pink Tie charity held a "Heroes and Princesses"

party for the Children from the oncology ward Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin. It was attended by



children from all over the country who are currently receiving cancer treatment or have just finished treatment.

All of the children received a Garda 'goodie bag' containing Garda colouring books, pens, pencils, medals, chocolate and toys. Staff at Garda Stores, Santry, kindly volunteered their services in donating material and preparing the bags.

'Give us a Hand' Campaign

During the summer of 2013 the National Community Policing Office supported the 'Give us a Hand' Irish Coast Guard summer water safety campaign designed to protect children on beaches and near coastlines. Thirty thousand wristbands on behalf of the Irish Coast Guard were distributed by the National Community Policing Office to Community Gardaí across the country to handout to parents or guardians who were going to beaches or using waterways over the summer period.

Parents or guardians could write their phone numbers on the wristband so that lifeguards, members of An Garda Síochána or members of the public could contact the child's parents if the child became lost or separated.

The wristbands carried a message reminding the public to call 112 and ask for the Coast Guard for beach, water or cliff emergencies. Losing a child at a busy beach is a very stressful experience for both parent and child.

Diversity Consultation Project 2013

In January 2013, the Diversity Champion, Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Change Management established the Diversity Consultations Project Team. The Project's aim was to develop an extensive public consultation exercise which

would directly inform a revised Diversity Strategy for An Garda Síochána. Invitation to this series of events was done through public notices on the Garda Website, internal notification on the Garda Síochána's Intranet and through sourcing an extensive contacts network in cooperation with the Garda Racial, Intercultural and Diversity Office and The Equality Authority. The consultations were conducted as part of the commitment to fulfil objectives as set out in An Garda Síochána's Diversity Strategy Statement 2009-2012.

These sessions primarily focussed on how An Garda Síochána's service delivery could be enhanced, the recognition of existing good practices and the identification of improvement opportunities in service delivery to all communities. Following each consultation session, an independent thematic analysis of the resultant data was conducted by the Garda Research Unit. A number of recurring themes in service delivery were identified and these have been established as the main 'Pillars' within the revised draft Diversity Strategy 2014-2016.

Traffic

Garda National Traffic Bureau (GNTB)

Although 2013 resulted in an increase in road deaths for the first time since 2006, bringing the total number of fatalities to 190, there was a significant amount of educational and enforcement activity carried out by Traffic Corps members around the country. In particular, there were nearly 7,000 extra MAT Checkpoints compared to 2012.

Recorded Incidents*	2013	Change from 2012
Fatalities	190	+28
Fatal collisions	183	+31
Serious Injuries	468	-25
Serious Injury collisions	318	+18
Driving while intoxicated incidents	7,962	-1,565
MAT Checkpoints	78,290	+6,666
Total breath tests at MAT checkpoints	441,380	-19,198
Road Transport incidents	5,170	+457
Dangerous Driving	3,438	-901
Section 41 Detention of Vehicles	20,244	-1,756
Fixed Charge Notices		
Speeding	207,919	-17,122
Seatbelts	12,024	-1,810
Mobile Phones	28,938	-1,845

*Figures are provisional, operational and subject to change and correct at time of going to publication.

Ireland Hosts TISPOL Executive Meeting 2013

The organisation TISPOL is an extensive and effective network of police officers, in which every European Union country is represented. Norway and Switzerland are also members, even though they are outside the EU.

TISPOL has long seen the importance of a relevant strategy, supporting its core business of making Europe's roads safer and more secure for everyone to use. As the European Commission has developed its Road Safety Action Plan to 2020, TISPOL has also taken the opportunity to ensure a clear focus to its own strategy. This will enable a strong platform for the future and will strengthen support for the European Commission's target of a 50% reduction by 2020 in the number of people killed on Europe's roads.

TISPOL's executive meeting is one of the most important dates in the calendar, attracting delegates from around the world to hear about the latest developments in the field of road policing and road safety. For the first time it was held in Ireland.

This executive meeting was attended by not only senior Police representatives from around Europe, but also by Commissioner Callinan, Minister Leo Varadkar T.D, Minister Alan Shatter T.D. and Mr Noel Brett CEO of the RSA (Road Safety Authority).

Launch of New Garda Speed Enforcement Zones

When launched in November 2010 a total of 518 stretches of road were selected as speed enforcement zones based on an analysis of 5 years of fatal and injury collision data from 2004 to 2008. An additional 243 stretches of road were further identified as having a collision history suitable for inclusion as a speed enforcement zone and were announced to the public in March 2013, coinciding with the St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday weekend. 60% of these roads are regional/local roads while the remaining are national roads. In total therefore there are now 727 identified speed enforcement zones representing 2,354 kilometres – or 2.5% of the approximately 96,000 km of road network in Ireland.

48% of all fatal collisions in the five year period 2006 to 2012 occurred on these 727 sections of road.

Safety cameras only operate on sections of road which have a history of collisions occurring where speed was a contributory factor. The areas where the cameras are operating are available to the public on the Garda website.

The primary purpose of safety cameras is to reduce speed related collisions, lessen injuries and save lives.

The proportion of fatal collisions occurring in speed enforcement zones has reduced from 30% to 18%.

National 'Slow Down' Days: May and October 2013

Two "Slow Down" days were held before the June and October Bank Holiday weekends in 2013.

The objectives of the Operations were to raise awareness of the dangers of inappropriate and excessive speed, reduce the number of speed related collisions, and therefore save lives and in addition to reduce injuries on our roads.

The initiatives were widely reported in the media in advance and as part of the media strategy, the Garda Press and Public Relations Office released the numbers of vehicles that had gone past the Speed Camera Vans and the number of speed detections every couple of hours through the day. The public and private sector fleet operators were also informed by the Road Safety Unit in An Garda Síochána of the initiative and asked to participate. There was a great response with various companies promoting and circulating to its employees the key message to "Slow Down" and, whether driving for business or private purposes, to always drive within the speed and at a speed that is safe for the conditions. State and semi-state departments, the RSA, NTA, transport providers and local authorities were also involved.

In addition to highly visible speed checkpoints on national primary and secondary roads, GoSafe and Robot vans were fully deployed and noticed a decrease in speed, and greater speed compliance on both days.

Each Garda Division also had an area locally where members were available to give road safety advice and distribute leaflets.

All emergency service drivers when not responding to emergency calls were asked to lead by example - reducing their speed, and driving at speeds appropriate to the prevailing conditions.

Operation Focus – June 2013

June 2012 recorded one of the highest ever number of road deaths. As a result Operation Focus was carried out in all Garda Regions simultaneously in June 2013, and in individual Garda Regions on a monthly basis.

For the month of June, enforcement activity was increased each weekend, but in particular in relation to drink driving.

Additional MAT checkpoints took place during high risk times, especially at weekends.

CT 68 Project

A new CT68 (CT68 is the form for relevant data) came into use on the 1st of January 2014.

The new CT68 form will allow An Garda Síochána to enhance the level and quality of detail associated with every collision which will be of benefit to An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority and other stakeholders, in targeting interventions. Additionally, An Garda Síochána will be providing data to the Road Safety Authority in a more timely way which will facilitate a more real-time analysis of collision data.

There are a number of differences between the new and old CT68 form, including:-

- The new CT68 form will no longer have to be printed and sent to the Road Safety Authority (RSA) as all information is automatically and electronically sent once the form is completed.
- Additional data being recorded and transmitted to the Road Safety Authority includes identification of hit and run collisions, whether the driver was driving for work, or a disqualified driver.
- In addition there is a new process for the verification of collision locations which will enable efficient and exact mapping of locations which is of key importance for road risk assessments.

3G ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition)

As part of the G8 preparations, approval was given to enhance the ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) system by the use of 3G technology. This enables live uploads and

downloads of data and alert/ warning information. In addition vehicle warnings, and suspect and stolen vehicle details are exchanged between An Garda Síochána and the PSNI every fifteen minutes.

Approximately one third of ANPR vehicles are now 3G compatible, and upgrading of the remainder of the ANPR fleet will continue in 2014 with the Road Safety Authority agreeing to provide the necessary funding to upgrade the remaining vehicles.

Driving for Work

Approximately 30% of fatal collisions involve people who “drive for work”. A series of seminars took place around the country hosted by An Garda Síochána, the RSA and the HSA (Health and Safety Authority) to raise employer awareness of this issue.

In addition there were a number of targeted checkpoints in conjunction with the HSA.

Education

The Garda website garda.ie, now includes more detailed information in relation to enforcement activity, including 6 years of data for offences such as drink driving arrests, speeding and mobile phone use.

A joint RSA/ An Garda Síochána weekly advert is aired on national radio highlighting the previous week’s fatality count, penalty points issued, and number of drink driving arrests.

The Traffic Corps are making increasing use of An Garda Síochána’s Social Media sites, namely Facebook and Twitter to highlight educational and enforcement activity.

The “Traffic Watch” feature on Crimecall continues to raise awareness of road safety and advocate good road user behaviour by all.

An Garda Síochána and the RSA have developed and launched several co-branded information and educational booklets. “A Guide to Visitors to Ireland” is available as an aid to tourists visiting Ireland. The car rental companies will carry a copy of this booklet in each rental car and which is available in a number of languages. “Sharing the Road with Emergency Vehicles” has similarly been developed and launched in conjunction with all emergency service providers.

Managing Our Resources

Garda Professional Standards Unit

During 2013, the Garda Professional Standards Unit revised their examination methodology changing it from wide-scale District examinations to more focused thematic examinations. The process entails an analysis of District investigation files and the examination of a number of key operational processes. It also includes the examination of the management and tracking of evidential property and exhibits, which includes cash and drugs. The revised methodology ensures that the organisation is adhering to its commitments under Section 24 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, through these enhanced, cost effective and efficient processes as approved by the Garda Commissioner.

The Garda Professional Standards Unit liaises closely with the Garda Internal Audit Section during examinations. This collaboration ensures a comprehensive and in-depth examination and audit of operational and financial processes and procedures.

To date, the Garda Professional Standards Unit has examined 21 Divisions which incorporated 85 Districts. Throughout 2013, the Garda Professional Standards Unit carried out examinations in 5 Divisions/specialist sections incorporating 14 Garda Districts, throughout the country. The schedule incorporated specific and targeted examinations directed by the Garda Commissioner. The associated examinations identify strengths, areas of concern and organisational risk and make specific recommendations to senior management with regard to addressing these areas. On finalising examinations, the unit assists Districts in the development of comprehensive improvement plans. Within six months, the Garda Professional Standards Unit commences a review of each District that was the subject of an examination with specific focus on each District improvement plan.

The Garda Professional Standards Unit liaises with the Garda Síochána Internal Affairs Section regarding behaviours which create organisational risk and those of particular concern. The Garda Professional Standards Unit devises their examinations around certain processes where additional focus is required.

The findings of the Garda Professional Standards Unit are utilised to propose revisions and enhancements of organisational policy to the Commissioner in these specific areas. The unit makes recommendations with regard to issues raised by the Garda Síochána Inspectorate and the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission and alters its focus in accordance with the recommendations of these groups where appropriate.

The unit also provides its findings to the Director of Training and Development at the Garda College and makes recommendations with regard to the modification or intensification of Garda training, in particular areas where required. The unit provides guidance on these areas at various organisational conferences, meetings and training courses.

The comprehensive scope of the Garda Professional Standards Unit examinations and reviews continues to promote awareness of issues, more streamlined processes, greater efficiencies and a more professional police service.

Change Management Section

District and Station Rationalisation Programme

Our record of the implementation of successful change initiatives continued throughout 2013. The Garda Station and District rationalisation programme was ongoing throughout the year with the closure of 100 Garda Stations and the amalgamation of 28 Districts. This brings the total number of station closures to 139 and the total number of District Amalgamations to 32, since the programme commenced in 2012.

This change programme was designed to position An Garda Síochána to respond efficiently and effectively to future challenges and to enhance the policing service to the people of Ireland, by ensuring the best possible use of all organisational resources.

Appropriate policing arrangements were put in place in all areas impacted by these changes, to ensure a more efficient delivery of policing services.

