



Statement

GRA commends bravery of Tipp garda dragged 100 metres along road

The Garda Representative Association (GRA) has commended the bravery of a garda who sustained injuries the length of his body after being dragged over 100 metres along a road by a driver who refused to stop.

“The incident near Birdhill in Co Tipperary, in which a garda was dragged 100 metres along a road by a reckless driver is an example of the bravery of frontline gardai.

“The garda in this case was an experienced officer who was not only trying to stop the driver from endangering road users, he was also concerned about the safety of the two children in the car at the time.

“His efforts to stop the vehicle were above and beyond the call of duty and he has paid a huge price for his bravery.

“This a was a life-threatening incident and while we don’t yet know the longer-term consequences of his injuries, he is likely to be out of work for some time,” Mr Ennis said.

The garda sustained a broken ankle and a broken leg in the incident as well as lacerations from head-to-toe. He also required stiches in his knee.

“While gardai enjoy a very high level of public support, some people have no regard whatsoever for the difficult and dangerous job our members carry out on a daily basis,” Mr Ennis added.