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Oxnard Police and Fire Departments Salute Health Care Heroes at St. John's Regional Medical Center

First responders paraded outside of hospital to show their support of health care staff

OXNARD, CA – January 8, 2020 –The front entrance at St. John's Regional Medical Center (SJRMC), a Dignity Health Central Coast hospital, was a sight to see this week as Oxnard's first responders, firefighters, and police officers caravanned to honor health care staff for their efforts in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

The motorcade driven by first responders - from fire engines to patrol cars - had their sirens blaring and lights flashing as the vehicles paraded around the hospital's Mercy Cross tower. Physicians, nurses, support staff, and hospital leadership stood outside in appreciation of the recognition shown by fellow first responders.

“Our continued partnership with local first responders is essential, and to be honored by Oxnard's Police and Fire Departments is incredibly meaningful to each of us,” said Darren W. Lee, President and CEO of St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital and St. John's Regional Medical Center. “The show of solidarity serves as an inspiration for our staff, who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to provide care for our communities.”

This gesture of kindness offers a much-needed boost for the health care heroes of SJRMC.

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About Dignity Health St. John's Regional Medical Center

St. John's Regional Medical Center is a 265-bed acute care, award-winning facility. Serving Ventura County for more than one hundred years, St. John's is the first and only Certified Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center in Ventura County and a recipient of the American Heart Association's, Get with the Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. Designated as a STEMI Receiving Center, St. John's is highly recognized in the community for excellence in cardiac care. Our Cancer Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, and our Integrated Breast Center is accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. SJRMC houses a comprehensive Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, providing specialized care to the tiniest patients as well as a Beacon Award-Winning Intensive Care Unit. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities. Learn more at dignityhealth.org/stjohnsregional.