The manner in which local Chief Superintendents and Superintendents engaged in the process was central to its successful implementation. Having specially appointed local project teams, involving

members of all ranks, as well as civilian staff and the Garda staff associations helped to ensure the changes were managed successfully and that ongoing feedback could be provided to Change Management to ensure any issues identified could be resolved.

The list of station closures and District amalgamations in 2013 are available on www.garda.ie.

Lessons Learned Office

Since its inception in 2010 more than 735 Lessons Learned submissions have been made to the Lessons Learned Office. Of these, 72% have been closed and 28% remain active.

The Lessons Learned Framework (LLF) provides all Garda and civilian staff members with a forum for making submissions, in cases where they believe they have identified a significant improvement opportunity for An Garda Síochána. These improvement opportunities often arise as a result of learning from significant past events

In line with policy, a high-level Lessons Learned Board, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Change Management was established to;

- Oversee the management of Lessons Learned in An Garda Síochána.
- Stimulate the generation of new Lessons Learned submissions.
- Support the adoption of Lessons Learned throughout the Garda organisation by embedding them in our systems, processes, policies and cultures.

At the same time a Lessons Learned Office was established in Change Management Section to ensure the effective day-to-day administration of the framework. Superintendent, Change Management is the Lessons Learned Coordinator and is supported in this role by staff of the Lessons Learned Office; a part-time Sergeant, Garda and full-time Clerical Officer. The office has a broad range of roles and responsibilities which include:

- Supporting the activities of the Lessons Learned Board.
- Providing support, advice and guidance to those involved in the framework at any level.
- Reviewing, on an ongoing basis, the operation and performance of An Garda Síochána's Lessons Learned Framework and making recommendations for its future operation.
- Preparing and publishing Lessons Learned Bulletins on our intranet – the Garda Portal.

National Risk Management Office

An organisation risk management policy was introduced by An Garda Síochána in March 2010. The policy, and its operation, was developed in accordance with the publication entitled 'Risk Management Guidance for Government Departments and Offices'.

In line with the policy, a high-level Risk Governance Board, chaired by the office of the Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Change Management, was established to oversee the management of risk within An Garda Síochána. At the same time, a National Risk Management Office was established in Change Management Section to ensure the effective day-to-day administration of the policy.

The National Risk Management Office is staffed by a part-time Inspector (the National Risk Manager), Sergeant and Garda. The office has a broad range of roles and responsibilities which include:

- Supporting the activities of the Risk Governance Board.
- Providing support, advice and guidance to those involved in risk management at local level.
- Reviewing, on an ongoing basis, the operation and performance of An Garda Síochána's risk management policy and making recommendations for its future operation.

Policy and Planning Unit

The Policy and Planning Unit provides an essential co-ordinating function ensuring that policy and planning strategies across the Garda organisation are channelled to support the statutory function and objectives of An Garda Síochána. The Unit has the responsibility for developing, disseminating and evaluating Garda Corporate Strategies, and Annual Policing Plans. The unit currently comprises of one Sergeant and four Garda members.

The Unit also facilitates the policy development process so that policy making is accomplished in an integrated fashion across the Garda organisation. It ensures the co-ordination of the drafting, human rights certification, approval, publication and review of all Garda policy. The Unit liaises with policy owners to ensure that policy is drafted to the highest standards and clearly reflects the vision and mission of An Garda Síochána.

The staff of the Policy and Planning Unit have a broad range of operational policing experience, and a good understanding of the systems and mechanics at work throughout the Garda organisation. In addition Unit members hold

postgraduate qualifications (generally Masters or above) in a diverse range of disciplines including, Criminal Justice, Administration of Justice, Law, Strategic Planning, Organisation Development & Design, Economics, Research Analysis, Organisational Behaviour, Project Management, Public Administration, Public Management and Organisation Inspection and Oversight.

For this reason, and in addition to their core functions, staff of the Policy and Planning Unit are regularly called upon by Garda management to conduct strategic analysis of Garda sections and to review their effectiveness through an examination of their work methods, workload and activity analysis.

Irish Language Implementation Policy Committee

“An Garda Síochána has been lauded as a role model for Government departments to follow when it comes to Irish language development”(Irish Times, 14 December 2013)

An Garda Síochána has always endeavoured to promote the Irish language within the organisation. In 2013, the Irish Language Implementation Policy Committee succeeded in strengthening An Garda Síochána's commitment to the language after it undertook various initiatives and projects.

The Irish Language Implementation Policy Committee is responsible for implementing and monitoring An Garda Síochána's Irish Language Schemes, ensuring compliance with statutory obligations under the Official Languages Act 2003, and An Garda Síochána Act 2005, and devising and implementing new initiatives to improve the quantity and quality of services provided for the public through Irish.

In 2013, the organisation received recognition in the Houses of the Oireachtas, from the office of An Choimisinéir Teanga, and from the general secretary of Conradhna Gaeilge, Julian Dé Spáinn for its commitment to the full implementation of the Official Languages Act 2003.

Irish Language Expression Cards

In December 2013, the Garda Commissioner approved the issuing of Irish Language Expression cards for members of An Garda Síochána. The cards contain various phrases and expressions including basic greetings, taking details, dealing with a member of the public at a check point and expressing a lack of fluency in Irish to a member of the public who wishes to conduct his/her business in Irish.

The cards, which have been measured to fit in the insert at the back of members' official notebooks,

will prove to be a valuable and easily accessible resource for members who may need assistance when dealing with members of the public through the medium of Irish. A soft copy of the card can be located on the internal Garda portal along with a list of Irish-speaking members.



An Garda Síochána's Language Schemes

2013 saw the continuation of An Garda Síochána's Irish Language Scheme 2009-2012 and the completion of the draft scheme for 2013-2016. A review of the first scheme was carried out in 2013 and it confirmed that significant progress towards meeting most of our commitments had been achieved.

The Irish Language Gaeltacht Programme

The Irish Language Gaeltacht Programme, which provides intensive Irish language immersion courses in Gaeltacht areas for members of An Garda Síochána, went from strength to strength in 2013. Three courses were delivered throughout the year in three of the biggest Gaeltacht regions.

The courses were held in Acadamhna hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge (NUIG), An Cheathrú Rua, Co. Galway, Acadamhna hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge (NUIG), Gaoth Dobhair, Co. Donegal and Oidhreacht Chorca Dhuibhne, Baile An Fheirtéaraigh in Co. Kerry.

Irish Language In-service Programme

The Irish Language In-Service Programme, which provides Continuous Professional Development in Irish language training for Gardaí who wish to expand their competence in the language, progressed further in 2013. The programme is now being rolled out in three Divisions, Galway, Donegal and Kerry. Training in the Galway and Kerry Division is delivered by Irish language teachers from the Garda College with Acadamhna hOllscolaíochta, Gaeilge, Gaoth Dobhair

delivering the course to members in the Donegal Division.

Rannóg Na Gaeilge

2013 was a busy year for the staff of Rannóg na Gaeilge in the Garda College dealing with a large volume of translations, preparing the Irish curriculum of the BA in Applied Policing for the return of students in July 2014, organising in-service courses in various areas throughout the country, ensuring that the requirements of the Official Languages Act 2003 are being implemented and generally promoting Irish within An Garda Síochána.

Throughout 2013, much of the day to day work of Rannóg na Gaeilge has involved translations of Garda publications into Irish as is required under the Official Languages Act 2003, the translation of the Garda Annual Report to name but one. The Rannóg is also responsible for many legal translations, in particular those from the Fixed Penalty Charge Office. Official translation work involves liaising with An Coiste Téarmaíochta on a regular basis and the section is grateful for their continued help and support. The Rannóg also deals with translations of terminology and signage as they come in from various Garda Stations and members throughout the divisions.

Members of the section also organise and conduct Oral Irish Proficiency Exams and staff are willing to offer assistance to members preparing to sit these exams or to simply improve their standard of Irish. Language classes have been conducted in the Garda College and in Garda HQ with courses also being offered in Gaeltacht areas.

Gaeilge le Chéile, a new page on the Garda Portal, was launched in 2013 also. This new facility is available to every staff member with access to the Portal with an interest in improving his/her Irish on both a personal and professional level. The Webpage will be further developed throughout the year and it is hoped that the numbers availing of Gaeilge le Chéile will continue to increase in the future. Gaeilge le Chéile can be accessed via the Web and Team Pages from the Garda Portal's Homepage and clicking on the Irish Section.

2013 was a big year for Irish in general as it was Bliain na Gaeilge. It was a huge celebration of the language with Irish events being organised all over the country. One such event was Comhrá 24/7. This was a World Record Attempt that was organised by Bliain na Gaeilge to have the Longest Continuous Conversation in Irish ever.

This continuous conversation lasted from 1:00pm Sunday 29/09/13 to 1:00pm Sunday 6/10/13. The

conversation was streamed live on-line the whole time and An Garda Síochána did their bit for the World Record Attempt from 4-5:00 pm on Wednesday the 2nd October 2013 in the Garda College. The World Record Attempt was successful and it was a source of great pride that An Garda Síochána was involved in such a positive event regarding Irish.

The main aim of Rannóg na Gaeilge continues to be to ensure that An Garda Síochána adheres to the Official Languages Act 2003, to design and provide Irish language training for new and existing members of the organisation, both Garda and Civilian, and to promote a positive attitude towards Irish.

European Certificate in Irish (TEG)- Conferring Ceremony Galway Division

In 2013, funding was made available for members to sit the TEG examinations (European Certificate in Irish). Members from the Galway Division sat the examinations in April 2013.

A conferring ceremony took place in Galway on 16 September 2013 where members were presented with their internationally recognised certificates by the Director of TEG Siuán Ní Mhaonaigh, and Assistant Commissioner Dónall Ó'Cualáin.



Assistant Commissioner Dónall Ó'Cualáin and the Director of Teastas Eorpachna Gaeilge (NUI Maynooth, Siuán Ní Mhaonaigh, with members from the Galway Division at the TEG conferring ceremony in September 2013.

Garda Internal Audit Unit

The mission of the Garda Internal Audit Section is to have in place best practice internal financial control including internal audit and risk management strategies in support of the objectives of An Garda Síochána as an organisation and of the Commissioner as Accounting Officer.

The Head of Internal Audit reports to the Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Change Management and to the Audit Committee.

Internal Audit advises the Garda Commissioner in their role as Accounting Officer for the Garda voted expenditure and income. In particular Internal Audit advises in regard to financial controls and the signing by the Commissioner of the annual *Statement of Internal Financial Control* with the *Appropriation Account*.

Internal Audit Standards

Garda Internal Audit has adopted the Code of Ethics and Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Audit in Central Government Departments and Agencies of State launched by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in November 2012. During 2013 Internal Audit procedures and practices were reviewed to ensure compliance with these professional standards.

Thematic Audits

Thematic audits are those that impinge across the whole Garda organisation rather than focusing on a Division/ District/ Section or Business Unit.

Thematic Audits in 2013 included;

- Audit of Procurement Procedures
- Audit of Salary and Pension Overpayments
- Audit of Sick and Absence Management
- Audit of Superannuation and Pensions.

This work mainly falls into two categories. Firstly, audit of sections of the Garda organisation i.e. Divisions/ Districts/ Section and Business Unit. In these audits we examine the management processes and financial controls within these sections of An Garda Síochána. Secondly, thematic audits that focus on themes or issues highlighted from a risk assessment or from previous audit work, these audits examine how themes/issues are managed across the whole Garda organisation.

Work Completed

Twenty two audit reports were completed in 2013. These included;

- Eight audits of Garda Divisions/ Districts/ Specialist Units.
- Seven Thematic Audits.
- Six Review Audit Reports which focused on the implementation of recommendation from previous audits.
- One report to the Garda Commissioner in relation to financial control.

Risk Reduction

Internal Audit, as part of the overall governance and control environment within An Garda Síochána, provides reasonable audit assurance that significant risks are identified, managed and controlled effectively throughout the organisation. Where such assurance cannot be given for any reason the Garda Commissioner is informed. Internal Audit Reports have identified risks to the financial management of the organisation. These reports classify the recommendations made, as priorities 1 to 3. Priority 1 issues need to be given immediate attention by management.

