

Commissioner's Foreword



The most valuable asset to An Garda Síochána is our personnel. It is through their unwavering dedication and hard work that An Garda Síochána is able to keep people safe in communities throughout Ireland.

The work of all Gardaí is inherently dangerous, complex and can often stretch far beyond our day-to-day duty, but the selfless courage of some stands out.

The Scott Medal is the highest decoration that can be bestowed upon a member of An Garda Síochána for their exceptional courage and bravery. On this occasion, I am honoured to award the Scott Medal to 13 exemplary Gardaí for their bravery and heroism in service.

While the precise circumstances and events which have led to each one of the awards vary, the work of all those recognised today is equally rooted in local communities. These Gardaí performed their duties with extraordinary commitment to the communities they serve. Above all, they set aside all fear and consciously put the safety of others before their own in a moment of danger or threat.

Today, we pay credit to their dedication to duty.

It is particularly poignant to gather at Dublin Castle to pay tribute to those being awarded the Scott Medal posthumously. This is a place that is steeped in the history of An Garda Síochána and it is here in the Dubh Linn Gardens that we honour the Gardaí who gave their lives in the service of the State.

Our ceremony today gives us an opportunity to reflect on and be inspired by the selfless actions of today's Scott Medal recipients.

As we look ahead to our centenary year, their remarkable actions remind us all to continue with passion in our work to keep people safe.

Le meas agus buíochas,

J.A. Harris
Commissioner, An Garda Síochána

Ceremonial Order

Wednesday 25th August 2021

Scott Medal Award Presentation Ceremony

- 10:30 am Medal Recipients, families and invited guests will arrive at the Dubh Linn Gardens, Dublin Castle.
- 10:50 am Medal Recipients, families and invited guests will be invited to take their seats.
- 11:00 am The Commissioner and the Minister for Justice Heather Humphreys, T.D will enter the Dubh Linn Gardens and take their designated seats.
- 11:05 am Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon, Strategy, Governance and Performance will open the ceremony.
- 11:10 am Superintendent Helen Deely, Policing and Security (P&S) will invite Superintendent Anthony Farrell, to read the Citations for the Bronze Scott Medallists from the Wexford/Wicklow Division.

The Medal Recipients will be invited to the podium to receive their Bronze Scott Medals from the Commissioner.

Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will invite Chief Superintendent Michael McElgunn, to read the Citation for the Bronze Scott Medallist from the DMR South Central Division.

The Medal Recipient will be invited to the podium to receive his Bronze Scott Medal from the Commissioner.

Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will invite Superintendent Colm O’Sullivan, to read the Citations for the Bronze Scott Medallists from the Cork City Division.

The Medal Recipients will be invited to the podium to receive their Bronze Scott Medals from the Commissioner.

Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will invite Superintendent Andrew Watters, to read the Citation for the Bronze Scott Medallist from the Cavan/Monaghan/Louth Division.

The Medal Recipient will be invited to the podium to receive his Bronze Scott Medal from the Commissioner.

Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will invite Detective Chief Superintendent Kevin Daly, to read the Citation for the Bronze Scott Medallist from the Special Tactics & Operations Command Division.

The Medal Recipient will be invited to the podium to receive his Bronze Scott Medal from the Commissioner.

Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will invite Detective Chief Superintendent Paul Cleary, to read the Citation for the Bronze Scott Medallist from the Garda Air Support Unit.

The Medal Recipient will be invited to the podium to receive his Bronze Scott Medal from the Commissioner.

Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will invite Detective Chief Superintendent Kevin Daly, to read the Citation for the Silver Scott Medallist from the Special Tactics & Operations Command Division.

The Medal Recipient will be invited to the podium to receive his Silver Scott Medal from the Commissioner.

Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will invite Detective Chief Superintendent Justin Kelly, to read the Citations for the Gold Scott Medals being awarded posthumously.

The families of the deceased members will be invited to the podium to receive the Gold Scott Medals from the Commissioner.

- 12:20 pm Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will call on the Commissioner to address the Medal Recipients, families and invited guests.
- 12:30 pm Superintendent Helen Deely, (P&S) will call on the Minister for Justice, Heather Humphreys, T.D to address the Medal Recipients, families and invited guests.
- 12:40 pm Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon, Strategy, Governance and Performance will close the ceremony and invite the Director of the Garda Band to play Amhrán na bhFiann.

Refreshments will be provided in the Dubh Linn Gardens for Medal recipients, their families and invited guests.

History of the Scott Medal

In 1923, Colonel Walter Scott, an Honorary Commissioner of the New York City Police and a well-known philanthropist, presented An Garda Síochána, then the world's youngest Police Force, with a \$1,000 gold bond, the interest of which was to pay for an 18-carat gold medal to be presented to the Garda who had performed the most heroic act of bravery in any one year.

There was only one condition attached to the award of the Scott Medal: *"No action, however heroic, will merit the award of the Scott medal unless it takes the shape of an act of personal bravery, performed intelligently in the execution of duty at imminent risk to the life of the doer, and armed with full previous knowledge of the risk involved"*.

The Scott Medal Award is the highest award for bravery that An Garda Síochána can bestow upon a member of the service and will only be awarded to the most deserving of members who have performed an exceptional act of bravery, risking their life in full knowledge of the risk concerned.

