



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004654-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 28 December 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Does the Special Constabulary currently have a rank structure?
If yes:*
2. *What are the names of the ranks?*
3. *What rank insignia do they use? (Please provide pictures if possible)*
4. *When did the Special Constabulary move to their current insignia?*
5. *Does the force use any force emblems on their rank sliders/epaulettes? If so, please describe or include image.*
6. *If the insignia differs from regular officers, are there any plans to transition to match regular officers?*
7. *Does the force use the SC and Crown to identify Special Constables?*
8. *Are any collar number prefixes, suffixes or other divisional markings used to identify Special Constables?*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 January 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

1. Yes
2. The Special Constabulary ranks are as follows:
 - S/Chief Officer
 - S/Deputy Chief Officer
 - S/Superintendent
 - S/Inspector
 - S/Sergeant
 - S/Constable
3. Please see attached document
4. The Constabulary holds no records confirming whether the new insignia was introduced, however it would have been between 1996 and 2008.



5. Please see attached document
6. There are no plans to transition.
7. Please see attached document
8. The Officers number and rank appears on the epaulette.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700