



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Media Update

Slievenamon Fire Incident, Co. Tipperary 21 July 2026 | 5.00 pm

Significant progress has been made during the second day of firefighting operations on Slievenamon. While the fire has not yet been fully extinguished, its scale and intensity have been substantially reduced compared to yesterday.

Aerial support provided by the Air Corps and Coillte has played a critical role in the response effort, enabling water to be delivered to areas that are otherwise inaccessible by ground crews. These operations have been instrumental in reducing the extent of the fire and containing its spread.

Emergency personnel will continue to monitor conditions overnight. Cooler temperatures and the potential for overnight fog are expected to assist firefighting efforts and help limit fire activity during the hours of darkness.

A full assessment of conditions will be undertaken early tomorrow morning. Following consultation with partner agencies and stakeholders, and informed by aerial reconnaissance and operational intelligence gathered throughout the day, the response plan will be reviewed and adjusted as required.

Members of the public in the Slievenamon area, particularly those located downwind of the fire, are advised to keep windows and doors closed where possible. Individuals with respiratory conditions should take particular care and follow relevant health advice.

The public is also requested to avoid all non-essential travel to the area in order to facilitate access for emergency service vehicles and operational personnel. In addition, members of the public are reminded not to operate drones in the vicinity of the fire. Unauthorised drone activity poses a significant safety risk and can prevent firefighting aircraft from carrying out critical aerial operations.

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service continue to work closely with all relevant agencies in managing the incident. The situation will be reviewed again tomorrow morning, and further updates will be issued as verified information becomes available.

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