



Voluntary Ambulance covers 300,000 miles in 12 months

“A busy year for the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps” is how it’s Director, Comdr. Peadar Ward KM, described the work of the Corps in his recent address to senior staff.

The Order of Malta Ambulance Corps in the last 12 months provided ambulance transportation on 7,000 journeys, treated in excess of 3,500 casualties and covered a total of 300,000 miles – this apart from the community care work undertaken by the Ambulance Corps throughout the country. The ambulance service included duty at racecourses, concerts, sporting activities, Special Olympics National Games, the homecoming of the Irish soccer team in the Phoenix Park, and Croagh Patrick climb. In addition, the Order of Malta provides an emergency service to support the Health Boards in many parts of the country. The Community Care work includes the provision of transport, home care and other services to the elderly and disabled. ***“All of this work” he added, “was undertaken by volunteer members of the Ambulance Corps, using funds raised locally, to serve the public throughout the island of Ireland.”***

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Order of Malta Ambulance Corps was founded in 1938 and owes its origin to the 900-year-old Knights of Malta. It is the largest voluntary aid society in Ireland, providing first aid, ambulance and community care, with more than 130 ambulances located in over 80 communities throughout the 32 counties. It also has an active Cadet (youth) section.

Should anyone be interested with the work or with funding, the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps can be contacted locally or through their web site at www.orderofmalta.ie.

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