



# CLARE COUNTY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

Chief Superintendent Aileen Magner



# YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

Clare Division	January to March			
	2023	2024	Difference	% Difference
<b>Property Crime</b>				
Burglary / Buirgléireacht	44	66	22	+50%
Theft from M.P.V. / Goid as Feithicil	23	20	-3	-13%
Theft from Shop / Goid as Siopa	95	103	8	+8%
Theft Other / Goid Eile	55	54	-1	-2%
<b>Drugs / Drugaí</b>				
For Sale or Supply / Le díol nó soláthar	10	14	4	+40%
Simple Possession / Seilbh Shimplí	31	27	-4	-13%

Figures are based upon operational data from the PULSE system as at 02/04/2024 and are liable to change.

Crime counting rules are applied unless otherwise stated and figures are based on date reported.



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<b>Road Accidents / Statisticí Timpistí Bóthair</b>				
Fatal / Marfach	< 10	< 10	---	---
Serious Injury / Gortú Tromchúiseach	< 10	< 10	---	---
Speeding FCPN / Bhrostú (Full year 2023 v full year 2022)	4345	3922	-423	-10%
No Insurance / Gan Árachas	39	34	-5	-13%
Driving under the Influence / Tiomáint faoi Thionchar	31	27	-4	-13%



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<b>Public Order Incidents</b>				
Public Order Offences / Coireanna Ord Poiblí	50	56	6	+12%
<b>Assaults / Ionsaithe</b>				
Assault causing Harm / Ionsaithe ag Déanamh Dochar	13	19	6	+46%
Minor Assault / Mion-ionsaí	62	58	-4	-6%



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Fraud/Economic Crime				
Fraud/Economic Crime	56	43	-13	-23%



## TUSLA referrals for CT Division; 2809 for 2023.

- 1075 approx. refer to CLARE CE FA including Killaloe/Scarrif.

## Domestic Violence

- 184 Domestic violence incidents reported Q1 of 2024
- Up 14% this year

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Garda Cathal Nolan met up with people in Shannon Town Centre and handed out hi-vis vest from our new Community Engagement Van.



Christmas and New Year Road Safety Enforcement Operation.



Community Policing Team at Ennis Garda Station hosted this annual event. 16 teams participated (8 on each team) over 3 weekends from 6pm to 9.30pm. This tournament is aimed at young people aged 16 to 18 from different communities in Ennis to provide them with a focus and naturally preventing anti-social behaviour in Ennis town.

# Community Engagement



Gardaí attended a Youth Community Outreach, held a Christmas event this afternoon. A lovely opportunity for young people of different diversities to meet Garda members.



Gardaí in Shannon spread the Christmas cheer, with over 300 Christmas dinners delivered in Shannon, Sixmilebridge, Newmarket-on-Fergus and Cratloe. This is great community effort from local businesses, Shannon College of Hotel Management, local schools and many more.



# NEW COMMUNITY POLICING VAN CLARE/TIPPERARY DIVISION

Vehicle allocated to the Division at the end of January

Can be used as a mobile Garda station

Will be allocated on a rotational basis around each Community Engagement Area in the Division

Vehicle fully equipped with Garda ICT requirements



# DRUGS



Gardaí in Ennis were on patrol when they observed a vehicle acting suspiciously. A subsequent stop resulted in the driver being arrested.

A follow up investigation took place which included searches under warrant. Approx. €15,500 of suspected Cocaine and cannabis was seized, pending forensic analysis. Furthermore a quantity of cash and designer goods were seized.



