

First Responders crisscross Boston in parade to show support and gratitude to nurses and doctors

“In a tribute designed to honor those lost during the Marathon Bombings on April 15, 2013, first responders from all over the city made their way to Boston Police Headquarters to participate in a parade designed to salute those on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic.

At about 7:00pm, on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, first responders from several agencies including Boston Police, Boston Fire, Boston EMS, Mass State Police, Transit Police, Brookline Police and Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department, to name a few, gathered in front of Boston Police Headquarters for the start of a rolling rally, complete with flashing lights and loud sirens, that would roll by eight different hospitals in Boston in a determined effort to acknowledge the incredible working being done by nurses and doctors around the city in the ongoing battle against the spread of COVID-19.

Said one nurse, “It brought a tear to my eye. Everybody in my hospital and really hospitals everywhere are working around-the-clock under trying conditions to provide the best care we can. It hasn’t been easy. But, to see what seemed like a never-ending stream of police cars, fire trucks and ambulances passing by to say thank you meant the world to us.” The appreciation parade visited eight hospitals including: BMC, Tufts Medical, Mass General, St. Elizabeth’s, Children’s, Brigham and Women’s, Beth Israel Deaconess and the Carney Hospital in Dorchester. At each stop along the way, grateful nurses happily lined the streets and cheered enthusiastically as the appreciation parade passed by.

Hard to believe it's been seven years since the attack on our marathon. But seven years later, we renew our promise to forever remember the lives of those lost on that sad, fateful day. So, on One Boston Day, April 15, 2020, we honor the lives of Martin Richard, Lingzi Lu, Krystle Campbell, Officer Sean Collier and Sergeant Dennis Simmonds by honoring those who continue to fight and care for all those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic."

Boston Police Department photos.