The medal is in the form of a Celtic cross. There are five panels on the face of the medal that depict the words "The Scott Medal", "For Valour", the eagle and the shield of the USA, the harp and sunburst and the Garda Crest. The reverse of the medal carries the inscription, "Garda Síochána na h-Éireann". The 4 outside panels are the arms of the four provinces of Ireland - Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connaught.



Pictured Above is Example of a Gold, Silver and bronze Scott Medal

Scott Medals of Gold, Silver and Bronze are awarded by the Commissioner. Gold medals may be awarded to members who have displayed exceptional courage and heroism involving risk to life in the execution of duty. The Silver and Bronze medals may be awarded to members who have performed similar acts in the execution of duty, but with less risk to their lives and who are next in order of merit. Each member receiving a Scott Medal will also receive a wooden citation outlining the details of the incident for which they received the award.

The largest number of awards was between 1971 and 1980, the worst decade for political violence, when 96 medals were awarded, followed closely by the period 1981 to 1990 when 88 medals were awarded. This period of heightened subversion contrasted sharply with the period 1951 to 1960 when medals were awarded to only six members of An Garda Síochána. To date, over 400 medals have been awarded to members of An Garda Síochána.

Walter Scott died in 1935 at the age of 74, laden with honours at home and abroad. He was a knight of the French Legion of Honour, a member of the Belgian Order of Leopold and held the Silver Grand Cross of Austria.



A view of An Garda Síochána Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin



**Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Sergeant Patrick Carroll 23883L
Ashford Garda Station**



On 15 November 2018, An Garda Síochána received a call that a male had called to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Avoca, Co. Wicklow to speak with the priest. The male was in an agitated state and requested to speak with Gardaí. When asked why, the male proceeded to take a firearm and a knife from his pocket. He informed the priest that the firearm was loaded and stated "I could do damage to myself or you". The priest encouraged the male to wait in the church for members of An Garda Síochána.

Sergeant Patrick Carroll was one of the first members of An Garda Síochána to respond to the incident and took control of the scene. On the arrival of members of An Garda Síochána, the male exited the church, demanded to speak with a Sergeant and then returned to the church. The male subsequently exited the church and Sergeant Carroll identified himself.

With the knowledge that the male was agitated and armed with a firearm and knife, Sergeant Carroll struck up a conversation with the male in close proximity across the open railings.

The male spoke about killing himself and requested that Sergeant Carroll enter the church with him. Sergeant Carroll refused to go into the church with him but offered to meet him at the church gate and talk to him. Sergeant Carroll met the male at the church gate and spoke with him. The male then became less agitated. Sergeant Carroll then entered the church yard and sat on a bench, the male stood beside him and they continued the conversation.

The male then returned inside the church and during that time, two members of the Armed Support Unit arrived. Sergeant Carroll remained in the church yard for the male to return.

The male walked out of the church again towards Sergeant Carroll who asked him if he had anything in his possession, the male replied "I have a gun", and produced a gun. He was holding the gun by the barrel and the hand-grip was pointed towards Sergeant Carroll. Sergeant Carroll requested the male to drop the gun three times, however, he then spun the gun in his hand and the gun ended up with the barrel pointed towards Sergeant Carroll. The male then ejected the magazine from the gun and dropped the gun to the ground.

On searching the male, Sergeant Carroll found a knife in his possession. The male was taken into safe custody by members of the Armed Support Unit. He was subsequently charged and convicted of firearms and offensive weapon offences.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Sergeant Patrick Carroll.



**Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Garda Barry Hennessy 30923M
Wexford Garda Station**



On 19 August 2016, Garda Barry Hennessy and Garda Michael Lee were on uniform mobile patrol in the Wexford District. They responded to a report of a panic alarm activation at the Bank of Ireland, Rosslare Harbour.

On arrival at the bank, Garda Hennessy and Garda Lee met a staff member who advised them that she was unable to gain entry or make contact with the staff inside. Garda Hennessy climbed a wall to access the rear of the building while Garda Lee remained at the front of the premises.

Garda Hennessy looked through a number of windows at the rear of the building but could not see anyone inside. However, a steel door at the rear of the building had a peephole which Garda Hennessy looked through and saw people inside. Garda Hennessy banged on the door a number of times and identified himself as a member of An Garda Síochána. The door opened and three staff members ran from the bank. These staff were visibly scared and were screaming that there was a male inside who was wearing a balaclava, in possession of a handgun, which he had discharged and had been demanding money.

Garda Hennessy called for armed assistance and guided the three staff members to safety.

Although now aware that an armed raider was in the bank, Garda Hennessy remained in his position at the rear of the bank. The male suspect wearing a balaclava ran from the front door of the bank carrying a rucksack. In the knowledge that this male was potentially armed with a handgun, which he had already discharged once and was now running into a residential neighbourhood, Garda Hennessy climbed back over the wall and followed in pursuit of the male suspect, along with Garda Lee.

In the driveway of a house Garda Lee caught up with the armed masked suspect and removed the balaclava from his face. The armed male suspect continued to attempt to escape by running into the rear garden and scaling a high hedge, where Garda Lee pulled him to the ground. Garda Hennessy assisted in restraining the suspect, placed handcuffs on him and arrested him.