Anti-Fraud Policy

In August 2012, an Anti-Fraud Policy was launched. This policy is designed to provide information and guidance to all staff in relation to the risk of fraud against the Garda Vote. It encourages ethical work practices and creates awareness of the risk of fraud throughout the organisation. The policy is in line with recommended practice throughout the public service and the requirement to report annually to the Comptroller and Auditor General all cases of suspected fraudulent activity. In 2013 the operation of this policy was reviewed and the policy was amended in light of this review.

Collaboration with Garda Professional Standards Unit

During 2013 Garda Internal Audit collaborated on three audit assignments with staff from the Garda Professional Standards Unit. This collaboration had the advantage of using the skills of the staff from both units to best effect.



At the Launch of the Internal Audit Standards for Departments and Agencies of State in Farnleigh House, (L – R) Nuala Comerford (Chair Irish Committee of Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors, CIIA), Niall Kelly (Head of Internal Audit An Garda Síochána), David Moloney (Ast Secretary Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform) Pamela Mc Donald (CIIA Council Member)

Human Resource Allocation to An Garda Síochána

Strength of force broken down by rank as of 31 December 2013	
Commissioner	1
D/Commissioner	1
A/Commissioner	8
C/Superintendent	44
Superintendent	147
Inspector	270
Sergeant	1,860
Garda	10,762
Total:	13,093

These additional resources will allow the Vetting Unit to undertake the extensive range of responsibilities as provided for in the National Vetting Bureau (Children & Vulnerable Adults) Act 2012. The augmented staffing levels is testament to the recognition of the critical work undertaken by the Vetting Unit and the awareness of the significance attached to the system and its implications for the protection of children and vulnerable persons, as well as access to employment and voluntary services.

Strengths and Allocations as of 31 December 2013	
Garda members:	13,093
Garda Reserves:	1164
Civilian staff:	2,071.243
Total	16,328

Recruitment to An Garda Síochána

The first Garda Recruitment campaign since 2008 was advertised at the end of the year. It is anticipated that the first students will enter the Garda College in July 2014 following an extensive process of assessment and evaluation including online questionnaires and assessments, on-site assessments, interviews, and physical and medical examinations.

The first stages will be conducted by the PAS, (Public Appointments Service) with candidates who qualify through these being placed in order of merit for consideration by the Garda Commissioner for assessment through physical, medical and security checks.

Garda Central Vetting Unit

During 2013 the staffing levels in the Garda Central Vetting Unit were supplemented by redeploying civilian personnel from the Department of Agriculture into a number of locations throughout the south-east region. There are now 5 offices under the Vetting Unit – Thurles, Ennis, Tipperary Town, Waterford and Enniscorthy.

Family friendly Initiatives for staff of An Garda Síochána

The following is a breakdown of the statistics for family friendly initiatives in 2012 and 2013 for both Garda members and civilian staff of An Garda Síochána.

Parental Leave

Parental Leave is a statutory entitlement allowing the parent of a child to take unpaid leave for 18 working weeks for the purposes of caring for his/her child. Parental Leave must be taken before the child reaches 13 years of age (16 in the case of a child with a disability).

	Applications Processed	No. availed of Parental Leave at 31 December 2013
Garda 2013	379	214
Civilian 2013	219	143
Garda 2012	304	174
Civilian 2012	186	109

Work Sharing

Work Sharing is a scheme which permits an employee to avail of an attendance pattern other than full-time. It is designed to facilitate employees an opportunity to balance work with family commitments and personal goals.

	Applications Received	Applications to return Full Time	No. Work Sharing at 31 st December 2013
Garda 2013	33	22	86
Civilian 2013	26	18	321
Garda 2012	32	19	98
Civilian 2012	28	20	344

Career Break

The Career Break scheme provides that employees may be granted special leave without pay for a period of not less than 6 months and not more than 5 years. Career breaks may be taken for child rearing purposes, other domestic reasons (e.g. care of a sick relative), educational purposes, self employment and travel abroad.

	Applications Processed	Extensions Processed	No. on C/B at 31 st December 2013
Garda 2013	28	18	44
Civilian 2013	18	19	44
Garda 2012	16	24	40
Civilian 2012	12	14	32

Shorter Working Year Scheme

The Shorter Working Year scheme supersedes the old Term Time Scheme. It allows employees to apply for special *unpaid* leave for 1 or more continuous periods of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 13 weeks at any time during the year. A maximum of 3 periods amounting to 13 weeks in total may be applied for.

	Applications Processed	Withdrawn	No. availed of SWY
Garda 2013	79	1	78
Civilian 2013	251	11	240
Garda 2012	39	6	33
Civilian 2012	235	9	226

The Shorter Working Year Scheme for civilians for 2014 was announced in September, 2013. The number of applications received is 278, with 2 refusals. So far, 5 applicants have withdrawn but this figure may increase during the year. The total number of civilian staff who have accepted the Shorter working Year Scheme for 2014 to date is 271. These applications were processed in 2013.

The Shorter Working Year Scheme 2014 for members was announced in September, 2013. The number of applications received to date is 92 with no withdrawals so far. These applications were processed in 2013.

Carer's Leave

Carer's Leave is a statutory entitlement which allows employees to take temporary unpaid leave to enable them personally to provide full-time care and attention for a person who is in need of such care.

	Application Processed	No. on Carers Leave at 31 st December 2014
Garda 2013	3	6
Civilian 2013	8	5
Garda 2012	4	5
Civilian 2012	10	6

Maternity Leave

Maternity Leave is a statutory entitlement which consists of 26 paid weeks with an option to avail of a further 16 weeks unpaid leave. Maternity Leave is processed by Divisional Executive Officer's and Human Resources Division, Navan, Co Meath.

	Paid Maternity Leave	Unpaid Maternity Leave
Garda 2013	413	117
Civilian 2013	92	17
Garda 2012	253	141
Civilian 2012	96	34

Retirement Statistics for staff of An Garda Síochána

2013 Civilian Retirement Statistics as at 31/12/2013

	AP	HEO	EO	SO	CO	General Op	S/A	Cleaner	Total
Voluntary			2	1	1	1	1		6
Compulsory					1	2	1	18	22
CNER*						1		1	2
Ill Health				1	1		1	1	4
Total			2	2	3	4	3	20	34

*CNER – Cost Neutral Early Retirement Scheme

2013 Garda Retirement Statistics as at 31/12/2013

	Comm	Deputy Comm	Assistant Comm	Chief Super	Super	Inspector	Sgt	Garda	Total
Voluntary	0	1	0	1	16	12	82	167	279
Compulsory	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	8	11
CNER*	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
Total	0	1	1	2	16	13	84	179	296

*CNER – Cost Neutral Early Retirement Scheme

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World Police and Fire Games

Belfast hosted World Police and Fire Games in 2013 from 1st to 10th of August featuring almost 7,000 competitors across 56 sports at 41 venues, with 3,500 volunteers. The Games is a biennial event consisting of a wide range of individual and team sports. WPFPG is made up of serving and retired fire, police and prison officers from across the world. Their mission is to create community interaction and awareness, educate children on the benefits of sport, and develop camaraderie between members of the emergency services from around the world.

The Irish team, which included 185 serving and 40 retired Garda members, appeared 6th on the leader board with a very impressive 181 medals; 67 Gold, 58 Silver and 56 Bronze.

The Garda Technical Bureau is extremely proud of the achievements of two of its members, Det. Sgt. Michael Macken and Garda Alan Curry for returning with two gold medals in Darts and Triathlon events.

Detective Sergeant Michael Macken of the Garda Technical Bureau Fingerprints Section took first place in the Olympic Distance Triathlon in the over 50's category.

Polish Ambassador Visit



On 12th March 2013 His Excellency Mr Marcin Nawrot and Second Secretary Grzegorz Jagielski visited Kevin Street Garda Station to meet with Gardaí Paulina Szramowska, Tomasz Bialowski and Marta Radzuil, Polish Nationals, who have been stationed in Kevin Street Garda Station for the last few years.

The meeting was arranged when the Polish Ambassador became aware of the work done for the Polish Community in the Kevin Street District by the three Polish Gardaí who are stationed there. Regular meetings are held with the Polish Community at St. Audeons Church after the Sunday Mass.

A guided tour of the station showing its historical features and historical events was given by JLO Garda Liam Holland followed by a meeting with Superintendent Thady Muldoon and Inspector Brendan Costello where the Ambassador praised the work done by the Gardaí for the Polish Community in the area.

Late Night Football Leagues

Community Gardaí, Sergeants and Inspectors from the DMR South Central once again facilitated the Late Night Leagues with several teams from the Division participating.

The Under 16 Team from Oliver Bond reached this year's final and brought the Cup back to the Division. Over 400 players took part in the FAI's Late Night League Finals on Friday evening, 6th December, 2013, in Irishtown Stadium, Ringsend.

Christmas Collection for Dog Trust



A Christmas Collection with a difference took place this year when Kevin Street Community Gardaí Jeff White and Peter Mullins ran a collection in the A District in support of the Dog Trust.

Summer Projects

Community Police members continued their involvement with the Summer Projects which ran from June to September. Run in conjunction with Dublin City Council, Community Gardaí have put together a summer project in an attempt to combat anti-social behaviour during these months.

Groups of young people are categorised by age and given a timetable of events and outings for them to engage in. In order to facilitate the large groups of children and young people who attend the project Gardaí step in and provide supervision on the outings. This ensures the maximum amount can attend due to the strict child to adult ratio that is required when working with children.

Dublin City Festival of Russian Culture

The Dublin City Festival of Russian Culture, music dance and live performances took place from 9th to 15th March followed by the annual St. Patrick's Festival which this year saw an extra 8,000 overseas visitors take part in the very special event, the People's Parade.



St Patricks Day Parade at Christchurch Dublin

DMR had a busy June 2013

The tempo changed from EU meetings at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham in June to music following the hosting of the three day Forbidden Fruit Festival. The City Centre hosted the Flora Women's Mini Marathon on the 3rd June followed by the Cuban Dublin Festival, the Liberties Festival, the Temple Bar Night Market and "A Taste of Dublin" which took place in the Iveagh Gardens.

Student safety talks

With Dublin city centre being a hub of education, students travel from near and far to benefit from the many colleges and schools in the area. Community Policing have built up a relationship over time with these colleges and schools and

have created an initiative known as "The student safety program."

This consists of Community Gardaí going to the colleges and schools and giving presentations to the students on personal safety while in Dublin City Centre.

The presentations consist of the types of crimes that may occur in the city centre and information on how to avoid becoming a victim of them. More recently Community Gardaí have incorporated information on smart phone safety. This includes information on how smart devices can be stolen so the students can be more aware and hopefully avoid such incidents. Information is also given about protecting their student accommodation against burglaries, pickpockets, information on alcohol and drug related legislation in Ireland and general safety advice. The talks are done in the school or college and involve a slideshow presentation and a question and answer session afterwards. Feedback from the schools and colleges has been very positive.

South Eastern Region

Discovery of Diesel Laundering Operation, Portlaw, Co Waterford on the 15th of November 2013.

On Friday the 15th of November 2013 Gardaí from Tramore and Kilmacthomas Garda Stations carried out a search of an industrial unit, at Portlaw, Co. Waterford under warrant, where components of a significant diesel laundering operation was discovered. Customs officials were notified and attended the unit under warrant, accompanied by experts in diesel laundering. All the components of a diesel laundering facility were found to be present.

The loss of revenue to the exchequer was estimated to be in the region of €5 million.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

The 6th annual Wexford Senior Citizens Community Policing Christmas Party was held in the Riverbank House Hotel on Tuesday the 3rd of December 2013. There were 240 senior citizens from the Wexford town area treated to a 4 course meal and danced the night away thanks to music from the Wexford Light Opera Group and Derek Cunningham. Wexford Community Policing Unit and members from across the district ensured this was another great night for all that attended.

