

BACKGROUND: The Richmond Police Memorial Statue, most recently displayed in Byrd Park on Police Memorial Way, is reported as being created in 1987 and was built using community donations. In 2020 the statue was vandalized, after which it was removed from Byrd Park and placed into storage. Donors reported they expensed \$30,000 to restore the statue following the vandalism. Currently, the statue is located in a city warehouse on Ingram Avenue.

Ownership was confirmed in 2023 by Mark Fero, President of the Richmond Police Foundation, that the statue is the property of the Richmond Police Foundation. On September 21, 2023, the Richmond Police Foundation Board voted unanimously to donate the Richmond Police Memorial Statue to the City of Richmond, Virginia.

The only community outreach was to the Richmond Police Foundation members that unanimously voted to donate the Richmond Police Memorial Statue to the City of Richmond.

The Department of General Services will handle the relocation of the memorial statute and the procurement of services needed to prepare the site. A portion of the site work will be done in house by DPW. Both the Foundation and the City has allocated funding for the project. The projected cost is approximately \$200,000. Construction start is Fall 2025.