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## Scott Medals, Galway Division

### About the Scott Medal

In 1923, General Eoin O'Duffy, Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, travelled to the International Police Conference in New York. There he met with Colonel Walter Scott, an honorary Commissioner of the New York City Police. Scott, a wealthy philanthropist, was very impressed with the newly formed Irish police force and presented O'Duffy with a 1,000-dollar gold bond; the interest on this was to finance an annual gold medal for members of An Garda Síochána. O'Duffy decided that the medal would be for outstanding valour.

The only condition attached to the award of the Scott Medal was that...

*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 medal takes the form of a Celtic Cross with five panels depicting the words "The Scott Medal", "For Valour", the Eagle and the Shield of the USA, the Harp and Sunburst, and the Garda Crest.

Scott Medals are presented by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform at the Annual Scott Medal Ceremony.



Garda Daniel Manley.  
Registered Number 7628,  
Milltown Garda Station.  
Courtesy of An Garda  
Síochána.

An Garda Daniel Manley.  
Uimhir Cháraithe 7628,  
Stáisiún Gardai Bhaile an  
Mhuilinn. Le caoinchead an  
Gharda Síochána.

### Garda Daniel Manley, Registered No 7628, Milltown Garda Station. Scott Medal Bronze

On the 27th of August 1938 at 1am, while on patrol at Tuam, Co. Galway, along with Garda Curran, Garda Manley disarmed a man holding a single barrel shotgun. It was unknown at the time if the weapon was loaded. The male in question was subsequently arrested and sentenced to a period of imprisonment.

### Garda Michael McGann, Registered No 16395, Gort Garda Station. Scott Bronze Medal

On the 4th of December 1970, Garda McGann rushed to the



scene of a fire at a Licenced Premises at Church St, Gort. On arrival he was informed that a 2-year-old boy was still inside the building. He entered through the hallway and despite the fact that the ceiling was in flames and the house full of thick black smoke he crawled across the floor and located the child, effecting a rescue.

### D/Garda James Connolly, Registered No 17790C, Galway Garda Station. Scott Silver Medal.

On the 16th of December 1983, D/Garda Connolly was part of a search operation for kidnapped businessman, Don Tidey. At Drumcroman Wood, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim, he came under intense automatic gunfire from the suspects and was forced to take cover. He returned fire and later went to the assistance of his colleagues. Recruit Garda Gary Sheehan and Private Patrick Kelly of the Defence Forces were both fatally wounded by the IRA suspects on this date. Three males were later arrested and convicted in relation to this event. D/Garda Connolly was awarded the Scott Medal 38 years after the event.

### Garda Geoffrey Power, Registered No 16755L, Galway Garda Station. Scott Silver Medal

At 03:20 on the 10th of April 1991, Garda Power was informed that a male had fallen into the River Corrib. The river was in flood at the time and Garda Power, on seeing the male pinned against a stanchion, dropped 10' into the water and made his way to the youth. He also had to make his way over an eight-foot gate layered with barbed wire. On reaching the exhausted youth, he managed to hold his head above the water before eventually after 45 minutes they were taken from the water by the Fire Brigade. The youth was hospitalised for 5 days and made a full recovery.

### Garda Thomas J. Flaherty, Registered No 22405G, Galway Garda Station. Scott Bronze Medal

On the 31st of March 1994, Garda Flaherty rescued a female who had fallen into the City Docks. Having dived 15' into the water, he located the female and keeping her head above the water swam 60' to the dock wall where they were eventually taken from the water by colleagues. The female made a full recovery.

### Garda Denis Madden, Registered No 17523D, Galway Garda Station. Scott Bronze Medal

On the 21st of December 1994, Garda Madden came to the rescue of a male in the canal at Lower Dominick Street, Galway. Garda Madden jumped 20' into the water and was initially dragged underwater by the male. He eventually dragged the male to the canal wall despite his resistance and was eventually assisted from the canal by colleagues. Garda Madden was for a period in great danger of being swept away. The male in question made a full recovery.

### D/Garda Kieran McNamara, Registered No 19562F, Loughrea Garda Station. Scott Bronze Medal

On the 1st of March 2002, while on foot patrol, D/Garda McNamara noticed suspicious activity at the Irish Permanent Building Society at Main Street, Loughrea. He then intercepted two males wearing balaclavas and armed with a knife and hammer fleeing the building. After a struggle D/Garda McNamara managed to arrest the male wielding the knife. The second male escaped with a third getaway driver but both were later also arrested following a follow-up operation.

### Superintendent Enda Walsh, Registered No 19724F, Loughrea Garda Station. Scott Bronze Medal

On the 6th of October 2006, two males armed with realistic imitation firearms entered the Bank of Ireland at Loughrea, terrifying customers and staff. Superintendent Walsh, who was off duty, was in the Bank at the time and immediately challenged both males, arresting one at the scene and leading to the arrest of the second. Both were subsequently convicted in regard to the incident.

### Garda Bernice Mulderrig, Registered No 29728C, Oranmore Garda Station. Scott Silver Medal.

### Garda Alan Keane, Registered No 29624H, Oranmore Garda Station. Scott Silver Medal.

On the 15th of February 2009, the above members confronted five armed men carrying a shotgun and hatchet at a private home at Lackagh, Turloughmore, Co. Galway. The culprits pointed a loaded firearm at the members and Garda Keane was struck with the hatchet. He then succeeded in grabbing the loaded shotgun from one of the individuals. Both members then gave chase to the males who were subsequently arrested and convicted.



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