Camp Diversion Wexford

This year's camp diversion was held in Kilrane, Co Wexford as the Wexford SAFE project were the reigning champions and therefore had the honour

of hosting this year's event. Along with the SAFE Project, 14 other Youth Justice Projects, from all over Ireland, entered this three day event, all with the hopes of taking home the prize!

During the three days each team had to complete a series of challenges such as obstacle courses, golf, kayaking, high ropes and archery to name but a few. The 3 day event was rounded off with a spectacular firework display.

Road Safety Week



As part of Road Safety Week Wexford Community Policing ran a number of demonstrations and talks. Gardaí first did a safe cycling demonstration with 3rd class pupils from Wexford CBS primary school. A talk was also given in the FAB childcare centre where pre school and primary school children of various ages were given a talk and demonstration on how to safely cross the road. Both of these events were very well received and great feedback was given.

Coolcotts Soccer Challenge

In response to incidents of anti-social behaviour a soccer match was organised between the youths from Ferndale, Ashfield and Belvedere and a team made up of members from the emergency services. The match was held on the green in Ferndale Park and was a great success. The Gardaí lined up alongside members from the inshore rescue, Order of Malta and Marine Watch. The event was a great success.

Text Alert Launch – Thurles District

On the 17th May, 2013 the Text Alert Programme was launched by An Garda Síochána and in conjunction with Muintir na Tíre in five Sub Districts of Thurles namely Ballingarry, Ballinure, Gortnahoe/Glengoole, Killenaule, Littleton, Moycarkey Borris.



The launch of the Community Alert Initiative was a success with over 500 people in attendance, over 1,300 households from the five sub Districts signed up to the Text Alert initiative. The introduction of the Community Alert initiative in the Thurles Sub District has received great feedback from the community and as a result is currently being rolled out across the Tipperary Division. It gives An Garda Síochána better relations and increased communication with the community we serve.

Know Your Patch Initiative – Templemore and Roscrea Sub Districts.

The amalgamation of Templemore District brought about change and a new vision of policing for the Tipperary Division. This process of change identified an opportunity for us to engage further with our communities.

The pilot “Know Your Patch” was adopted and rolled out across the new Sub District of Templemore and Roscrea. “Know Your Patch” is a Community Policing initiative which involves specifically appointed Community Policing Gardaí allocated to designated local areas in Templemore and Roscrea. To date Gardaí at Templemore and Roscrea called to all households within their specified community area with a community leaflet which explains the rationalisation programme. Doing this leaflet drop created a communication link as members were able to identify themselves to their community and create a sense of belonging.

The success of this pilot will bring about greater inclusivity and help bridge the gap between service delivery and customer's expectations. Under Phase II of the amalgamation process it is intended to roll out “Know Your Patch” across the Tipperary Division.

Farm Safety Initiative Launch – Tipperary Division

On the 30th October, 2013 this Farm Safety Initiative was launched in the Tipperary Division at Hogan's Farm, Horse and Jockey. The Irish Farmers Association is a co partner of this initiative, over 5000 Farm Safety booklets were disseminated by the Irish Farmers Association during the month of November. Nominated Gardaí have attended local IFA meetings throughout the Tipperary Division with very positive feedback viewed at Joint Policing Committee meetings.

Thurles Station Open Day and Road Safety Show

On Friday 29th November, 2013 Thurles Garda Station opened its doors to the public. A tour of the Garda Station was given to visitors. Garda

members and civilian staff attached to Thurles Garda Station assisted with the open day.

A number of specialist units were made available and display stands erected to give the public an insight into the functions and objectives of the units. The Garda Regional Support Unit, Garda Dog Unit, local Fire Brigade and Ambulance personnel were in attendance.

The local Fire Brigade and Ambulance personnel with the assistance of Tipperary Gardaí re-enacted a road traffic collision displayed to the public their individual roles.

Templemore Road Safety Show

On Saturday 31st August, 2013 a Road Safety event took place in on Main Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary. This event was a joint policing exercise by Tipperary Divisional Traffic Corps and Templemore Gardaí.

The event took the format of a two vehicle personnel injury Road Traffic Collision. North Tipperary Fire Rescue, Templemore and Paramedics from the National Ambulance Service were also in attendance. The event showed how the emergency services operate together at a serious road traffic collision.

Tipperary Town Road Safety Show

On Friday 13th and Saturday 14th of September, 2013 a Road Safety event took place at St Michaels Road Tipperary Town. Throughout the day there were members of the public from schools in the area. Members of the emergency service enacted a two vehicle personnel injury road traffic collision.

The Garda Regional PR stand was displayed for the duration of this event Garda members distributed Hi Vis Vests, key rings, rucksack covers, road safety leaflets and other road safety merchandise supplied by the RSA.

Garda Sponsored U/10 Football Blitz.

The annual Tullow Garda Sponsored U/10 GAA Football Blitz was once again held at Brother Leo



Park, the home of St Patricks GAA Club Tullow Co. Carlow on Sunday 1st September 2013.

The event saw the participation of over 140 children from GAA clubs from the Tullow Garda Administration Area. Each child left the event with a Garda medal which by all accounts has taken pride of place in many households. And of course the day would not be complete without the customary "goodie bag" for each participant. The blitz was held in great spirit and not even any of the parents were shown a yellow card, despite voicing serious concerns to some refereeing decisions!

The event brought a great buzz and lots of excitement around the club for the day....and the weather held up too. A tremendous success all round.

Job Shadow Initiative Day (Disability Awareness) 24th April 2013 Cahir

Mr. Donncha Ryan of Scoil Chormaic at Cashel, Co. Tipperary attended the Job Shadow Initiative day at Cahir Garda Station on 24th April, 2013. Mr. Ryan met with members of the Traffic Corps and RSU who are based at Cahir Garda Station. He was afforded the opportunity to check out the equipment and vehicles under supervision of the members. Mr. Ryan was provided with information and leaflets on the services and agencies which An Garda Síochána interact with on a daily basis.

Community Policing Day Trip to Cobh Co. Cork

On the 21st October, 2013 a community Day Trip to Cobh Co. Cork was organised by members of the Community Policing Unit for members of Inclusive Opportunities Thurles.

The Inclusive Opportunities gives people with disabilities the opportunity of employment based on their own strengths and interests. The day trip included a visit to Fota Wildlife Park and a visit to Titanic Experience Centre.

Special Olympics – Cops on Donut Shops Event on 26th October, 2013.

On the 26th October, 2013 Community Policing Gardaí from Thurles hosted the 1st Cops on Donut Shops event at Thurles Shopping Centre. The aim of the event was to promote Special Olympics Ireland and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The profits on the day went to Special Olympics Ireland in support of the athletes who attend the National and World Games every four years.

Halloween Primary School Visits – Thurles District

During the month of October the Community Policing Unit Thurles visited all Primary Schools in

the Thurles District to inform them of the dangers associated with Halloween. There was very positive feedback from students, parents and teachers.

Supporting Safer Communities Campaign – Clonmel

On the 30th September, 2013 at Clonmel Shopping Centre a joint display was organised by Garda Community Policing Unit and Muintir na Tíre. Crime prevention information leaflets were distributed during the event with particular emphasis on home security, holiday security and farm safety. Muintir na Tíre distributed their security information packs.

Northern Region

Crime Prevention Ambassadors initiative

The “Crime Prevention Ambassadors” initiative was piloted in the Cavan/Monaghan and Meath Divisions in the final quarter of 2013 and was a huge success. It is a peer led programme designed under the auspices of An Garda Síochána’s Community Relations Bureau for the dissemination of crime prevention advice amongst older people for older people.

The programme is led by An Garda Síochána with the support from the following stakeholders:

- Ageing Well Network
- Age Friendly County Alliance for Monaghan, Cavan and Meath
- Muintir Na Tíre

The objectives of the initiative are to:

1. Develop and maintain effective communication links between Gardaí and older people
2. Deliver a timely and effective proactive response by An Garda Síochána for older people
3. Increase trust and confidence by lessening the fear of crime amongst older people
4. Determine and respond to the needs and expectations of older people on an ongoing basis



The programme culminated in the presentation of Certificates to all the volunteers who participated in the programme from across counties Cavan / Monaghan and Meath.

The result of the pilot programme is currently being evaluated to determine its suitability for national roll-out.

Road Safety Week Drogheda

Drogheda Gardaí held a road safety week from Monday 18th to Thursday 23rd November 2013.

The road safety week began with members of the Community Policing Unit and Traffic Corps visiting all six secondary schools in Drogheda on Monday 18th November 2013. Members gave road safety presentations and discussed young drivers road behaviour and attitudes with transition year and fifth year students. Members also visited youth groups and Garda Diversion Projects.

Drogheda Garda Station hosted the Road Safety Authority’s road-show event, community Gardaí liaised with school Principals in co-ordinating transition year and fifth year students were scheduled to attend the event at Drogheda Garda Stations with groups attending three times per day on each of the three days.

The Road Safety Authority’s demonstration included car and motorcycle driving simulators as well as hazard perception test. A number of students participated in the car crash roll-over simulator.

Following the Road Safety Authority’s demonstrations, students attended the Garda CPD classroom where another simulator was set up. Students tested their perception while driving unimpaired and then by driving impaired by ‘beer goggles’ and mobile phones. The ‘Crashed Lives’ DVD was then watched by the students, followed by a classroom discussion which addressed the life long implications which can result from road traffic collisions.

The practical demonstrations were very well received by students and complimented the school based presentations given by Community Gardaí and Traffic Corps members at the beginning of the road safety week.

District Amalgamation Glenties

On Monday the 11th November 2013, Na Gleannta Garda District in Donegal as well as a number of other Districts throughout the County amalgamated with neighbouring Districts.

In the case of Na Gleannta, the old District was split between Ballyshannon and Milford. On Saturday the 9th November, a number of functions

were organised in Glenties to coincide with the amalgamation.



An open day was held at Glenties Garda Station where the public were invited for a cup of tea and a chat. The new arrangements for policing west Donegal was outlined to anyone with concerns. The event was attended by 200 members of the public from all over West Donegal. Overall the day was an enjoyable sociable event enjoyed by all who attended.

Fuel Laundering detection

The Northern Region has been particularly successful in detecting fuel laundries and apprehending suspects in recent years. Three of these detections were the largest seizures of laundered fuel in the history of the State.

Hereunder is a breakdown of figures:

Year	Laundries Discovered	Capacity to Process Per Annum	Potential loss to Exchequer
2011	9	80 Mil Ltrs	€40m
2012	10	86 Mil Ltrs	€45m
2013	5	46 Mil Ltrs	€24.7m

Each operation requires careful planning and is carried out under the direction of the Detective Superintendent Northern Region. In 2013, Gardaí and Revenue Officials also seized 353 bags of Bleaching Earth, 5 Tankers, 6 Lorries, 9 Vehicles and 3 Forty Foot Trailers. Dispense Pumps and other fuel laundering paraphernalia have also been seized throughout the year.

Three concealed storage tanks were also discovered including a concealed tank on a tipper truck. Gardaí in the Northern Region have found a total of 29 tonnes of toxic waste between the various laundering plants discovered in 2013.

Western Region

Galway Blue Challenge 2013

The Galway Blue Challenge 2013 is an annual fundraising event organised by staff of An Garda Síochána based at Galway & Salthill. The third

annual charity cycle/climb event took place on the 18th & 19th of May 2013 in aid of "Voices for Down Syndrome" & "Ability West".

The route of the cycle commenced at Maam Cross, Galway and finished at Croagh Patrick, Co. Mayo a distance of 150 kilometres. On completion of the cycle participants then climbed Croagh Patrick and cycled back to Galway via the main Galway-Westport Road the following day. In excess of one hundred cyclists, accompanied by additional support staff, took part in this two day event raising approximately €34,000 for these worthy charities.



The money was all raised through sponsorship. The group was made up of members of An Garda Síochána, civilian staff and their families & friends. Great co-operation was received from local businesses who sponsored prizes and supplied food/beverages for the cyclists.