Subsequently, the male suspect was convicted and received a prison sentence for the offences of carrying a firearm with criminal intent, attempted robbery and false imprisonment.

For exceptional courage and bravery, involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Garda Barry Hennessy.



**Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Garda Michael Lee 25124M
Immigration, Rosslare Harbour**



On 19 August 2016, Garda Michael Lee and Garda Barry Hennessy were on uniform mobile patrol in the Wexford District. They responded to a report of a panic alarm activation at the Bank of Ireland, Rosslare Harbour.

On arrival at the bank, Garda Lee and Garda Hennessy met a staff member who advised them that she was unable to gain entry or make contact with the staff inside. Garda Lee remained at the front of the premises while Garda Hennessy climbed a wall to access the rear of the building.

While at the front of the bank, Garda Lee heard commotion to the rear and saw that three staff members had run from the premises. These staff were visibly scared and were screaming that there was a male inside who was wearing a balaclava, in possession of a handgun which he had discharged and had been demanding money.

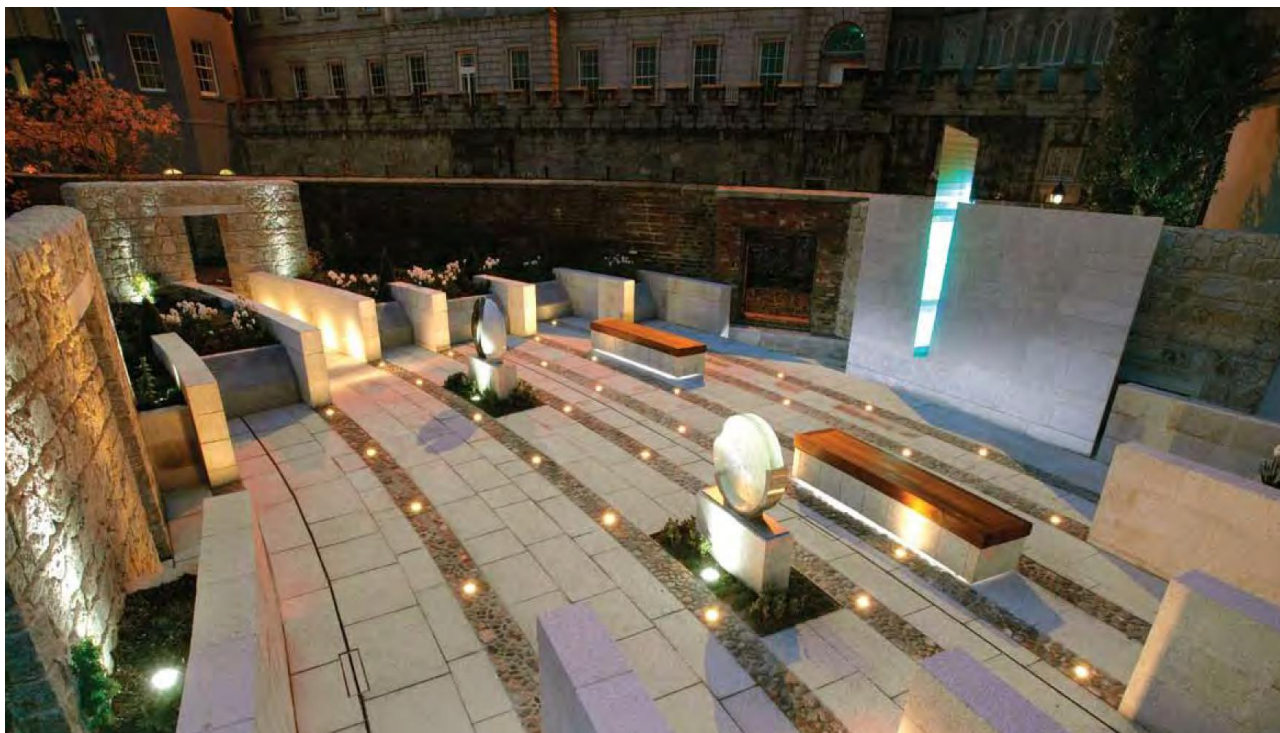
Although now aware that an armed raider was in the bank, Garda Lee maintained his position at the front door of the bank. A masked man appeared at the front door and pointed his hand at Garda Lee in a shooting gesture. The masked man, carrying a rucksack, ran from the front door of the bank across the road towards the back of a nearby house.

In the knowledge that this male was potentially armed with a handgun, which he had already discharged once and was now running into a residential neighbourhood, Garda Lee ran after him through a gateway into the driveway of a house. Garda Lee tackled the male suspect and managed to pull the balaclava off his face. The suspect continued to run into the rear garden and attempted to scale a high hedge. Garda Lee tackled him again, pulled him to the ground and restrained him, assisted by Garda Hennessy. Garda Hennessy placed handcuffs on the armed male suspect and arrested him.

Subsequently, the armed male suspect was convicted and received a prison sentence for the offences of carrying a firearm with criminal intent, attempted robbery and false imprisonment.

For exceptional courage and bravery, involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Garda Michael Lee.

