

# HELICOPTER SEARCH AND RESCUE

12 x 30 Minutes - HD



For the first time ever cameras have been given exclusive access into the Irish Coast Guard's Helicopter Search and Rescue service, capturing life and death situations as they unfold. When people are lost at sea and in grave danger, the helicopter crews are the last line of defence to save a human life.

Filmed over six months, the cameras follow the rescue crews at Shannon Helicopter base as they battle to save lives in one of the most hostile environments in the world. Leading some of the most dramatic rescues ever caught on film is chief pilot Capt Dara Fitzpatrick who is one of only a handful of female civilian rescue pilots in the world.

In this exhilarating series we see 18 different rescues, in operations ranging from airlifts from ships on the high seas, to mountain rescues and medical evacuations as we capture Dara and her crews' battle to save lives in graphic detail. Highlights from the series include exclusive footage of a plane crash, the dramatic rescue of three lifeboat volunteers, the dash to save a baby's life and the vivid rescue of a woman stranded by incoming tides, the rescue of a group of young children stranded on a boat on the Shannon mud flats and the dramatic rescue of a crew from a British nuclear submarine.



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