This event provides a great example of an organisational success which occurred during 2013 and showcases the good work which was undertaken in the Galway Division on behalf of the wider community. This event proved to be a great success and preparations are currently underway to organise the Croagh Patrick Challenge for 2014.

The National Job Shadowing initiative

The National Job Shadowing initiative was undertaken again in Galway this year.



This year Roslyn Ryan from Athenry Co. Galway completed her 'Job Shadowing' day with Galway Community Policing Unit. She accompanied members on patrol duty and visited a number of

specialised sections to experience the different facets of the role of members of An Garda Síochána. This initiative has proven to be a great success each year. Roslyn was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for her participation in the Job Shadowing Scheme.

Macnas Parade

This is an annual event in Galway attracting large crowds to the city. The attached photograph depicts some of the interaction between the Gardaí and the local Arts Community. It was taken during one of the major events in the city each year the Macnas Parade. Gardaí continue to maintain links with many outside agencies with the arts community being just one of them.



Visit of David Rudisha (800 meters Olympic and World Champion)

In 2013 members at Galway Garda Station were delighted to receive a visit from 800 meters Olympic and World Champion, David Rudisha. David Rudisha is a policeman in his home country of Kenya and is involved with their Community Policing section so he had a particular fondness for the local Community Policing Unit during the course of his visit.

Garda Community Safety Week



Chief Superintendent Galway Division on the Galway Bay FM Outside Broadcast Unit, in Eyre Square, Galway. Local radio agreed to the Garda request to dedicate an entire programme to the subject of Community Safety and it proved to be a huge success.

Dedication of a local Famine Park at the Claddagh

Galway Community Gardaí were involved in the dedication of a local Famine park in the Claddagh area of the city. The dedication was done in conjunction with Galway City Council together with Captain Brian Sheridan, Harbour Master of Galway Port and local school children from the Claddagh School.

Foróige

A Garda scheme has been established in conjunction with Foróige where local vulnerable youths are participating in the repair of old and disused bicycles. It is operating on the east side of Galway city in conjunction with local community Gardaí. The scheme was highlighted at the open day held at Ballybane Garda Community Office during the course of both Community Safety Week and Social Inclusion Week earlier in 2013.

Galway East Life Support (G.E.L.S) Ballinasloe District

A group was formed in Ballinasloe Garda District in February 2013 called Galway East Life Support (G.E.L.S). The group consists of various individuals and organisations who were very concerned about the problem of suicide in East Galway. Suicide is recognised by the people of East Galway as the biggest issue facing the people of the area. An Garda Síochána endeavours to assist at the forefront in dealing with the families, friends and colleagues in the aftermath of suicide. Our primary responsibility is the preservation of life and any activity which helps in that objective through prevention and awareness is worthy of our support.



The mission of this group is to promote the services available to those affected by depression, suicide and self harm for families, friends and colleagues. Local interventions are regarded as being very effective by the professionals working in the area in reducing suicide rates. Our goal is to save lives through education, prevention, awareness and support. The group consists of representatives from An Garda Síochána, HSE, I.F.A., G.A.A., local Councillors, Oireachtas members, addiction

councillors, Defence Forces, Lions clubs, Youth groups, Community organisations and concerned individuals. This is not strictly speaking a Garda Síochána initiative it is community based initiative which has been fully supported in the Ballinasloe District under our proactive Community Policing Programme.

Garda Boyle and Irwin and Reserve Garda Corrigan receiving awards from the “Irish Water Safety” Council in Dublin Castle from Minister Fergus O’Dowd.



Garda Boyle, Garda Irwin and Reserve Garda Corrigan receiving the “Just In Time” award from Minister Fergus O’Dowd and the Chairperson of Irish Water Safety. This award was presented to the Gardaí involved for saving the lives of two members of the public in two separate road collisions, and Irish Water Safety decided that these efforts were worthy of such an award.

The first incident was when Garda Irwin and R/Garda Corrigan observed a car crash into the Knappagh beg lake on the outskirts of Westport, and ended up on its roof partially submerged in the water. They immediately went to the aid of the driver who was alone, they kept the mans head above water for twenty minutes while they waited for the Fire Service to come and free the man who was trapped inside the car. This man was freed and taken to Mayo General Hospital where he made a full recovery and thanked the Gardaí for saving his life.

The second incident was when Garda Irwin and Garda Boyle observed a car that had crashed into the pier at Westport Quay in the early hours of the morning. This car was overhanging the edge of the pier with a 20 feet drop into the deep sea below. Gardaí then spotted this male with their flashlight clinging on to the bottom of the sea wall. Gardaí entered the water and dragged this unresponsive male to dry ground. Garda Boyle and Irwin then quickly removed this mans wet clothing and placed him in the patrol car and turned the heat up to the max. Paramedics stated that the after care displayed by Gardaí to this man probably saved his life for a second time. The male was still quite ill, but was released four days

later and went on to make a full recovery.

Operation Luxor

From December 2012 to April 2013 a targeted operation utilising the Garda National Surveillance Unit and the Garda National Drugs Unit was carried out to combat the supply of controlled drugs in the Kilrush District, Co Clare. The operation resulted in arrests of nine individuals who were involved in twenty two separate incidents of supply of controlled drugs to members of An Garda Síochána.

Surveillance carried out as part of this operation also resulted in the arrest of three persons who were planning to commit an aggravated burglary in the District. The cases are currently before the Courts.

Operation Payday

Operation Payday was put in place from August 2013 to December 2013 targeting organised unlawful money lending in the Kilrush area, Co Clare. The operation involved NCIU, Surveillance Unit Galway, CAB, Dog Unit, Customs and Excise, Revenue Officials, Clare County Council and Detective and Uniformed members throughout the Clare Division.

The operation culminated in the arrests of eleven persons on the 3rd December 2013 with seventeen residential and business premises searched in addition to six premises of solicitors and accountants being searched. Orders were also served on financial Institutions by the Criminal Assets Bureau, a bank account containing in excess of €30,000.00 was frozen and a number of properties identified. Social Welfare has served documentation on one of the targets in respect of over-payments of Social Welfare of €50,000.00.

Multi Agency Checkpoint M6 Motorway

A Multi-Agency checkpoint took place on the M6 Motorway at Doon, Ballydangan, Athlone on 20th September, 2013.



There were approximately 30 Garda personnel involved in the operation on the day. They were made up of Traffic, RSU, Detectives and Regular Units. The operation lasted 3 hours and led to a number of arrests and searches both for crime and traffic incidents.

New York Police Department Boxing Club Vs The Garda Boxing Club

On Friday 4th October 2013, thirteen members of the New York Police Department arrived in Ireland as guests of the Garda Boxing Club. The delegation, which was led by NYPD Chief Brian McCarthy, consisted of 9 boxers, Club Secretary Tara Doughty and Head Coach Lieutenant Dave Siev.

The travelling party were greeted at Dublin Airport by Garda Boxing Club Chairman Detective Superintendent Jim McGowan. The group stopped off at Croke Park where they cheered on their colleagues from the NYPD Gaelic Football team who were also in Ireland, taking part in an inter-forces competition hosted by the Garda GAA club.

They then undertook their first ever visit west, to the town of Castlebar, Co. Mayo which was to host the prestigious Garda V NYPD Boxing Tournament, the following evening.

The team were led into town by a NYPD Cruiser and Garda traffic escort. This attracted great excitement and a crowd of local people had gathered at the Welcome Inn Hotel when the team arrived at what would be their base and event venue.

On Saturday morning the New York team visited Castlebar Peace Park. This Peace Park commemorates all Mayo born people who gave their lives in the service of this State and others. Garda Chief Superintendent O'Brien laid a wreath at the American Forces memorial, while New York Chief McCarthy laid a wreath at the monument to Gardaí who lost their lives in the line of duty. Again Mayor Heston, Deputy Mayor Ger Deere as well as John O'Mahoney TD and a representation of the townspeople took part in the ceremony which Chief McCarthy gave great reverence to.



Following this the NYPD and Gardaí visited the children's wing of Mayo General Hospital. Badges and pins were given out and honorary "cops" were appointed bringing smiles to a lot of little faces.

Then it was fight night. The evening commenced with a VIP Reception for special invited guests. Among those were Deputy Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner Donal O'Cuailáin, Chief Superintendent Barry O'Brien, Superintendent Patrick Diskin and several other officers from the division as well as recently retired Deputy Commissioner and Castlebar native, Nacie Rice.

When the dust had settled the Gardaí had won 8 of the nine inter forces bouts. Club coaches David O'Brien, David Conlon ringside and Piaras O'Sullivan backstage were understandably proud of their boxers' performance.

During the evening a fundraiser was held for the Jack and Jill Foundation. Boxing memorabilia from Michael Carruth, Katie Taylor and the Irish Elites were among the amazing items on offer and raised €4,000. This brings to €20,000 that the Garda Boxing Club has raised for charity in 2013 and €155,000 in the past 2 ½ years.

This Garda Boxing Club Gathering event was a thorough success in every way and showcased the club's strong ethos of community interaction, charitable work, and inter force liaison with a capacity crowd, dozens of overseas visitors, a fantastic atmosphere, great entertainment, enjoyable fights and €4,000 raised for the wonderful Jack & Jill Foundation.

Southern Region

The 18th Annual West Cork Garda Youth Awards



These awards celebrate outstanding young people between the ages of 14 and 21 years in West Cork. Gardaí and SuperValu recognise that

a lot of good work is being done by young people in every community in West Cork.

This year, a record number of 141 young people were nominated. This reflects the excellent standing in which the Awards are held in the wider community. A total of 17 awards were presented on the night; 5 Overall awards, 8 District awards, 2 Group awards, 1 Special Achievement award, and 1 Outstanding Contribution to Youth Award.



The Group Award category applies to groups of two or more young people whose combined efforts have contributed positively to their communities. The Special Achievement category applies to any young person who has defied the odds, or overcome difficult circumstances, and whose commitment deserves recognition. The Outstanding Contribution to Youth Award is a way in which to honour those who have inspired and assisted young people to fulfil their potential.

In his speech, Chief Superintendent Thomas Hayes paid tribute to the Award winners, stating that he had no doubt that these young people would be the leaders of the future. He also stressed the importance of young people volunteering in their communities, and that An Garda Síochána was delighted to be in a position to honour the award winners.

Inspector Brendan Fogarty, Bandon Garda Station, who was chairman of the judging committee, remarked "Each year we are consistently impressed and humbled by the sacrifices made by these young people, as they contribute to their community, both at a local level, and also in wider areas. The award winners are truly worthy, but the standard of nominations in general was at a very high level. An Garda Síochána would like to pay tribute to SuperValu for their continued sponsorship of the Youth Awards."

Cycle Safety Week

Cycle Safety Week run in conjunction with the Community Policing Unit at Tralee Garda Station.

Blennerville National School and Fenit National School along with Community Policing Gardaí took part in this year's Cycle Safety Week. Participants really enjoyed the experience which was helped by the fabulous weather during the Summer of 2013.

Clonakilty Charity Cycle



Clonakilty Charity cycle started in 2012 with the beneficiary being Cancer Connect, a charity which transports people from all over West Cork to Cork City for cancer treatment. In 2013 it was decided to bring Co-action West Cork on board with the proceeds being split between it and Cancer Connect.

Co-Action West Cork provides quality services to support children and adults with an intellectual disability, and children with autism. Local Community Gardaí on the organising committee organised a coffee morning where €1,350 was raised for the charities. The total raised by the cycle was €32,000 to be split between both charities. Gardaí from Clonakilty helped police the event on the day when upwards of 400 cyclists took part.

Blarney Community Policing - Coffee Morning Cheque Presentation

A coffee morning was held at the newly refurbished Blarney Garda Station on Tuesday 17th December 2013 in aid of Blarney Meals on Wheels. All local groups (Community Alert, Neighbourhood Watch, Active Retirement, GAA, Blarney Utd FC, etc) attended as well as retired members who served in Blarney Garda Station. A great morning was had by all. €1,060 was raised during the coffee morning. This money was presented to Sister Peg of Blarney Meals on Wheels on Christmas Eve by Community Garda Sean O'Dwyer.

Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2013

Since 1998 the Gardaí in the Kerry Division in association with Lee Strand Milk have acknowledged young people between the ages of 14 and 19 from all over Kerry for their volunteering efforts with Achievement Awards.

This year there was a presentation of 26 individual awards (21 Merit Awards, 4 Distinctions Awards and 1 Overall Award) and 1 Voluntary Group Award, which were accompanied with an inspiring citation of each of the winner's achievements. Seventeen year old Kieran Enright, from Listowel was announced as the Overall Winner of the Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2013. Elma Walsh (Mother of the late Donal Walsh R.I.P) presented Kieran with a specially commissioned crystal trophy, the "Donal Walsh #LiveLife Award" and an overall winner's certificate to mark his achievement.

At the award ceremony Chief Superintendent Pat Sullivan said "An Garda Síochána is once again delighted this year to partner Lee Strand in one of the highlights of the social calendar in Kerry.



An Garda Síochána has always been proactive in acknowledging and identifying the positive work by young people and voluntary groups to enhance community life in Kerry." He then went on to say to all the young people present that it was their night and they were there because of the selfless contribution they have made to their local communities. He expressed heartfelt congratulations to them all on firstly being nominated and secondly being selected for a Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Award. He said that he felt it was appropriate to acknowledge the input of their parents, teachers, youth leaders and all voluntary groups and who enabled them to make a positive impact on the lives of others within their community.



Annual Santa Parade Tralee

Traffic Duty for the safe arrival of Santa and Mrs Claus to Tralee in December 2013. Hundreds of children accompanied by their parents line the

streets each year in anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus. Traffic restrictions and diversions are put in place in order to police the event and ensure everyone's safety. It is always a memorable event for the children.

Internet Safety

As part of the online internet safety week, Macroom community policing in partnership with the principal and teachers of St Marys secondary school conducted workshops on online safety and personal safety. Gardaí from Macroom also gave talks to over 160 students in relation to the correct use of information technology, safety while using the internet as well as cyberbullying and personal safety while utilising social media sites. This event was a huge success and talks will be given to parents in relation to online communication in 2014.

Road Safety, Macroom

As part of the road safety campaign, Macroom community policing in partnership with Carriganima, Ballinagree and Moanflugh primary schools gave talks in relation to road safety and cycle safety. RSA high visibility jackets were distributed to the classes as well as the Garda colouring books to increase awareness of being safe while on the road.

Community Alert Group

A new community alert group was established in the Kill/Coolyhane areas in Macroom in December 2013. This group will be distributing alarm pendants to the elderly in their community as well demonstrating ways to prevent crime from occurring. A crime prevention talk was given by Macroom community policing in partnership with Muintir na Tíre where a very large group turned out to listen to good crime prevention tips from both Gardaí and the Community alert development officer. Many crime prevention tools were on display on the night.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal One – Securing our Nation

Performance Indicator	Details
National security maintained through targeted operations	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>National security was maintained through various successful targeted operations during 2013.</p>
Garda major emergency plans in place and major emergency exercises conducted in each Region	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Major emergency plans are in place in all Regions. Various emergency exercises took place in each designated major emergency region in 2013.</p>
EU Presidency security maintained	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Ireland's EU Presidency ended on 30th June 2013. Security was maintained throughout the six month term.</p>
Regional Plans regarding Dissident Republican activities updated	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p>
Organisational awareness in regard to State Security enhanced	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Regular meetings held with National and Regional units. Meetings also held with foreign partners.</p>
Refresher Training for CHIS Handlers and Controllers completed	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Training provided at a conference in the Garda College during 2013.</p>
Detective/Chief Superintendent, Liaison & Protection to meet Regional Assistant Commissioners on a bi-annual basis to ensure that External Emergency Plans (EEPs) are in place and up to date at Seveso Sites within their Region	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>All relevant Regional Assistant Commissioners were met during 2013.</p>

Strategic Goal Two – Proactive Policing Operations

Performance Indicator	Details
Reduced property crime	<p>This performance indicator has been further sub-divided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Reduced Violent Property Crime - This element of the performance indicator was achieved. Overall national target for violent property crime was met. (2) Property Crime (Other) – The overall national target for property crime (other) was not met. It was off target by 1% at the end of 2013.
Increased detection rates for property crime	<p>This performance indicator has been further sub-divided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Violent Property Crime - This element of the performance indicator was not achieved. Detection rates for violent property crime are nationally off target by 6.3% for the year ending 2013. (2) Property Crime (Other) - This element of the performance indicator was not achieved. Detection rates for property crime (other) are nationally off target by 2.3% for the year ending 2013.
Violent crime against the person reduced	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Violent crime against the person is on target in all Regions and in all Divisions.</p>
Increased detections for violent crime against the person	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved.</p> <p>Detection rates for violent crime against the person are nationally off target by 0.6% for the year ending 2013.</p>
Garda Policy on Domestic and Sexual Violence reviewed	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The reviewed Garda Policy on Domestic and Sexual Violence was reissued to the organisation.</p>
Two national media events completed with the aim of increasing public awareness of An Garda Síochána's policy relating to the investigation of incidents of sexual abuse, crimes against children or incidents of domestic violence	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Media events were conducted in January and March 2013.</p>
Organised crime groups targeted and disrupted	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>A total of 269 Organised Crime Groups were targeted in 2013.</p>
Number of intelligence reports generated relating to organised crime/ number of intelligence led operations carried out	<p>Between the Garda National Drugs Unit, the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation, and the Criminal Assets Bureau there was a total of 317 Operations and 1,593 Intelligence Reports.</p>

Two co-ordinated national search and arrest operations targeted at burglary and aggravated burglary prolific offenders/inter regional travelling criminals conducted	This performance indicator was achieved. Two national days of action held (Operation targeting metal theft was held on 27 th /28 th May 2013 & Operation Wireless was held on Tuesday 5 th November, 2013).
SORAM (Sex Offenders Risk Assessment and Management) programme extended to all remaining Garda Divisions	This performance indicator was achieved. The SORAM Pilot is operational in all 28 Garda Divisions and the National SORAM Office is now fully functional.
Number of grow houses detected	There were 157 grow house detected during 2013.
Number of human trafficking offences identified and investigated	In 2013 there were 56 human trafficking investigations commenced and 44 suspected victims of human trafficking identified.
Number of evidential production orders & account freezing orders served	Between the Criminal Assets Bureau and the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation there were 639 production and freezing orders served.
Number of tax assessments raised against persons who have gained financially from criminal conduct (CAB)	There was a total of 27 tax assessments raised by the Criminal Assets Bureau in 2013
Number of commercial fraud investigations commenced (GBFI)	There were a total of 42 commercial fraud investigations commenced in 2013.
Reduced fatalities and serious injuries	This performance indicator was not achieved. There were 190 fatalities in 2013 compared with 161 in 2012, an increase of 18%. There were 468 serious injuries in 2013 compared with 493 in 2012, a reduction of 5%. The overall national reduction in fatal and serious injury injuries collisions target was not met. The target was met in the Eastern and Western Regions.
Roads Policing Operations Plan implemented	This performance indicator was achieved. Numerous Roads Policing Operations were conducted throughout the year in all Regions including Europe wide TISPOL operations.
Increased compliance with Speed Limits	This performance indicator was achieved. There was 205,179 fixed charge notices issued for speeding offences in 2013 compared to 225,041 fixed charge notices in 2012. This represents a 7% decrease.
Increased compliance with drink driving legislation	This performance indicator was achieved. The number of MAT checkpoints carried out in 2013 was 78,290, a 9% increase on last year. The total roadside breath tests at MAT checkpoints in 2013 was 441,380 compared to 460,578 in 2012, a decrease of 4%

	<p>There were 7,962 detections for driving while intoxicated in 2013, a decrease of 19% on 2012</p>
<p>Increased enforcement of Road Transport Operations</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>There were 5,170 road transport incidents detected in 2013, this represents an increase of 10% on 2012.</p>
<p>Number of successful interceptions using A.N.P.R. (Automated Number Plate Recognition)</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>There were 11,139,401 ANPR reads during 2013 which resulted in 663,844 hits. This represents a hit rate success of 6% in 2013.</p>
<p>Criminal Interdiction programme rolled out to all Traffic Corps members</p>	<p>The Criminal Interdiction programme was rolled out to a total of 437 out of 800 Garda Traffic Corps Personnel. The provision of this training required a balancing of operational commitments, mindful of the impact of extraction of staff for the purposes of training.</p> <p>Criminal interdiction training will continue as part of Policing Plan 2014.</p>

Strategic Goal Three – Ensuring Safe Communities

Performance Indicator	Details
National Model of Community Policing adapted to meet local needs	This performance indicator was not achieved.
High visibility proactive patrolling guidelines developed & implemented	This performance indicator was not achieved.
Number of alcohol test purchase operations conducted in each Region	There were 263 test purchase operations conducted resulting in 78 detections during 2013.
Two age card awareness campaigns conducted	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Two Age Card Campaigns were held during 2013, one in May and the other in September.</p>
Revised Diversity Strategy developed, approved and launched	This performance indicator was not achieved.
The number of behaviour warnings and good behaviour contracts issued	During 2013 there were 296 Children Behaviour Warnings, 847 Adult Behaviour Warnings, and 1 Good Behaviour Contract issued.
Public Attitudes Survey to measure feelings of safety in communities completed	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved.</p> <p>It is envisaged that a draft report as a result of a victims of crime survey will be completed by end of February 2014.</p> <p>A draft report on the findings of a Fear of Crime study is currently with the Head of the Garda Analysis Service for review</p>
Continue to monitor the delivery of Garda commitments under Garda Victims Charter	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Numerous meetings and constant communication held with various agencies throughout 2013.</p>
Policy document on Family Liaison Officers (FLOs) completed & approved	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The completed policy document was approved and issued to organisation.</p>
Number of racially, homophobic or xenophobic motivated crimes reported	<p>During 2013 there were 88 racially motivated crimes, 15 homophobic motivated crimes and nil xenophobic motivated crimes reported.</p> <p>The Garda Racial, Intercultural & Diversity Office monitor all relevant recorded incidents and establish contact with local Gardaí, and victims, on all reported racially motivated crimes and homophobic motivated crime.</p>

<p>Enhanced engagement with children and young people</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>All referrals to the Youth Diversion Programme are now being processed within 1 month of being received. The number of referrals decreased by 12.5% when compared to same period last year.</p> <p>Secondary Schools Programme Training was delivered in a number of locations nationwide, including Wicklow and Donegal Divisions.</p>
<p>Crime prevention programmes developed and supported</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The Supporting Safer Communities Campaign launched by Commissioner on the 24th September at the National Ploughing Championships.</p> <p>The Supporting Safer Communities Campaign was held from 28th May to 4th June. Garda Community Relations Bureau provided an information stand at Bloom Festival attended by Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Change Management and Assistant Commissioner, Organisation Development & Strategic Planning. 110,000 people attended.</p> <p>Proposal for 2014 Supporting Safer Communities Campaign submitted on 2nd October 2013</p> <p>Metal Theft Crimestoppers Initiative at the National Concert Hall on the 23rd May 2013.</p> <p>Theft from Shop National Retail Forum held on 7th November 2013.</p> <p>A National Crime Prevention Day was held on 2nd December 2013.</p>
<p>Reduced public order incidents</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The current performance Nationally and across all Regions is on target. There was a 17% reduction in public order offences in 2013 (36,379), when compared with 2012 (43,862).</p>
<p>New regional command and dispatch centres operational</p>	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved.</p>