An Garda Síochána Memorial Garden honours the members of An Garda Síochána who were killed in the service of the State



Design of An Garda Síochána Memorial Garden

The principal concept behind the design of this Memorial Garden is the way that sudden unexpected death brings an abrupt end to the natural cycle of life which all living creatures share. The image of a tree trunk felled before reaching maturity exposing the rings which represent each year of life is the basis for the design of the garden. The concentric rings of different widths are reflected in the layout of the paving in the garden. The radiating rings also represent the ripples in the surface of a pond.

The seemingly solid structure of the granite wall is pierced by a sharp glass shard representing the fragility of life. The names of the members of An Garda Síochána who were killed in active service are inscribed in stone on the Roll of Honour in this Garden.



Award of Bronze Scott Medal Garda Robert Duffy 26102E Kilmainham Garda Station



On 7 December 2009, Garda Robert Duffy was on Summons Server duty, in plain clothes, on his own, on foot.

As he was passing the Eurospar on the South Circular Road, Dublin 8 Garda Duffy observed a male with his face covered standing behind the shop counter and behaving in a threatening manner towards staff. Garda Duffy believed this man had just committed a robbery. Garda Duffy immediately ran towards the door of the Eurospar to help the staff.

On approaching the door of the premises, the male suspect came running from the shop towards Garda Duffy. Identifying himself as a member of An Garda Síochána, Garda Duffy attempted to apprehend the male suspect outside the shop. However, the male suspect became extremely violent and a struggle ensued between him and Garda Duffy.

During the struggle, Garda Duffy received a blow to the face. The male suspect managed to free himself from Garda Duffy and he ran to the passenger side of a vehicle parked on the road and attempted to gain access. Despite bleeding heavily from a facial wound, Garda Duffy followed and continued to attempt to arrest the male. Garda Duffy saw the male in possession of a large knife and the male ran towards Garda Duffy with the knife raised above his head. Garda Duffy feared for his safety and deployed his incapacitant spray to try and arrest the male. Despite his injuries and threats from the male Garda Duffy continued to attempt to stop the male getting into the driver's seat of the vehicle. However, the suspect made good his escape in the vehicle.

Garda Duffy received assistance for the injuries to his face from the shop employees and from the emergency services personnel on their arrival. Garda Duffy was subsequently taken by ambulance to hospital.

The suspect was subsequently convicted and received a four year prison sentence for offences of robbery and assault.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Garda Robert Duffy.



Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Detective Sergeant Joe Young, 27722C
Bridewell Garda Station



On 2 May 2005, two masked males entered a house in Mount Oval, Rochestown, Co. Cork. One male was armed with a revolver and the other with a stun gun. The men took a pregnant woman and her four children hostage whilst waiting for the return of her husband, a prominent businessman.

On returning home, the businessman was violently assaulted, bound and gagged and a hood put over his head. He was threatened and informed that the following morning he would have to take both males to his business to hand over a large sum of money.

During the night, the businessman managed to free himself and escape and made his way to a neighbour's house where he contacted Gardaí. Uniform and armed Gardaí were dispatched to the scene and all units were made aware that the males inside the house were armed and violent. Gardaí discreetly surrounded the house.

Garda Joe Young and Detective Garda John McDonagh, both armed, took up a concealed position near the front of the house.

Both armed males left the house through the front door. Garda Young and Detective Garda McDonagh drew their official firearms and along with Sergeant Gary McPolin confronted the armed males. Garda Young shouted "Armed Gardaí, Armed Gardaí". One of the armed males dropped a silver revolver and lay down as instructed, and was arrested by Detective Garda McDonagh. A Silver Colt Revolver loaded with six bullets was recovered at the scene.

The other armed male ran and was chased by Garda Young. Garda Young again called "Armed Gardaí". The armed male turned, stumbled and fell to the ground; his right hand was in a pocket from which a black handle was protruding. Garda Young ordered the male to raise his hands, which he did, and the armed male was arrested. A 'stun-gun' was found in possession of the armed male.

The armed suspects were subsequently charged and convicted of the offences and received custodial sentences.

For exceptional courage and bravery, involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Detective Sergeant Joe Young.



A View of Dubh Linn Gardens, Dublin Castle

There have been gardens at Dublin Castle since at least the early years of the seventeenth century. These are situated immediately south of the Chapel Royal and the State Apartments within an enclosing stone wall. The gardens are entered through wrought-iron gates of Celtic-inspired spirals. Beyond a 'four seasons' garden lie four smaller gardens, one at each corner of the site. All contain specially commissioned works of sculpture. Three of these have since been designated as memorial gardens. One is dedicated to the memory of investigative journalist Veronica Guerin. Another contains a bronze sculpture commemorating the Special Olympics held in Ireland in 2003, with the names of the 30,000 volunteers who contributed to the games inscribed on plaques.

The third and largest of these corner gardens is the sheltered Garda Memorial Garden, redesigned and completed in 2009. In this garden the names of all members of the Gardaí (Irish Police) killed in the line of duty are inscribed on a roll of honour. Several sculptural works are also incorporated into the layout. These works and the overall design of the garden are intended to reflect how the premature deaths of loved ones leave a trace or imprint, like ripples in a pool, on the lives of those left behind.

