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Our Ref: FOI2018/07219

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/07219**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 17th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Does the Special Constabulary current have a rank structure?**

**If yes:**

**What are the names of the ranks?**

**What rank insignia do they use? (Please provide pictures if possible) When did the Special Constabulary move to their current insignia?**

**Does the force use any force emblems on their rank sliders/epaulettes? If so, please describe or include image.**

**If the insignia differs from regular officers, are there any plans to transition to match regular officers?**

**Does the force use the SC and Crown to identify Special Constables?**

**Are any collar number prefixes, suffixes or other divisional markings used to identify Special Constables?**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

**Response** - Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

Yes Bedfordshire Police does have a Special Constabulary

Ranks: Special Constable, Special Sergeant, Special Inspector, Special Superintendent, Special Chief Officer.

Insignia Sign is SC with a crown. Special Chief Officer wears 4 bars surrounded by laurel leaves. 10 years ago.

Images are not held

No emblem is used

Not applicable

Yes the force uses SC and the crown to identify Special Constables

No

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.