

**Irish Water Safety
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Mr Tony Youlten Mayo

LOCATION	Lough Corrib, North of Inchagoill Island, Mayo
DATE	30 July 2001

A group of eight German canoeists were returning from an Island on Lough Corrib when a squall blew up overturning their kayaks in very rough water. Mr Youlten saw their plight through binoculars and sped to their rescue in his cruiser. As he drew closer he heard their cries for help. Some of the kayaks had sunk and six girls and one boy were clinging to other kayaks. He drew alongside and plucked all to safety.

Ms Laura Horan Limerick

LOCATION	Swimming Pool, Natura Sun Club Apartments, Albufeira, Portugal
DATE	29 June 2002

A small number of bathers were in an unguarded swimming pool at a holiday resort in Portugal. On emerging from the pool, Laura, aged 17, noticed a bather submerging and surfacing a number of times while grasping for the bank of the pool. Eventually he submerged. Laura entered the water, brought the subject to the surface and continued basic life support on the bank with the help of bystanders.

Garda Michael Wynne Laois

LOCATION	Pedestrian bridge, Kirwan Park, Owenass River, Mountmellick, Laois
DATE	23 August 2002

Garda Michael Wynne witnessed a man jump into the Owenass River. Garda Wynne lay on the bank and as the submerged man's hand reappeared, Garda Wynne reached out and dragged the man to the bank. The Garda was unable to take him from the water but nonetheless held on to him until help arrived. Garda Wynne had not taken lifesaving lessons however in this critical situation, he used his better judgment not to enter the water and instead adopt the safer choice of holding the person by the wrist from the bank until further assistance arrived.

Mr James Collins Dublin

LOCATION	West Pier, Irish National Sailing School, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin
DATE	4 June 2002

Teenager James Collins rescued a woman after her car fell off the a pier at Dun Laoghaire Harbour. James, who was wearing a Personal Flotation Device managed to break the rear window of the car as it sank below the surface and pulled the woman to safety in a nearby Safety Boat.

Mr Philip McCormack Waterford

LOCATION	The Quay, River Suir, Waterford city
DATE	19 August 1999

Mr. McCormack affected a dramatic rescue after a man jumped into the River Suir from a bridge in Waterford City. The rush hour crowd looked on in a general air of panic as Philip jumped into the river and hauled the man to a nearby rescue boat. Mr. McCormack has taken IWS lifesaving classes but this was the first time he was called on to use them.

Mr Paul Byrne Dublin

LOCATION	Ellis Quay, River Liffey
DATE	26 September 2001, 03.00am

Firefighter Mr Paul Byrne (Dolphin's Barn Fire Station) responded to an ambulance call to Ellis Quay on the River Liffey. On arrival he saw a young girl, 23 years old, in difficulties in the water. Paul went into the river fully clothed and had to make several attempts to locate the girl who had now completely submerged. After a number of attempts to locate her, he spotted her shape under water, made one last dive and brought her to the surface. He overcame her initial panic and succeeded in bringing her to the Liffey wall where help was available to bring her up the nearest ladder.

Mr Ian Fallon Dublin

LOCATION	High Rock, Portmarnock
DATE	19 July 2001

15 yr old Ian Fallon from Portmarnock spotted a fully clothed woman shouting for help floating in deep water about 20metres from the shore. Ian went to the rescue and with waves crashing around them made for a ladder in a high tide that brought them perilously close to the jagged rocky shoreline. A Lifeboat was soon on the scene to treat the lady for hypothermia.

Mr Daniel McLean Galway

LOCATION	Eglinton Canal, Galway
DATE	17 May 2001

Daniel McLean was walking with a friend beside the Eglinton Canal in Galway when he spotted a man in difficulties in the water. Daniel immediately jumped in, swam over to the man and supported him in the water before successfully rescuing the man to the bank of the canal. Two others then helped Daniel bring the rescued individual to safety. Daniel's sense of public duty is reflected in the fact that he continued on to the local university in his wet clothes to sit and successfully pass a statistics exam!

Garda Colm Finnerty Dublin

LOCATION	Frank Sherwin Bridge, River Liffey, Dublin
DATE	7 Dec 2002, 3.15am

Student Garda Finnerty responded to an emergency call at 0315hrs that two men were in difficulty near Wolfe Tone Quay. The situation deteriorated rapidly as both men were being carried downstream by the current and started to go under. Garda Finnerty, trained in Lifesaving by Irish Water Safety, entered the water to save both men. At this stage a third man jumped into the water to assist in the rescue, but he also got into difficulties and had to be rescued by Student Garda Finnerty.

Garda James O'Donoghue Cork

LOCATION	Fr. Matthew Quay, River Lee, Cork City
DATE	8 December 2002

Garda James O' Donohue responded in his patrol car to an emergency at Fr Matthew Quay, Cork. When he arrived at the scene he could see a woman in difficulty in the water. He immediately entered the water and successfully saved the woman from drowning.

Mr. John O'Connor Wicklow

LOCATION	East Pier, Dun Laoghaire Harbour
DATE	28 October 2002

Dun Laoghaire Harbour Policeman John O'Connor was not curtailed by his lack of lifesaving skills to effect the successful rescue of a 19 yr old man at East Pier in Dun Laoghaire. John climbed down the harbour wall and used a lifebuoy to hold the man in place. John endured 15 more minutes holding the man in place while he himself held onto the ringuoy rope that he used to climb down the pier wall. John managed to keep the unconscious man's head above water until rescue services arrived.

Mr. Chaim Factor Wicklow

LOCATION	Ballylusk near Ashford, Wicklow
DATE	29 June 2002

Mr Chaim Factor was travelling along the Ballylusk road when he came upon a damaged tree. As an observant passer-by, Mr. Factor investigated this and noticed a car overturned in a bog stream. Chaim jumped from the ditch down onto the vehicle to find that all doors and windows were closed. Suspecting that there was someone inside he contacted the Gardai and two locals to bring the digger from the nearby Quarry. They managed to pull the car out to discover that the driver was still alive. The driver of the car, 39-year-old Lisa Landau, dazzled by an oncoming car and forced to swerve, had been trapped for more than a day and a half jammed into a tiny air pocket in freezing conditions. Rescue services were amazed that she has survived and made a good recovery.