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Municipal Employees Division



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Right to left: Vice-President Joey Malone, President Shay Kavanagh, Treasurer Mick Clarke

Muno under new management

The Municipal Employees' Division has a new set of officers after a vote at the division's AGM in Nerney's Court on Tuesday 24th February.

Shay Kavanagh has taken on the role of President. He is joined by Joey Malone, the new vice-president, and Mick Clarke who has returned as treasurer.

Shay is well known to members. He has been a member of the division since 1998 and has served as both treasurer and vice-president. He has promised to work for the betterment of members. He said: "The union is only as strong as its members, and I am looking forward to serving you all."

He invited anyone interested in becoming part of the Muno to contact him, and he

encouraged members to "get involved in the union, either as a union rep or to become a member of the branch."

On the official side, Aisling Cusack has taken the role of assistant general secretary with responsibility for the Muno.

The Muno thanks outgoing President Thomas Murtagh and outgoing AGS Maura Cahalan for their years of hard work for Muno members and wishes them the best of luck in the future.

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Staffing makes all the difference for Paddy's Day clean up

DCC's waste management workers broke records this year. For the first time the Paddy's Day clean up ran a full hour ahead of schedule.

The success only happened because of good planning, additional staffing, and the incredible teamwork of DCC workers on the day.

DCC waste management worker, Kevin O'Toole said "there were 18 on our team last year, that went to 25 this year. It really makes a difference."



He added, "It always comes back to staffing. Day-to-day we could do with a few more in the team. The city's getting bigger."

Supervisor Paddy Stack said, "it was a team effort" and that it would not have happened without all the workers who stayed late, started early, and came in on their days off. He said, "We worked as a great team, and I want to thank all the staff that helped us."

Fórsa official Jay Power said, "Paddy's Day shows what our members can do when they have the staff they need. Now we need to see that extra staffing go into the day-to-day."

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Dublin Fire Brigade members win at WRC

Fórsa and unions representing workers in the Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) have been successful at the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC).

They came to an agreement with DFB management which will allow workers to step down from a threatened industrial action which was voted upon in September.

Workers opposed a planned new computer-aided dispatch system (CAD). They saw that the new system would cover fire and rescue calls, but it would not cover ambulance calls. Workers feared this would cause delays in the dispatch of ambulances operated by DFB.

Industrial Officer, Jay Power, said that under the agreement, "there is full commitment to keep and expand the Dublin Fire Brigade Emergency Room Control Centre, which manages fire and emergency calls for Dublin and the wider eastern region of Ireland."

He continued, "Our members were never against a new and improved system; they just want it done right. We will keep working with our members to make sure that it is."



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