

Scottish Community & Activist Legal Project

Cop-spotter's Guide



A helpful guide for identifying & monitoring police in Scotland



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Police Vehicles



Police Scotland also use unmarked vehicles!

UK-wide Police Operating in Scotland



**The Met is not a UK-wide force but occasionally operates in Scotland during large events/protests or when accompanying royals & senior politicians.*

Public Order Command Structure & Roles

Police Ranks



Local Divisions

- L** Argyll & W. Dunbartonshire
- U** Ayrshire
- V** Dumfries & Galloway

Local Divisions (continued)

- E** Edinburgh
- P** Fife
- C** Forth Valley
- G** Greater Glasgow
- N** Highlands & Islands
- Q** Lanarkshire
- A** North East
- K** Renfrewshire & Inverclyde
- D** Tayside
- J** Lothians & Scottish Borders
- R** Criminal Justice & Services

National Divisions

Specialist Crime Division (S):

- Major Crime
- Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism
- Intelligence



Operational Support Division:

- Roads
- Firearms
- Public Order
- Air Support
- Marine
- Dogs
- Mounted Branch



**Gold & Silver Commanders are usually in the control room*



Other Specialist Police



Police Liaison Officer (PLO)
Public Order Officers (riot cops)
Forward Intelligence Team (FIT)