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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016115/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am wondering do the police use special rank in the force like

*Special constable
Special sergeant
Special inspector
special assistant chief Officer
special deputy chief Officer
Special chief officer*

And where do they fit in to the rank with the standard ranks.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

Within GMP's Special Constabulary we have the following roles/supervisory levels:

- Special Constable
- Special Sergeant
- Special Inspector
- Special Chief Inspector
- Special Superintendent
- Special Chief Officer

Regardless of their role/supervisory level, all Specials hold the rank of a Constable (there is no recognised / legislative Special Constabulary Rank structure).

Supervisory levels within the Special Constabulary therefore provide administrative line management – providing administration, pastoral and welfare support to their team members. Operational line management rests with the Regular (Paid) Police Officer rank structures, who have legislated responsibilities – providing command/control and operational decision-making across all officers.