



Statement

Jim Mulligan, President Garda Representative Association

GRA members will be not be found wanting

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GRA President Jim Mulligan has said frontline gardai will not be found wanting in protecting people and communities throughout the country following today's announcement of new operational and working arrangements for gardaí.

Mr Mulligan said: "We can assure everyone that our members are focused on the national interest and ensuring everyone is kept safe and their property is secure.

"As a representative body, our role is to insist our members are treated fairly and have all the necessary support for their health and safety.

"We are acutely aware of the gravity of the health crisis and the need for exceptional organisational measures to respond to the situation.

"Our members will not be found wanting in carrying out our duty. As an association we are fully committed to supporting An Garda Síochána in responding to the Covid-19 crisis.

"It is imperative we all work together to ensure the greatest possible cohesion, effectiveness and efficiency of operations.

"Members are facing huge disruption in their work and in their home lives and we call on management to ensure our members are treated fairly and their health and safety prioritised.

"In the national interest, Industrial Relations matters will be dealt with in confidence at this time and members will be updated through our internal channels as soon as developments arise.

"The GRA's focus as a representative body is to insist all equipment and supplies necessary for member health and safety is available and that every related protocol is observed at all times.

"We have received assurances at the highest level, that members with an underlying medical condition or someone who has a child or other family member with an underlying condition will not be placed at risk.

"In relation to the deployment of trainees from Templemore, we have been assured they will be accompanied at all times by more experienced colleagues and transferred to locations close to their own home.

“Garda management advised us this morning that delivery has been taken of large vats of sanitiser and that 600,000 pairs of gloves are being distributed today and a further 400,000 are due for delivery.”