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Kildare	Mr.	Ernie	Braytenbrack	Kildare	1	15/08/03	Two people were travelling on a rented boat when one leaned over to open the lock to get through and the person fell in. Ernie was alerted by his dogs who had seen what happened and jumped into the boat took control of it and then lifted the victim out of the water to safety
Galway	Mr	Martin	Cooney	Galway	1	May 04	Whilst working on the door of Bazaar, Flood Street, Galway - Martin noticed a commotion across the road at the Spanish arch area. A Man was struggling in the water - after many attempts by public to help this man - Martin with the aid of a ringbuoy proceeded out into the water and brought the two men to safety.
Athlone	Mr	Noel	Curtis	Athlone	1	15/12/03	At 9.30am on 15th Dec. Noel entered the water at the River Shannon where a 15 yr old girl had got into difficulty and with the Help of Garda James Donnellan brought the girl ashore where she was taken to hospital where she made a full recovery
Galway	Ms	Sine	Donnellan	Galway	1		Sine Witnessed a car plunge into the lake and without any hesitation she swan out to the partially submerged vehicle and managed to release the driver from the vehicle, she then successfully brought him to the shore with the assistance of others on the scene.
Wexford	Miss	Fiona	Donovan			03/08/95	As above
Longford	Ms.	Edel	Harrington	Longford	1	2/07/03	Linda McKeown was a her weekly training session for the Longford ladies Soccer team when she suddenly collapsed, Edel Harrington can to her aid quickly Linda stopped breathing and Edel administered back slaps and placed her in the recovery position, Edel saved her life.

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Limerick	Mr	Stephen	Haugh	Limerick	2	18/12/03	At. Approx. 6.30pm on 18th Stephen entered the water at the river Shannon, new weir, when he saw two people - brother & sister in difficulty. He pulled the girl to safety onto the river bank and re-entered the water to rescue the boy the rescue services came on the scene and assisted both Stephen and the boy and brought them to safety
Tipperary	Mr	Joe	Kirwan		3	12/02/04	Joe Kirwan was one of 3 passengers in a car that entered the water on 12th Feb 2004, at Piran, Slovenia, - Thanks to Joes quick thinking and bravery he managed to pull the other two passengers from the car to safety, thankfully all three survived and recovered well.
Dublin	Ms	Vicky	Lyons	Dublin	1	19/03/04	On 19th March at approx 9.30am Vicky entered the cold water at Coal Quay, Dun Laoghaire where she saw a young woman in difficulty. She threw her a ringbuoy before entering the water. Vicky then swam to the girl and placed the Ringbuoy on her. She then swam towards the wall and grabbed onto a chain and held onto the girl for a good five minutes before a passer-by heard her screams for help. The passer-by along with another couple of local men helped both Women to safety.
Cavan	Mr	Patrick	McAweeney		2		Patrick McAweeney. In an incredible two-hour ordeal after he and his friend were swept out to sea at Glencolumbcille, Donegal, Patrick managed to save his friend from drowning, carry him onto some rocks, resuscitate him and then raise the alarm before rescue services arrived.
Kerry	Mr	Brian	McCann	Louth	1	17/07/04	Brian observed a woman floating face down in the

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Cork	Mr.	David	McCarthy	Cork	1	06/03/03	Mr. Dave McCarthy was coming out of a meeting in the town when he was approached by a man who was in distress after seeing a man struggling in the water, when Dave got there he saw that there was another person attempting to rescue him, but had got into difficulty, emergency services were called to the scene and Dave who is 58 climbed down and wrapped his arm around a steel pole and held on to the two men until help arrived.
Cork	Garda	Sean	McCarthy	Cork	1	20/02/03	At 1845 Gardai Sean McCarthy and D/Sergeant O'Brien responded to a report of a man attempting suicide at Albert Quay. On arrival the man was seen to have submerged into the water. Garda McCarthy grabbed his jacket and pulled him from the water.
Cavan	Mr	Ronan	McMorrow	Cavan	1	05/08/04	Ronan Observed a woman jump into the river Swilly, Co Donegal. Ronan climbed over the bridge railing and dived into the river. He managed to keep the woman from being pulled by the current and eventually brought her to safety at the riverbank.
Cork	Mr.	Colm	Miller	Cork	3	09/09/03	A couple of swimmers were swimming in the Channel near Ross Pier when they got into difficulty. A friend who heard there cries for help went to their

