| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1639  Responded to: 25 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am looking for information regarding Police Scotland uniform standards.

## Specifically, I would like to inquire about the designation given to each uniform type; particularly at public demonstrations, officers are seen in multiple different coloured hats. Could you please explain what each of these mean (e.g. orange is sergeant, red is public order), as well as informing me of any markings required to be carried by British Transport Police or ARUs.

Firstly, with regards to providing information for British Transport Police the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, British Transport Police is a separate organisation to Police Scotland.

Within Police Scotland Police Officers hats are not different colours depending on designation given at public demonstrations/events.

However, I have provided a table below which shows colours of Police Officers epaulette for Police Deployment.

| **Role** | **Epaulette colour** |
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| Operational (Bronze) Commander | Yellow |
| PSU Commander (Inspector) | Red |
| PSU Sergeants | White |
| Evidence Gathers | Orange |
| Police Medic | Green |
| Tactical Advisor | Royal Blue |
| Police Liaison Team | Light Blue |

## Please also state what policy, if any, applies to plainclothes officers for identification (for example, color of the day as used by many American police forces).

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, this does not apply to Police Scotland.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.