At the heart of the gardens is the grassy sward of the Dubh Linn Garden, where patterns representing sea serpents are cut into the lawn. This lawn is on or near the site of the original dubh linn or 'black pool', where the Vikings harboured their ships and set up a trading base. It was this pool that gave its name to the city: Dublin.

The Castle Gardens are immensely popular with visitors and the citizens of Dublin alike. On sunny summer days the gardens are crowded with people enjoying the beautiful surroundings of this special place.



**Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Sergeant John McDonagh, 23868F
Anglesea Street Garda Station**



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On returning home, the businessman was violently assaulted, bound and gagged and a hood put over his head. He was threatened and informed that the following morning he would have to take both males to his business to hand over a large sum of money.

During the night, the businessman managed to free himself and escape and made his way to a neighbour's house where he contacted Gardaí. Uniform and armed Gardaí were dispatched to the scene and all units were made aware that the males inside the house were armed and violent. Gardaí discreetly surrounded the house.

Detective Garda John McDonagh and Garda Joe Young, both armed, took up a concealed position near the front of the house.

Both armed males left the house through the front door. Detective Garda McDonagh and Garda Young drew their official firearms and along with Sergeant Gary McPolin confronted the armed males. Garda Young shouted "Armed Gardaí, Armed Gardaí". One of the armed males dropped a silver revolver and lay down as instructed, and was arrested by Detective Garda McDonagh. A Silver Colt Revolver loaded with six bullets was recovered at the scene. The other armed male ran and was chased by Garda Young and was subsequently arrested and a 'stun gun' was found in his possession.

The armed suspects were subsequently charged and convicted of the offences and received custodial sentences.

For exceptional courage and bravery, involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Sergeant John McDonagh.



Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Inspector Darren Kirwan, 26343E
Dundalk Garda Station



On 18 January 2011, Detective Sergeant Darren Kirwan and Detective Garda Andrew Barron were on mobile patrol in the Omeath area of Co. Louth targeting the activities of a criminal gang known to be involved in violent crimes and to carry firearms.

Detective Sergeant Darren Kirwan and Detective Garda Andrew Barron encountered one of the suspect vehicles, a BMW car bearing false number plates, with two occupants, which failed to stop when signalled to do so.

After a brief pursuit, the suspect vehicle suddenly turned off the road into a driveway and came to a sudden stop. Detective Garda Barron brought the patrol car to a stop behind the suspect vehicle. Without warning, the suspect vehicle reversed into the patrol car.

Detective Sergeant Kirwan exited the patrol car and made his way to the driver's door of the suspect vehicle, and as he did, the driver reversed the vehicle at him. Detective Sergeant Kirwan managed to jump out of the way and the suspect vehicle reversed into the parked patrol car for a second time. The driver of the suspect vehicle then reached down to the driver's door and suspecting that the driver was reaching for a weapon, possibly a firearm, Detective Sergeant Kirwan broke the driver's door window with his ASP and in doing so Detective Sergeant Kirwan received a significant cut to his hand from broken glass.

In fear for his safety and that of his colleague, Detective Garda Barron drew his official firearm and identified himself as "armed Gardaí".

The driver of the suspect vehicle repeatedly drove the vehicle at the patrol car forcing both Detective Sergeant Kirwan and Detective Garda Barron to jump out of the way. Detective Garda Barron was trapped between the patrol car and a wall and he discharged one shot from his official firearm. The suspect, continued to manoeuvre the car, colliding with the driveway wall until managing to escape and drive away.

During these manoeuvres, the male passenger jumped from the vehicle and tried to run away. Detective Sergeant Kirwan, despite injuries to his hand caught up with the passenger and arrested him.

Subsequently, both males were convicted of the offences and received prison sentences.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Inspector Darren Kirwan.



Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Detective Garda Andrew Gardiner 27145D
Emergency Response Unit
Harcourt Square



On 11 May 2017, Detective Garda Andrew Gardiner, Harcourt Square, exited the Supervalu shop on Braemor Road in Churchtown, Dublin 14. Detective Garda Gardiner was off duty at the time.

As Detective Garda Gardiner was walking through the carpark, his attention was drawn to two males walking briskly towards the shop. As Detective Garda Gardiner reached his car he saw a number of people running from the shop, frightened and scared. Detective Garda Gardiner ran back towards the entrance of the shop and saw the security guard struggling with one of the males who had passed him earlier in the carpark.

As Detective Garda Gardiner went to assist the security guard, a second male ran from the shop waving a large knife/blade in the air. This male ran towards Detective Garda Gardiner threatening him with the knife. Identifying himself as an armed Garda, Detective Garda Gardiner drew his personal issue SIG pistol and shouted at the male to drop the knife. The male dropped the knife and attempted to escape on foot running through the carpark. Detective Garda Gardiner chased the male and caught up with him at the end of the carpark. After a short struggle, the male fell to the ground.

Detective Garda Gardiner then saw the first male running in his direction with the security guard following after him. Detective Garda Gardiner tackled this male to the ground. The second male then got up to his feet and made good his escape. Detective Garda Gardiner stayed with the first male and on arrival of other members of An Garda Síochána, handed him over to the arresting member.