Strategic Goal Four – Delivering a Professional Service

Performance Indicator	Details
New structures and processes piloted with a view to testing their effectiveness in delivering policing	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Work continued throughout 2013 in line with the Haddington Road Agreement.</p>
National implementation of the Performance, Accountability & Learning Framework commenced	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved.</p> <p>Budgetary constraints have prevented the commencement of this project.</p>
A rostering/attendance system that more closely matches the availability of staff with policing demands and complies with the EU Working Time Directive	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>A new roster which complies with the EU Working Time Directive is in operation nationwide. A review of the roster is underway, with the aim of enhancing compatibility between availability of staff and policing demands.</p>
Appropriate reporting arrangements between members of An Garda Síochána & civilian support staff	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved.</p>
Reduced absences	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved</p>
Injury on Duty Policy reviewed	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved.</p>
Regular constructive engagement under the Partnership Framework with staff associations and trade unions	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p>
District and Station Rationalisation Programme completed	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The District and Station Rationalisation Programme for 2013 involved the closure of 100 Garda stations and the amalgamation of 28 Garda Districts.</p>
Alternative approaches to training (for example, on-line training, e-learning) developed and implemented	<p>This performance indicator was not achieved.</p>
Garda Professional Standards Unit and Garda Internal Audit Section scheduled work plans completed	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Garda Professional Standards Unit: Numerous examinations carried out during 2013. Joint examinations with Garda Internal Audit Section also carried out.</p> <p>Garda Internal Audit Section: Numerous audits and review audits carried out during 2013. 75% of audit plan for 2013 completed.</p>

<p>Active participation in public sector shared service initiatives</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>In 2013 An Garda Síochána and the National Ambulance Service are utilising the Integrated Communications and Control System (ICCS) system and sharing the operating costs of the system.</p>
<p>Number of data protection complaints received and investigations completed *Baseline figure to be established in 2013</p>	<p>A total of 22 data protection investigations were commenced in 2013 (6 notified by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, 8 by Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission and 8 as a result of internal disciplinary investigations) Of these 22, 10 are ongoing (4 Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, 2 Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission and 4 internal discipline). 12 investigations were completed in 2013 (2 Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, 6 Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission and 4 internal).</p>
<p>The Garda Central Vetting Unit expanded and developed</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The Garda Central Vetting Unit has expanded from 94 staff in January 2013 to 182 in December 2013 and consists of an administrative hub in Thurles and 5 satellite locations in Ennis, Garda College, Tipperary, Enniscorthy and Waterford. The average processing time for applications in 2013 was 10 weeks but there was a gradual decrease in processing time in the second half of the year from a peak of 14 weeks in June to 7 weeks by December 2013.</p>
<p>Compliance with An Garda Síochána obligations under the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012 achieved</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>Preparation for the commencement of the National Vetting Bureau (Children & Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 continued throughout 2013. The increase in staff was a central part of this preparation, in addition to the ongoing work on a decision making model and the development of the e-vetting system.</p>
<p>New approaches to policing aimed at sustaining service delivery in line with our budget and resources developed</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>During 2013 the Vehicle Towing Administration System (VTAS) system went live in the following Divisions: DMR East, West and North, Sligo/Leitrim, Carlow/Kilkenny, Cavan/Monaghan, Waterford, and Wexford. Continued rollout to be carried out during 2014.</p> <p>An on-line ordering system for routine items of uniform through the Garda Portal. This system is in place in all Regions except the DMR where roll-out is planned for 2014.</p> <p>The VTAS and online uniform ordering systems were both provided for within existing budgets and available resources.</p>
<p>Continue to enhance our organisations performance & accountability systems</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The Garda Finance Directorate continued to enhance the systems of internal financial control and actively engaged with external and internal audit to enhance the control environment.</p>
<p>Shared service opportunities across the public sector explored to reduce the organisation's cost base</p>	<p>This performance indicator was achieved.</p> <p>The Garda Finance Directorate actively engaged in the Government Shared Service Reform Plan during 2013 including the Banking & Financial Management Shared Service Project and the new Office of Government Procurement.</p>

ICT Infrastructure refresh at 25 locations completed	This performance indicator was achieved. 25 locations complete.
48 Suspect Interview Video Record Equipment (SIVRE) units replaced at 19 locations completed	This performance indicator was achieved.
PULSE upgrades to support station closures, CT68 and critical patches completed	This performance indicator was achieved. Deployment of PULSE upgrades completed.
PALF 2 system to support national PALF implementation completed	This performance indicator was achieved. The enhanced PALF(2) IT support system has been deployed, is available nationwide and is now in maintenance.
Phase 1 of e-Vetting solution completed	This performance indicator was achieved.
Implementation of an Integrated Communications Control System (ICCS) for national emergency services completed	This performance indicator was achieved.
Procurement of a Voice Recording Solution for national emergency services completed	This performance indicator was achieved. Implementation and training will commence in 2014.
Business case for building data centre infrastructure to support implementation of the national Cloud Strategy developed	This performance indicator was achieved. A business case has been developed with respect to building data centre infrastructure, to support implementation of the national Cloud Strategy

Statistics

Crime offence group	2013
01 Homicide offences	80
02 Sexual offences	2,047
03 Attempts or threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	14,336
04 Dangerous or negligent acts	7,652
05 Kidnapping and related offences	119
06 Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	2,812
07 Burglary and related offences	26,115
08 Theft and related offences	78,954
09 Fraud, deception and related offences	4,985
10 Controlled drug offences	15,405
11 Weapons and explosives offences	2,738
12 Damage to property and to the environment	28,946
13 Public order and other social code offences	36,379
15 Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	8,740

Crime Statistics

The figures published by the Central Statistics Office on 31st March 2014 show that there was a decrease of 5 in the combined number of Murders and Manslaughters recorded in 2013 when compared to 2012. In 2013 there were 51 Murders and 4 Manslaughters which is a decrease of 3.8% and 42.9%, respectively, from 2012. Overall Homicide offences have increased by 1.3% on the 2012 figures. In 2013 three of the four Manslaughters were detected and 69% of Murders were detected.

There was a decrease of 8.7% in Attempts or threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences group in 2013. Within that offence group Assault causing harm, poisoning offences decreased by 6% representing 195 fewer incidents. Other assault offences decreased by 8.3% representing 862 fewer incidents, Harassment and related offences decreased by 21.3% representing 398 fewer incidents and Dangerous or negligent acts, as a group, showed a decrease in recorded offences of 15.5% in 2013. Specifically, offences of Driving/In-charge of a vehicle while over the legal alcohol limit showed a decrease of 16.1%, representing 1,327 fewer

Incidents when compared with 2012. Weapons and explosives offences, Damage to property and the environment and Public order and other social code offences all show a decrease of 9.9%, 10.7% and 17.1% respectively. Specifically, in the Public order and other social code offences group, the number of Disorderly conduct offences decreased by 17.6% representing 6,570 fewer incidents when compared with 2012.

As a group, Burglary and related offences show a decrease of 7.2% representing 2,017 fewer offences when compared with 2012 figures. Specifically the burglary offence (not aggravated) decreased by 7.2%. Overall, 11 of the 14 groups show a decrease in recorded crime. For a more detailed breakdown of figures please go to www.cso.ie.

Driving Down Crime

- A 7.2% decrease in Burglary (not aggravated) offences
- A 10.2% decrease in Rape of male or female offences

- A 10.7% decrease in Criminal damage (not arson) offences
- A 13.9% decrease in Fraud, deception and related offences
- A 21.3% decrease in Harassment and related offences
- A 5.5% decrease in Offensive weapons offences
- A 17.6% decrease in Disorderly conduct offences

Missing Persons Bureau

National Missing Persons Day

An Garda Síochána was proud to work with the Department of Justice and Equality to launch National Missing Persons Day in Ireland on 4th December 2013. This inaugural event was held in Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park, Dublin.

The event was attended by the Minister for Justice and Equality, the Garda Commissioner, representatives from the numerous agencies who support the search for missing persons along with many of the families and friends of those who remain missing in Ireland.

A missing person report can result from a wide variety of situations – being lost, a child running away from home, a domestic situation which drives a person away, in some cases suicide, and sometimes homicide. A person who remains missing leaves behind loved ones and family where many questions are asked and unfortunately sometimes remain unanswered.

An event, such as this, which commemorates the missing and recognises the lasting trauma for their families and friends, is invaluable. It will draw attention to open or unsolved missing persons cases, and it will create an opportunity to provide information on the support services which are available.

In 2013 An Garda Síochána investigated 7,753 missing person reports (table at the end of this report refers, see pg 52). Thankfully, most people are located in a relatively short period of time, but unfortunately some remain missing. An Garda Síochána will not close a missing person investigation until the person is found.

The Missing Persons Bureau continue to invest in, and develop policies, practices and procedures to ensure that the standard is in keeping with best international practice which will result in reaching an even more successful conclusion in missing person investigations.

Child Rescue Ireland (CRI) Alert

Child Rescue Ireland (CRI) Alert is a system that An Garda Síochána can utilise when seeking the assistance of the public when investigating child abduction cases. There are strict criteria which must be met before consideration will be given to launching a CRI Alert –

- The child is under the age of eighteen (18) years
- There is a reasonable belief that the child has been abducted
- There is a reasonable belief that there is an immediate and serious risk to the health or welfare of a child
- There is sufficient information available to enable the public to assist the Garda Síochána in locating the child

If these criteria are met, alert information is assembled for distribution to the public via several media – e.g. radio, television, social network sites and electronic road signs. The CRI Alert message encourages the public to look for the abducted child.

In 2013 there were two (2) CRI Alerts launched; one from Carlow and one from Roscommon. The CRI Alert system has proven to be effective and continues to be developed. On 4th December 2013 An Garda Síochána in conjunction with Vodafone Ireland launched the 'CRI Alert Smartphone App'.

This CRI Alert App is free to download from mobile application stores and will allow each person to receive the details of the child abduction directly to their Smartphone should a CRI Alert be launched. The CRI Alert App has a second feature that allows parents to securely store, on their phone, the image and details of their children. This will ensure that if a child went missing the parents will be able to rapidly provide up-to-date details of their child to An Garda Síochána without delay.

116000 Missing Children Hotline

On 7th June 2013 An Garda Síochána was proud to be associated with the official launch of the 116000 Missing Children Hotline. This is a free phone number which is reserved in all EU member states for missing children.

Bearing in mind that this is not an emergency number, and the first port of call must always be An Garda Síochána, this additional service is provided with the best interests of children in mind. The service in Ireland is run by the ISPC and it provides emotional support to children who

are missing, their family and others responsible for the missing child. For more information please see - www.missingchildrenshotline.ie

Extradition Section

In 2013 there were 133 persons extradited under the EAW (European Arrest Warrant) System. The majority of extraditions were to Poland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which together amounted to 76% of all extraditions from Ireland. Other jurisdictions to where persons were extradited included the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia. In 2013 there was also one person extradited to Australia and one person extradited to Guernsey.

The number of persons extradited from other jurisdictions to Ireland was 42 which represents a decrease of 20% from 2013. 71% of these extraditions were from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Other jurisdictions from where persons were extradited to Ireland include Germany, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia Spain and Sweden.

In 2013 there was also 3 persons extradited from Australia to this jurisdiction.

Firearms Policy Unit

Since April 2008, the Firearms Policy Unit has acted as a central reference point for all firearms licensing stakeholders throughout the country. The stakeholders include Officers of An Garda Síochána tasked with receiving and processing thousands of applications. The Firearms Policy Unit liaise regularly with the Department of Justice and Equality, Registered Firearms Dealers, Shooting Range Operators and representatives from the hundreds of shooting bodies and gun clubs dispersed throughout the jurisdiction.

The Firearms Policy Unit continues to update and monitor the firearms licensing section on the Garda website www.garda.ie. All firearms application forms, Statutory Instruments relevant to the new legislation, a copy of the *Commissioner's Guidelines*, Frequently Asked Questions etc can be accessed by members of the public on the website.

Firearm Renewal Processes

The first renewal phase of firearms certificates commenced on 1st August 2012 and is nearing completion. As part of the renewal process, every existing firearm certificate holder receives a Firearm Certificate Renewal Form (FCR) approximately 3 months prior to the expiry of their current certificate.

The FCR is pre-populated with information relevant to that particular renewal application. The Firearms Policy Unit briefed all of the shooting representative groups on the renewal processes prior to its commencement and the message to every firearm owner is clear; please ensure they return their renewal form to An Garda Síochána as soon as possible for processing.

