



# Press Release

## South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association

SEMRA is a voluntary, non-profit organisation affiliated to Mountain Rescue Ireland. SEMRA is responsible for conducting searches and rescues in the mountains of the South East of Ireland including the Comeraghs, Galtees, Knockmealdowns, Slievenamon and Blackstairs. All team members are volunteers and are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. SEMRA attends an average of 20 callouts per annum. All team members are trained in Rescue Emergency Care (REC).

In order to provide a more efficient emergency response service, SEMRA has recently constructed a new base facility which will provide storage of team vehicles and equipment in a centralised location, readily accessible to the areas of response in the grounds of Clonmel Fire Station.

SEMRA are dependent on funding from the general public for over 75% of its running costs. The team invest in training for team members and renewal of equipment on an ongoing basis. This is essential to ensure the team is in a state of readiness to respond quickly and effectively to incidents at any time.

SEMRA much appreciates the on-going support from the media and the public.