It subsequently transpired that the males had committed a robbery at Supervalu and were armed with an imitation firearm and a machete during the course of the robbery. This was a terrifying experience for staff and customers of the shop, who were threatened at gun point and subjected to the machete being thrust at them.

Subsequently, the arrested male was convicted and received a prison sentence.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Detective Garda Andrew Gardiner.



**Award of Bronze Scott Medal
Sergeant Brian Coade, 22360C
Garda Air Support Unit**



Following the terrorist kidnap by the INLA of Dr John O’Grady in October 1987 An Garda Síochána was involved in an extensive national policing and security operation.

On 5 November 1987, Detective Garda Brian Coade was the driver of an official patrol car accompanied by Detective Garda Richard Fahey, when they responded to a call for assistance at Carnlough Road, Cabra, Dublin 7. Over the Garda radio they were informed that shots had been fired and a member of An Garda Síochána had been injured.

On arrival at the junction between Carnlough Road and Kilkiernan Road, Cabra, Detective Garda Coade and Detective Garda Fahey saw two males one armed with a semi-automatic rifle and one armed with a long barrel pump action shotgun. As Detective Garda Fahey got out of the official patrol car, without warning the detectives were fired upon by both males with bullets striking the patrol car and ricocheting off the ground. Detective Garda Coade dived for cover out of the patrol car. The patrol car was later examined and found to have been struck multiple times on the passenger door and wing.

Detective Garda Coade drew his official firearm and returned fire on the terrorist who was armed with a shotgun. Detective Garda Coade and Detective Garda Fahey took shelter behind an empty bus, whilst under continuous fire. The detectives called on the armed terrorists ‘Gardaí – Halt’ however, both Gardaí remained under fire. The two terrorists retreated along Kilkiernan Road in military fashion, maintaining consistent fire on both detectives; both of whom, narrowly escaped injury or death. Despite the level of incoming fire Detective Garda Coade and Detective Garda Fahey returned fire and continued to pursue the terrorists.

Detective Garda Fahey, struck the terrorist with shots fired from his official UZI Submachine gun. This male continued to return fire. Detective Garda Coade also fired on this male striking him at least once. To evade capture, the terrorists attempted to hijack a vehicle from an elderly couple. They abandoned that attempt and took possession of a corporation road sweeper lorry and made good their escape. Due to the high volume of civilians in the area, the Detective Gardaí refrained from firing further at the terrorists.

Detective Garda Coade met up with a colleague in a patrol car and attempted to follow the terrorists but the vehicle could not be located. Unbeknown to Detective Garda Coade and Detective Garda Fahey they had been in a gun battle with members of the Dessie O’Hare Terrorist Gang, who had held Dr O’Grady captive for a 23-day kidnapping ordeal.

The two terrorists were subsequently arrested, convicted and sentenced to forty years imprisonment.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Bronze Scott Medal is awarded to Sergeant Brian Coade.



Award of Silver Scott Medal
Detective Inspector Richard Fahey, 22432D
Special Tactics & Operations Command



Following the terrorist kidnap by the INLA of John O' Grady in October 1987 An Garda Síochána was involved in an extensive national policing and security operation.

On 5 November 1987, Detective Garda Richard Fahey was a passenger in an official patrol car driven by Detective Garda Brian Coade, when they responded to a call for assistance at Carnlough Road, Cabra, Dublin 7. Over the Garda radio they were informed that shots had been fired and a member of An Garda Síochána had been injured.

On arrival at the junction between Carnlough Road and Kilkiernan Road, Cabra, Detective Garda Fahey and Detective Garda Coade saw two males one armed with a semi-automatic rifle and one armed with a long barrel pump action shotgun. As Detective Garda Fahey got out of the official patrol car, without warning the detectives were fired upon by both males with bullets striking the patrol car and ricocheting off the ground. Detective Garda Coade also dived for cover out of the patrol car. The patrol car was later examined and found to have been struck multiple times on the passenger door and wing.

Detective Garda Fahey and Detective Garda Coade took shelter behind an empty bus, whilst under continuous fire. The Detectives called on the armed terrorists 'Gardaí – Halt' but both Gardaí remained under fire. The two terrorists retreated along Kilkiernan Road in military fashion, maintaining consistent fire on both Detectives; both narrowly escaped injury or death. Despite the level of incoming fire Detective Garda Fahey and Coade returned fire and continued to pursue the terrorists.

Detective Garda Fahey fired two shots from his official UZI Submachine gun, hitting the terrorist armed with the shotgun. This male continued to return fire. Detective Garda Coade also fired at this male striking him at least once. To evade capture, the terrorists attempted to hijack a vehicle from an elderly couple. They abandoned that attempt and took possession of a corporation road sweeper lorry and made good their escape. Due to the high volume of civilians in the area, the Detective Gardaí refrained from further firing at the terrorists.

Detective Garda Fahey returned to retrieve the patrol car to continue the chase. He came across two Garda colleagues who had located a wounded male in a nearby house. The wounded male stated that he was the victim of kidnapping and identified himself as Dr John O'Grady. Unbeknown to Detective Garda Coade and Detective Garda Fahey, they had been in a gun battle with members of the Dessie O'Hare Terrorist Gang, who had held Dr O'Grady captive for a 23-day kidnapping ordeal. Detective Garda Fahey's priority turned to providing medical assistance to Dr O'Grady, and ensured that he was safely conveyed to hospital for urgent medical treatment.

