

STATEMENT BY PHILIP McANENLY, INTERIM GENERAL SECRETARY
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“THIS week’s sentencing of two men in relation to the savage attack on one of our members once again highlighted the dangers faced by ordinary frontline members of An Garda Síochána on a daily basis.

The terrifying evidence given in court told of the life-threatening attack on Garda Alan Murphy and had it not been for the brave intervention of our colleagues in the Dublin Fire Brigade, I believe this attack may have resulted in a far greater tragedy.

The GRA have long called for both mandatory sentencing for all attacks on frontline emergency workers, but also a fair and appropriate punishment for those convicted of such offences.

The Garda Representative Association wishes to thank members of the Dublin Fire Brigade for saving the life of Garda Alan Murphy and putting their own bodies between Garda Murphy and two individuals who clearly had no regard for human life and no respect for those garda members who have responsibility for enforcing the law and protecting the public.

We owe our colleagues in the Dublin Fire Brigade an enormous debt of gratitude.

This incident has had a profound impact on Garda Murphy and his colleagues. While we are disappointed and dismayed by the sentences handed down we remain steadfast in ensuring Garda Murphy and his colleagues receive the necessary support in their recovery and will continue to support all our members who have endured such senseless attacks.”