# DRUGS DETECTIONS IN 2023 (BY TYPE AND VALUE)

## Sec 3, 15, 17 MDA & Money Laundering Incidents - Clare/Tipperary Division

District	Possession of Drugs for Sale or supply	Simple Possession	Money Laundering	Grand Total
Ennis	42	84	13	139
Kilrush	14	37	2	53

- On the 6th September 2023 an operation in Ennis was led by the Crime Office at Ennis Garda accompanied by the Clare Divisional Drugs Unit and personnel from the Kilrush, Shannon and Killaloe Crime Offices, the Western Region Armed Support Unit, the Southern Regional Dog Unit along with members from the regular units at Ennis, Kilrush, Ennistymon, members of the Clare Divisional Protective Services Unit, Clare Divisional Scenes of Crime Unit and members of the Clare Divisional Roads Policing Unit. During the course of the search, €15,000 of suspected amphetamine 2,500 Xanax tablets, Cocaine with a total street value of €87,000, heroin valued at €500 and quantity of cash and designer goods were seized. A Smith & Wesson 66-3 revolver and 36 rounds of ammunition were located in a field also adjacent to the location being searched.
- On 15/12/2023 a search was carried out at an address in Clare and was positive for cannabis, cocaine and ammunition. Case is currently before the courts.
- On 10/03/2024 search warrant executed at an address in Clare – positive result for cocaine and cannabis. Approx. €45000 of drugs seized

Value (€)		
Drugs Seized by Type & Value – Clare/ East Clare		
Drug Type	Ennis	Kilrush
Amphetamine	75,218.00	
Benzodiazepines	10,830.00	3,750.00
Cannabis Herb	170,236.30	109,160.00
Cannabis Oil		
Cannabis Plant		
Cannabis Resin	636.00	25.00
Cocaine	499,875.00	284,010.00
Crack Cocaine		
Ecstasy		
Heroin (Diamorphine)	13,360.00	2,130.00
Ketamine		
Methadone		
Psilocin/Psilocglin (Magic Mushrooms)	40.00	15.00
Other (Including Drug Paraphernalia)	999.01	7,016.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 771,194.31</b>	<b>€ 406,106.01</b>

No of searches Q1 2024 Clare CE including Killaloe/Scarrif 157

## FIREARMS RECOVERED

- On 23/10/2023 Ennis Crime Office assisted by the Clare Divisional Search recovered a firearm during the course of a search in Ennis which was stolen during the course of a burglary at Co. Galway on the 16/11/2021.
- On the 15/09/2023 personnel from the Clare Divisional Drug Unit assisted by the Emergency Response Unit discovered a suspect in possession of a high powered firearm namely a Colt M16 A1 with a magazine and a significant amount of ammunition in suspicious circumstances in a wooded area at Clonmoney West, Shannon, Co. Clare. The suspect was arrested and detained under Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act 1939 and was later charged with offences relating to possession of firearms. He is currently before the Courts awaiting sentencing

## ROBBERIES DETECTED

2 males arrested, charged and currently in relation to 4 robberies before the courts in relation to the following Robberies in Clare for October 2023:

- On 09/02/24, before Ennis District Court, a male was charged with 10 crimes including two counts of robbery dated 05/02/23 and 08/02/24. This was the result of great work by a number of members from Ennis Garda Station following the report of a robbery at a Pharmacy, Ennis.



## ORGANISED CRIME

Before the courts is a male who has pleaded guilty to:

- Participating/contributing an OCG to commit a serious offence
- Section 7 Money Laundering - €30,000 cash
- Section 183 of the Criminal Justice Act 2006 Purpose connected with the commission of a drug trafficking offence namely 2x Ballistic vests, Benzocaine Mixing Agent, Cocaine Press and latex gloves
- Section 27A Firearms in relation to Ruger Rifle (Semi-Automatic modified barrel), Rifle Magazine and 19 Rounds of .22ammunition
- Section 15A Misuse of Drugs – Cocaine and Cannabis to the value of €71,568.

Two other associates of this case have also pleaded guilty to Money Laundering offences.

The facts of the case were given on the 7th March 2024 at Ennis Circuit Court and it was remanded until the 1st of May 2024 by Judge Comerford for sentencing.

**Operation Feilire has been established to target feud related activity in Ennis and North Clare. An Incident Room has been established at Ennis Garda Station to coordinate this operation. The operation commenced on the 21/11/2023 and will run for an, as of yet, undetermined period. There have been 644 incidents and 773 pieces of intel carried out since the commencement of this operation.**