The two suspects were subsequently arrested, convicted and sentenced to forty years imprisonment.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Silver Scott Medal is awarded to Detective Inspector Richard Fahey.



Award of Gold Scott Medal
Detective Sergeant Patrick McKeown 11919
Detective Branch, Dublin Castle



On 16 August 1940, Detective Sergeant Patrick McKeown, 11919, accompanied by four colleagues, set out to execute a search warrant under Section 29 of the Offences Against the State Act 1939, at a suspected IRA training headquarters at 98A Rathgar Road, Dublin.

The Garda members were aware that it was likely that armed members of the IRA were inside the premises.

On reaching the premises, Detective Sergeant McKeown, accompanied by Detective Garda Hyland and Detective Garda Brady approached the front door to gain admittance. Detective Gardaí Mullally and Wilmot went to the rear of the premises.

A young girl appeared at the front door but did not admit the detectives. Detective Sergeant McKeown, along with his colleagues, became suspicious as they had heard movement coming from the premises, but were unable to see anyone.

Detective Sergeant McKeown went to the rear of the premises and he was informed by Detective Garda Mullally that movement had been heard. Detective Sergeant McKeown returned to the front of the premises.

The front door was opened by a youth of about fifteen years of age, who appeared to attempt to stall the entry of the detectives. Detective Garda Hyland pushed the door open and Detective Garda Brady led the way into the shop, followed by Detective Sergeant McKeown. The youth asked for identification and retreated behind the shop counter. The youth was informed “We are Police Officers” and shown identification by Detective Garda Hyland.

Without warning, there was a burst of gunfire from a Thompson sub-machine gun from a hidden gunman. Detective Sergeant McKeown suffered one gunshot wound.

Despite his injuries, Detective Sergeant McKeown was able to escape from the premises and was able to warn his colleague Detective Garda Wilmot, who was approaching from the rear of the premises. Three armed IRA members then ran from 98A Rathgar Road. The warning signalled by Detective Sergeant McKeown saved Detective Garda Wilmot from directly confronting the armed IRA members. Detective Sergeant McKeown died from the gunshot wound the following day, 17 August 1940.

Detective Garda Hyland died from multiple gunshot wounds at the scene and Detective Garda Brady was hospitalised as a result of a single gunshot wound.

Two members of the IRA were arrested nearby by Detective Gardaí Mullally and Wilmot, and were convicted on 20 August 1940 for the murder of Detective Sergeant McKeown and Detective Garda Hyland.

During the search at 98A Rathgar Road, Dublin, evidence in support of the suspicion of the existence of an IRA training headquarters was discovered, which included an array of weapons including a Thompson submachine gun, revolvers, pistols, ammunition and documentary evidence. Following the arrest of the two IRA members a Thompson submachine gun and revolver were recovered.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Gold Scott Medal is awarded posthumously to Detective Sergeant Patrick McKeown.



Award of Gold Scott Medal
Detective Garda Michael Brady 8301
Detective Branch, Dublin Castle



On 16 August 1940, Detective Garda Michael Brady, 8301, accompanied by four colleagues, set out to execute a search warrant under Section 29 of the Offences Against the State Act, 1939, at a suspected IRA training headquarters at 98A Rathgar Road, Dublin.

The Garda members were aware that it was likely that armed members of the IRA were inside the premises.

On reaching the premises, Detective Garda Brady, accompanied by Detective Sergeant McKeown and Detective Garda Hyland approached the front door to gain admittance. Detective Gardaí Mullally and Wilmot went to the rear of the premises.

A young girl appeared at the front door but did not admit the detectives. Detective Garda Brady, along with his colleagues became suspicious as they had heard movement coming from the premises, but were unable to see anyone.

The front door was opened by a youth of about fifteen years of age, who appeared to attempt to stall the entry of the detectives. Detective Garda Hyland pushed the door open and Detective Garda Brady led the way into the shop followed by Detective Sergeant McKeown. The youth asked for identification and retreated behind the shop counter. The youth was informed “We are Police Officers” and shown identification by Detective Garda Hyland.

Without warning, there was a burst of gunfire from a Thompson submachine gun from a hidden gunman. Detective Garda Brady suffered one gunshot wound and collapsed to the ground immediately. Despite his injuries, Detective Garda Brady was able to crawl from the premises and was found by colleagues face down outside holding his official revolver in his right hand with his finger on the trigger.

Three armed IRA members then ran from 98A Rathgar Road.

Detective Garda Hyland died from multiple gunshot wounds at the scene and Detective Sergeant McKeown died from a gunshot wound the following day, 17 August 1940.

Two members of the IRA were arrested nearby by Detective Gardaí Mullally and Wilmot and were convicted on 20 August 1940 for the murder of Detective Sergeant McKeown and Detective Garda Hyland. During the trial, the court adjourned to the Meath Hospital where Detective Garda Brady gave evidence from his hospital bed.