Numbers of Firearm Certificates

The total number of all classes of firearm certificates in existence in the State at the end of 2013 was circa 178,000 and it is anticipated that, for a combination of reasons primarily economic, the overall number of firearm certificates in the State will decrease from the numbers that were in existence in previous years.

Ensuring all outstanding firearm certificates are renewed throughout the country continues to be the number one priority for the Firearms Policy Unit. The continued assistance of the shooting public is paramount to ensure that all firearms are properly licensed and fully accounted for in every Garda District throughout the country. The Firearms Policy Unit continues to work closely with all shooting representative groups, listen closely to their concerns and where possible resolve these issues on behalf of their members.

Internal Affairs

Discipline Section

During 2013, a total of 153 members were found in breach of discipline under the Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations, 2007, as amended. These members received a combination of monetary sanctions, cautions, warnings and reprimands. The total of monetary penalties imposed on members was €60,920.94. There was one member of An Garda Síochána dismissed during 2013 under Regulation 39, Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations, 2007, as amended. One member resigned as an alternative to dismissal. The service of one member of the Garda Reserve was dispensed with under the provisions of Regulation 10, Garda Síochána (Reserve Members) Regulations, 2006.

These figures do not relate to or include members of the Garda Reserve and Probationer Gardaí, who are dealt with under the provisions Garda Síochána (Admission and Appointments) (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 / 2006, nor to Student Gardaí.

A total of 24 members were on suspension at the end of the year. Of these members, 19 were subject to investigations in accordance with the Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations, 2007, as amended and five were subject to investigations being carried out by the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission.

Complaints Section

Since its inception in May 2007, the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) has been the sole authority for dealing with complaints made by members of the public in relation to members of An Garda Síochána. GSOC is also responsible for investigating matters referred to it by the Garda Commissioner, in accordance with Section 102, Garda Síochána Act, 2005, as amended, where the conduct of a Garda member may have resulted in death or serious harm to a person.

During 2013 a total of 1,197 files were opened by the Complaints Section of An Garda Síochána.

This total includes 42 incidents which were referred by An Garda Síochána to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission, in accordance with Section 102 of the Act and complaints which were deemed admissible by the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission, of which 527 were referred by the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission to the Garda Commissioner for investigation, in accordance with Section 94, Garda Síochána Act, 2005, as amended.

Deaths in Garda Custody 2013

- **Death of Mr. Michael Lynch: 11th November 2013**

There was one death in Garda custody in the Donegal Division in 2013 which occurred on the 11th November 2013.

On the 11th November 2013 at the car park to the rear of Bunrana Garda Station Mr. Michael Lynch of 32 Sliabh Sneacht, Bunrana, Co. Donegal died while in the custody of An Garda Síochána. Mr Lynch was 61 years of age (DOB 24.5.1952).

A caller contacted Bunrana Garda Station to report a drunk male lying on the ground at Sliabh Sneacht, Bunrana. Garda members found Mr Lynch and had concerns for his well being and arrested him under section 4 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994.

On arriving at the Garda Station Gardaí noticed that Mr. Lynch was experiencing difficulty breathing and an ambulance was called. Garda members commenced CPR assisted by members

of the fire brigade. Mr. Lynch subsequently experienced further difficulties, stopped breathing and passed away.

Inquest

The inquest is pending as the matter is being investigated by the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission.

- **Death of Mr. Nathan Kirby: 30th July 2013**

There was one Death in Garda custody in the Waterford Division in 2013 which occurred on the 30.7.13.

Mr. Nathan Kirby (D.O.B. 28.11.1991) No. 19 Spring Marquis, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford was arrested for Public Order Offences and brought to Dungarvan Garda Station.

Mr. Kirby was intoxicated and later found unresponsive in the cell.

The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death.

The inquest has not been held to date.

Crime Statistics

Criminal Justice Act 2006				
Anti Social Behaviour Warnings/Orders and Good Behaviour Contracts for the year 2013				
Behaviour Warnings (Adult)	Behaviour Warnings (Child)	Good Behaviour Contract	Civil Order (Adult)	Behaviour Order (Child)
705	224	0	7	1

Ballistics/Firearm Statistics

Ballistics (Firearms)

During the year 2013 a total of 624 firearms cases were processed by the Ballistics Section as illustrated in the table below:

Firearm Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Pistols	85	86	65	50	52
Revolvers	51	53	74	28	27
Light Machine guns	0	1	0	0	2
Sub-Machine guns	1	7	4	10	3
Assault Rifles	0	6	1	2	1
Blank Firing Pistols	23	21	11	19	12
Imitation Pistols	43	33	23	17	16
Imitation Revolvers	25	14	10	5	9
Rifles	58	55	76	50	50
Shotguns	178	153	144	150	125
Air Rifles	199	154	126	97	49
Air Pistols	208	217	203	166	177
Muskets	0	10	0	2	0
Stunguns	0	121	0	53	56
Crossbows	0	17	0	7	7
CS Gas	0	0	0	31	19
Silencers	0	0	0	9	7
Totals:	871	948	737	696	624

Missing Persons Reports

2013	High Risk		Medium Risk		Low Risk		Total	
	Reports	Untraced	Reports	Untraced	Reports	Untraced	Reports	Untraced
EASTERN REGION	846	0	96	0	163	0	1,105	0
Kildare	239	0	34	0	61	0	334	0
Laois/Offaly	108	0	17	0	34	0	159	0
Meath	231	0	14	0	22	0	267	0
Westmeath	79	0	12	0	21	0	112	0
Wicklow	189	0	19	0	25	0	233	0
DUBLIN MET. REGION	2,337	6	244	3	402	9	2,983	18
Eastern	291	0	25	0	46	0	362	0
North Central	457	2	24	2	49	1	530	5
Northern	652	1	58	1	101	0	811	2
South Central	177	2	39	0	46	6	262	8
Southern	214	1	40	0	60	2	314	3
Western	546	0	58	0	100	0	704	0
NORTHERN REGION	483	0	63	0	123	1	669	1
Cavan/Monaghan	127	0	10	0	24	0	161	0
Donegal	37	0	19	0	17	1	73	1
Louth	256	0	24	0	47	0	327	0
Sligo/Leitrim	63	0	10	0	35	0	108	0
SOUTH EASTERN REGION	537	0	92	3	112	1	741	4
Kilkenny/Carlow	127	0	16	0	25	1	168	1
Tipperary	149	0	19	0	36	0	204	0
Waterford	95	0	33	2	19	0	147	2
Wexford	166	0	24	1	32	0	222	1
SOUTHERN REGION	1,454	2	117	0	179	1	1,750	3
Cork City	638	1	48	0	72	0	758	1
Cork North	198	1	13	0	14	0	225	1
Cork West	144	0	19	0	21	0	184	0
Kerry	144	0	14	0	32	0	190	0
Limerick	330	0	23	0	40	1	393	1
WESTERN REGION	323	2	82	0	100	0	505	2
Clare	65	1	15	0	15	0	95	1
Galway	131	1	40	0	42	0	213	1
Mayo	84	0	21	0	19	0	124	0
Roscommon/Longford	43	0	6	0	24	0	73	0
Total	5,980	10	694	6	1,079	12	7,753	28

In 2013, there were 7,753 reports of missing persons. Of these, 5,980 were high risk, 694 were medium risk and 1,079 were low risk. The total number of persons still missing for 2013 is 28. This figure is operational and subject to change.

FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY DRUGS SECTION

Received and Reported on from 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013

Category	Drug Type	grams/mls/Plant		TbIs/Sqr/Caps		Total
Amphetamine	Amphetamine	23,461	€351,922	417	€3,371	€355,293
	PMA	100	€1,500	60	€480	€1,980
Anabolic Steroids	Metandienone			401	€241	€241
	Methandrostenolone			248	€149	€149
	Methyltestosterone			705	€423	€423
	Oxymetholone			710	€426	€426
	Stanozolol			502	€301	€301
Cannabis Herb	Cannabis Herb	925,883	€18,517,659			€18,517,659
Cannabis Plants	Cannabis Plants	28,851	€23,080,800			€23,080,800
Cannabis Resin	Cannabis Resin	624,566	€3,747,395	53	€8	€3,747,403
Cocaine	Cocaine**	51,944	€3,636,104			€3,636,104
Depressant	Alprazolam	1	€1	155333	€155,333	€155,334
	Aspirin			3	€3	€3
	Bromazepam			10	€10	€10
	Clenbuterol			94	€94	€94
	Clobazam			13	€13	€13
	Clonazepam			2017	€2,017	€2,017
	Desoxyipradrol	1	€1			€1
	Diazepam	503	€503	152500	€152,500	€153,003
	Dihydrocodeine	2	€2	254	€254	€256
	Flunitrazepam			1639	€1,639	€1,639
	Fluoxetine			6	€6	€6
	Flurazepam			802	€802	€802
	Lorazepam			53	€53	€53
	Mirtazapine			32	€32	€32
	Morphine	21	€21	409	€409	€430
	Oxycodone			42	€42	€42
	Phenacetin	12,937	€12,937			€12,937
	Temazepam			706	€706	€706
	Triazolam			193	€193	€193
Venlafaxine			35	€35	€35	
Depressants (ml)	GBL	600	€18,000			€18,000
Diamorphine	Diamorphine	61,230	€9,184,544	1	€188	€9,184,731
Ecstasy	MDEA	15	€886	2179	€28,816	€29,702
	MDMA	1,435	€86,123	429010	€3,498,974	€3,585,097
Hallucinogens	AMT			94	€380	€380
	LSD			921	€9,210	€9,210
	Lysergamide			2	€20	€20
	Psilocybin	2	€21			€21
Ketamine	Ketamine	174	€12,198			€12,198
Opioids Other	Buprenorphine			152	€105	€105
	Methadone	6,178	€2,039	383	€1,532	€3,571

Other	Chlorpheniramine			241		
	DMAA			7		
	Melatonin			648		
	Tramadol			3012		
Phenethylamines	2 C-B	17	€606	608	€4,943	€5,549
	2C-I	0	€0	152	€608	€608
	Dimethyltryptamine, (N,N-)	1	€28			€28
	Ethcathinone	1	€25			€25
	Fluroamphetamine	318	€11,128	52	€208	€11,336
	Methoxyamphetamine			37	€148	€148
	Methylamphetamine	3,445	€120,587	4	€16	€120,603
	Phentermine			5	€175	€175
	PMMA			1	€4	€4
	PVP	41,135	€1,439,740			€1,439,740
Piperazine	BZP	1	€38	51	€359	€397
	mCPP	142	€4,985	1133	€7,074	€12,059
	TFMPP	269	€9,412	7151	€168,476	€177,888
Plant Based	Khat			10	€50	€50
	Mitragynine	2	€11			€11
Precursor	Caffeine	3,453		105		
	Codeine	6		1298		
	Lignocaine	11,691				
	Paracetamol	14		79		
Sleeping Tablet	Benzocaine	2,979	€2,979			€2,979
	Sildenafil			850	€850	€850
	Zolpidem			5381	€5,381	€5,381
	Zopiclone	1,122	€1,122	20732	€20,732	€21,854
Stimulant	Ephedrine	17	€0	226	€1,808	€1,808
Synthetic Cannabinoids	AM-2201	53	€160			€160
	JWH-018	1,042	€3,127			€3,127
	JWH-073	3	€9			€9
	MAM-2201	16	€48			€48
Synthetic Cathinones	Butylone	1	€22			€22
	Flephedrone (4-FMC)	13	€457			€457
	MDPBP	395	€13,808			€13,808
	MDPV	0	€1			€1
	MEC	13,640	€477,405	1	€35	€477,440
	Mephedrone	545	€19,075			€19,075
	Methedrone	10	€334			€334
	Methylone	1,244	€43,543			€43,543
	N,N-Dimethylcathinone			103	€412	€412
	Naphyrone	17	€593			€593
Pentedrone	22	€756			€756	
						*€64,872,695

***€64,872,695 This figure is the total of all drug seizures reported to the Forensic Science Laboratory in 2013 which is the result of all national police-work for the year including that of the Garda National Drug Unit (GNDU).**