

Police, Fire Personnel Show Up to Hospital to Cheer Workers On

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Support for Virginia Hospital Center workers from Arlington's public safety personnel (photo via ACPD)

Being a police officer or firefighter during the coronavirus outbreak is not easy.

Every day public safety personnel are out in the community doing their jobs, they risk exposure to the deadly virus. Even taking all the safety precautions, cops and firefighters **in Arlington** and **elsewhere** are getting sick.

But that didn't stop ACPD and ACFD personnel from showing up at Virginia Hospital Center last night and cheering on those <u>other heroes</u> of the pandemic — healthcare workers — amid <u>growing hospitalizations</u> in the county.

"Our healthcare personnel are working tirelessly on the front lines of the #COVID19 pandemic," the police department said in a **social media post**. "To show our support and appreciation, we saluted Virginia Hospital Center staff during tonight's shift change. Thank you for all you do!"

The hospital responded with gratitude in its own **Facebook post**.

"Thank you to all of our incredible partners who came out to show your support tonight," said the hospital. "We are honored to work alongside you in protecting our community! #StrongerTogether"

The show of support from Arlington's public safety community follows another heartwarming scene: residents across the county giving healthcare workers and caregivers a round of applause from their homes on Monday night.