



GRA Statement Pat Ennis GRA General Secretary on Garda Memorial Day

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Today, gardai came together to remember members who have died in the line of duty.

The annual ceremony at Dubh Linn Gardens in Dublin Castle, was a socially distanced event with restricted attendance.

Attending were: Minister for Justice & Equality, Charlie Flanagan; Garda Commissioner, Drew Harris; Garda Chaplains, Archdeacon David Pierpoint and Father Joe Kennedy; Michael Griffin of the Garda Survivors Support Association; and Matt Gibbons of the Garda Retired Members Association. Representatives of the Garda staff associations were also present.

General Secretary, Pat Ennis, attending on behalf the Garda Representative Association, said before the ceremony:

“As we remember all our fallen colleagues and their families, the current circumstances bring an even sharper focus on the value of human life.

“We stand apart today so that lives can be saved. The 88 gardaí we remember stood apart in the ultimate way, to preserve the lives of others.

“We honour their courage and sacrifice and show solidarity and respect to their families today.

“This ceremony also reminds us of the commitment and bravery of the serving men and women of An Garda Síochána who protect and serve our communities every day.”