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							aid, but he too got into difficulty, Luckily Colm and Batt Duggan were diving off the pier when they heard the commotion, they both dived off the pier and swam into the current to rescue them, with the help of a buoyancy aid Colm was able to help the woman to safety, the others were saved in the process.
Cork	Mr	Aidan	Moloney	Cork	1	19/07/03	On 19th July 2003, a 12 yr old girl got into difficulty at Rocky Bay, Cork, Aidan Moloney did not hesitate to paddle out on his surf board to rescue the girl considering the conditions, He succeeded in getting to the girl and held on to her and brought her to safety.
Mayo	Mr.	Joe	Moran	Mayo	1	03/05/03	Joe was sitting in his Father in laws car when he noticed that a man was in difficulty in the water on Lough Mask, he spotted a boat on the water and successfully got their attention and the boats crew took him to the shore and Joe who noticed that the man was suffering from Hypothermia tried to bring him to the doctor but he was not available, he took him to his home where he was changed in to dry clothes to keep him warm while they waited for an ambulance to arrive. It is doubtful that the man would not have survived if Joe had not taken this action.
Mayo	Mr	Kevin	Morrin	Mayo	3	Sept 04	Lobster Fisherman Kevin picked up on a Mayday relay broadcast whilst fishing on Clew Bay. Kevin immediately went to the scene and rescued 3 people. All 3 wore lifejackets and only one could swim
Cork	D/Serg.	Lar	O'Brien	Cork		20/02/03	At 1845 Gardai Sean McCarthy and D/Sergeant

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							O'Brien responded to a report of a man attempting suicide at Albert Quay. On arrival the man was seen to have submerged into the water. Garda McCarthy grabbed his jacket and pulled him from the water with the assistance of Detective Lar O'Brien.
Kildare	Mr.	Patrick	O'Colaghan		1	21/04/02	Father and Son were fishing in the canal when they spotted a woman attempt suicide. Patrick entered the water while his Father stayed on the bank to call for emergency services. The woman was on the bottom of the canal when Patrick took her out with the aid of his father. They administered first aid and then comforted the woman until the emergency services arrived.
Kildare	Mr.	Morgan	O'Cologhan	Kildare	1	21/04/02	Father and Son were fishing in the canal when they spotted a woman attempt suicide. Patrick entered the water while his Father stayed on the bank to call for emergency services. The woman was on the bottom of the canal when Patrick took her out with the aid of his father. They administered first aid while and then comforted the woman until the emergency services arrived.
Tipperary	Garda	Michael	O'Keeffe	Limerick	1	09/07/03	Gardai were alerted that there was a body floating in the river Suir in fast flowing water at 5pm Wednesday evening 9 th July 2004, Garda Michael O'Keeffe waded into the water by a steel ladder and brought the man back to safety where an ambulance was awaiting and the man was resuscitated.

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Wexford	Mr	Peter	Reilly	Dublin	1	July 2003	Peter observed a lady trying to take her own life at Courtown Harbour in July 2003, he immediately went to her aid where he spent half an hour in the water talking to her and delaying her while the Garda and Rescue services arrived at the scene.
Westmeath	Mr	John	Rickard	Westmeath	1	22/09/02	John was out walking his dog when he saw a young man in difficulty at Ladestown on Lough Ennell, he waded out into water and grabbed him and took him back to shore and placed him in the recovery position until emergency services arrived on the scene.
Donegal	Garda	Joseph	Rowley	Donegal	2	05/11/99	Two youths under the influence of alcohol, jumped into the river Eske that was flooded at the time and running a strong current. Garda Rowley was on mobile patrol at the time when he received a radio call about the incident. He went immediately to the scene where two local people met him. Mr. Michael Tweed an American Tourist was holding on to one youth and with the aid of a local man he managed to pull him out of the river. The other youth was in a more difficult situation. He had been holding on to ivy but let go and drifted out to the centre of the river. Attempts to reach him using the ladder failed and eventually he drifted out of sight down the river under the bridge towards the bay and was in real danger of being washed out to sea. Garda. Rowley made his way to the other side of the bridge and down to the riverbank. He could not see the youth as

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							<p>it was very dark and there were overhanging branches. He could hear mumbling so he went in the direction. After a while he could see the youth in the distance holding on to the overhanging branch. Garda Rowley decided that he had to act quickly and so he waded out into the river. He was chest high in the water but was able to grab the youth and bring him back to safety. Both youths were taken to the hospital. It is without doubt that Garda Rowley risked his life for two others.</p>
Cork	Mr	Dermott	Spillane	Cork	1	19/07/03	<p>Mr Dermott Spillane borrowed a full-length surfboard and battled his way out through the waves to the victims. Dermott got the girl onto his board and paddled until a wave hit them and tumbled them and the girl was swept away, again Dermott paddled towards her, caught her hand and held onto her until they were both hauled into the relative safety of shallow water.</p>
Wexford	Ms.	Susan	Synott	Wexford	3	03/08/95	<p>During a day trip children from a summer school in Kilkenny went to Duncannon beach. During the day an incident occurred where four children got out of their depth and were swept out to sea by a strong tidal current. Fiona was on duty that day as a lifeguard and as she went out to tell the children that they were getting out of their depth, she noticed that the children were in distress. Susan Synott was at the beach that day also with her own children and thought she saw four children in the water but then thought it was three, she went to rescue them with</p>

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							<p>an inflatable dinghy and as she did she saw a trawler in the Estuary. Fiona caught one girl from the dingy and then pushed it towards the other two girls, just then they saw another little girl a distance from the trawler and she knew it was too late to try to save her. The trawler picked her up and Fiona swam out to try to resuscitate her, they were brought in to shore where two doctors were present but it was too late to save the fourth child. The trawler left them at the shore to bring in Susan and the other three girls. All four would have drowned if it hadn't been the initiative taken by Susan and Fiona</p>