During the search at 98A Rathgar Road, Dublin, evidence in support of the suspicion of the existence of an IRA training headquarters was discovered, which included an array of weapons including a Thompson submachine gun, revolvers, pistols, ammunition and documentary evidence. Following the arrest of the two IRA Members a Thompson submachine gun and revolver were recovered.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Gold Scott Medal is awarded posthumously to Detective Garda Michael Brady.



Award of Gold Scott Medal
Detective Garda Richard Hyland 8333
Detective Branch, Dublin Castle



On 16 August 1940, Detective Garda Richard Hyland, 8333, accompanied by four colleagues, set out to execute a search warrant, under Section 29 of the Offences Against the State Act, 1939, at a suspected IRA training headquarters at 98A Rathgar Road, Dublin.

The Garda members were aware that it was likely that armed members of the IRA were inside the premises.

On reaching the premises, Detective Garda Hyland, accompanied by Detective Sergeant McKeown and Detective Garda Brady, approached the front door to gain admittance. Detective Gardaí Mullally and Wilmot went to the rear of the premises.

A young girl appeared at the front door but did not admit the detectives. Detective Garda Hyland, along with his colleagues, became suspicious as they had heard movement coming from the premises, but were unable to see anyone.

The front door was opened by a youth of about fifteen years of age, who appeared to attempt to stall the entry of the detectives. Detective Garda Hyland pushed the door open and Detective Garda Brady led the way into the shop followed by Detective Sergeant McKeown. The youth asked for identification and retreated behind the shop counter. The youth was informed “We are Police Officers” and shown identification by Detective Garda Hyland.

Without warning, there was a burst of gunfire from a Thompson submachine gun from a hidden gunman. Detective Garda Hyland was fatally wounded by seven gunshot wounds but managed to discharge one shot from his official firearm, defending himself and his colleagues, before he died at the scene.

Three armed IRA members then ran from 98A Rathgar Road.

Detective Sergeant McKeown died from a gunshot wound the following day 17 August 1940, and Detective Garda Brady was hospitalised as a result of a single gunshot wound.

Two members of the IRA were arrested nearby by Detective Gardaí Mullally and Wilmot, and were convicted on 20 August 1940 for the murder of Detective Sergeant McKeown and Detective Garda Hyland.

During the search at 98A Rathgar Road, Dublin, evidence in support of the suspicion of the existence of an IRA training headquarters was discovered, which included an array of weapons, including a Thompson submachine gun, revolvers, pistols, ammunition and documentary evidence. Following the arrest of the two IRA members a Thompson submachine gun and revolver were recovered.

For exceptional courage and bravery involving personal risk to life in the execution of his duty, the Gold Scott Medal is awarded posthumously to Detective Garda Richard Hyland.

Scott Medal Award Recipients

Detective Sergeant Patrick McKeown (Posthumously), 11919 Gold

Detective Garda Michael Brady (Posthumously), 8301 Gold

Detective Garda Richard Hyland (Posthumously), 8333 Gold

Detective Inspector Richard Fahey, 22432D Silver

Inspector Darren Kirwan, 26343E Bronze

Sergeant Brian Coade, 22360C Bronze

Sergeant John McDonagh, 23868F Bronze

Sergeant Patrick Carroll, 23883L Bronze

Detective Sergeant Joe Young, 27722C Bronze

Garda Michael Lee, 25124M Bronze

Garda Robert Duffy, 26102E Bronze

Detective Garda Andrew Gardiner, 27145D Bronze

Garda Barry Hennessy, 30923M Bronze

Colonel Walter Scott (1861 – 1935)



The donor of the Medal for Valour in the Garda Síochána, a noted philanthropist, friend of the international police community, leader in the Order of Scottish Clans in the United States and Canada, was born in Montreal in 1861, of Scots-Canadian parents, Walter and Mary (Sharp) Scott.

In 1864, the family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where young Walter found a job in the grocery business, probably as a messenger boy, at \$2 a week. By the age of ten, he was manager of a small fruit store near Harvard University. At fifteen, the precocious young businessman joined Butler Brothers, a firm of general wholesalers. In 1889 he was appointed manager in New York. He retired in 1932 after 55 years service with the same employers.

In his letter to General Owen O'Duffy confirming the offer to endow a Medal for Valour for the new Irish police force, he wrote: "It was always been a practice of mine to present flowers during life, when one can enjoy their beauty and fragrance".

He sponsored scholarships at Smith College, the Stevens Institute of Technology and the American International College; he was a founder of the New York Broad Street Hospital, President of the Walter Scott Free Industrial School for Crippled Children and, among his many other charities, he endowed numerous hospital beds.

A lifelong interest in police work was prompted, perhaps, by his contacts with the service in the course of his charitable work. He endowed medals for bravery by policemen in New York, Boston, Worcester, Holyoke, Detroit, in Argentina and, of course, in Ireland. The New York City Police made him one of their own by appointing him an honorary Commissioner.

Walter Scott died in 1935 at the age of 74, laden with honours at home and abroad. He was a knight of the French Legion of Honour, a member of the Belgian Order of Leopold and held the Silver Grand Cross of Austria. He was, also decorated by the British Government.

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Views of Dubh Linn Gardens, Dublin Castle

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Help prevent coronavirus



Wash your hands



Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing



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