

TOP OF THE CLASS 2013

November 2013 - The recently held IT Carlow Conferring Ceremonies in Carlow and in the DFB Training Centre were occasions of great celebration for the learners, the lecturers and staff of the Institute, for DFB management and for the graduate's family and friends. Yet, back when these graduates commenced the programme, they would probably have found great difficulty in calculating what the benefits that were going to accrue from completing such a Programme.

We all know that management skills are the foundation on which every organisation develops and are a crucial component of lasting success both in the public and private sector. But how does a graduate of a management degree draw on this learning to deliver a better service in their work place? It might be the new way in which he/she responds to an old problem or in the improved interpersonal skills evident in dealing with a situation or the increased confidence he/she displays when tackling more challenging work projects. Indeed, quite often it is the employer who notices the value of an employee's management training.

The IT Carlow Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Emergency Services programme reflects the marriage between emergency services and business management training. It provides a broad range of management and technical skills which enhance the overall skill-set of the professional firefighter. Recognising the pressures that all part-time student have which can result in the need to interrupt progression, the programme allows exit opportunities after all completed stages of the programme with the opportunity to return to the programme at a later date.

It is also possible to receive recognition for previously completed academic study through IT Carlow's Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) policy. With 58 emergency services and fire services graduates of the programme to date and 44 others currently undertaking the programme, this is the programme to develop your skills as a professional firefighter now and into the future.



Pic Caption Above: Graduation of Certificate in Fire Services Management 2013. Front Row L-R Brian Mc Quaid Head of School of Engineering IT Carlow, David Denieffe Registrar IT Carlow, Keith Leeson, Paul Keogh, Mathew Connellan, Michael O'Reilly ACFO DFB. Pat Fleming CFO DFB, Derek Cheevers, Dennis Keeley ACFO DFB. Middle Row L-R Martin McCabe, Thomas Doolan, Peter Sherlock, Francis Kelly, Brian Gunning, Conor Molloy, Siobhan Talbot Back Row L-R Dermot Murray, Garrett Fitzpatrick, Mark Fay, Cormac Cahill, Anthony Hobbs, Brian Lynch, Noel Jackson, Conor Keegan