A-Z Glossary of Police Terms

A

A	Acting/Prefix before Rank e.g. A/SGT = Acting Sergeant
AA	Activity Analysis
ABC	Activity Based Costing
ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract
ABH	Actual Bodily Harm
ABI	Association of British Insurers
AC	Assistant Commissioner
ACC	Assistant Chief Constable
ACCP	Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor
ACPO	Association of Chief Police Officers
ACPOS	Association of Chief Police Officers Scotland
ACPORP	Association of Chief Police Officers Road Policing Committee
ADI	Approved Driving Instructor
ADO	Accident Damage Only
ADP	Automatic Data Processing
ADS	Accredited Document Set
A&E	Accident and Emergency
AEA	Approved Enforcement Agency
AEAC	Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary
AED	Automatic Eternal Defibrillator
AFI	Area for Improvement
AFO	Authorised Firearms Officer
AFR	Automatic Fingerprint Recognition
AGP	Assurance Gathering Process
AGR	Advances Gas Cooled Reactor
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIU	Accident Investigation Unit
A/L	Annual Leave
ALO	Architectural Liaison Officer
ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition
APA	Association of Police Authorities
APACS	Assessments of Policing and Community Safety
API	Accident Personal Injury
APS	Acting Police Sergeant
API	Accident Personal Injury
APS	Acting Police Sergeant
ARA	Asset Recovery Agency
ARB	Accident Report Booklet
ARGUS	The Operational name for COLP Anti Terrorism Patrol
ARV	Armed Response Vehicle
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
ASBC	Anti Social Behaviour Contract
ASBO	Anti Social Behaviour Order
ASDO	Argus Senior Duty Officer
ASNT	Area Search No Trace

ASU	Admin Support Unit
ATPO	Anti-Terrorism & Public Order Department
ATS	Automated Traffic Signal
AV	Anti Virus
AVLS	Automated Vehicle Location System
AWOL	Absent Without Leave

B

BAS	Business Advice Service
BASE	Baseline Assessment Self – Evaluation (HMIC's framework)
BCU	Basic Command Unit
BID	Brought in Dead
BIU	Borough Intelligence Unit
BM	Business Managers
BO	Bound Over
BOP	Breach of the Peace
BPA	Black Police Association
BRC	Black Record Conversion
BST	British Summer Time
BTA	Bailed to Appear
BTP	British Transport Police
BVPI	Best Value Performance Indicator
BVPP	Best Value Performance Plan
BVR	Best Value Review

C

CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAA*	Comprehensive Area Assessment
CAD	Computer Aided Despatch
CAT	Crime Action Team
CBM	Community Beat Manager
CBO	Community Beat Office/Officer
CBRN	Chemical, Biological, Radioactive & Nuclear
CC	Chief Constable
CCB	Central Casualty Bureau
CCB*	Central; Confiscation Branch (of CPS)
CCB**	Cordon Control box
CCC	Central Criminal Court
CCCJS	Co-ordination of Computerisation in the Criminal Justice System
CCP	Chief Crown Prosecutor
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CDA	Crime & Disorder Act
CDRP	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (in England only. Called Community Safety Partnerships in Wales)
CDU	Central Detective Unit
CESG	Communications-Electronics Security Group

CEST	Central European Summer Time
CHIS	Covert Human Information Source
CI	Chief Inspector
CICB	Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
CIPFA P&T	Chartered Institute of Public Finance Policy and Technical Division
CIRA	Continuity Irish Republican Army
CIS	Crime Information System
CJ	Criminal Justice
CJA	Criminal Justice Act
CJS	Criminal Justice System
CJU	Criminal Justice Unit
CLG	(department for) Communities and Local Government
CLI	Call Line Identification
CLP	City of London Police
CLSC	City of London Special Constable
CMDR	Commander
CMS	Casefile Management System
COBRA	Cabinet Office Briefing Room A
COG	Chief Officers Group
COLMC	City of London Magistrates Court
COLP	City of London Police
COMAH	Control of Major Accident Hazards
COMM	Commander
COMMISS	Commissioner
CON	Constable
CoP	Chief of Police
COR/O	Coroners Office
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health
CP	City Police
CP1	Headquarters
CP2	B Dept
CP3	CID HQ
CP4	Snow Hill Police Station
CP5	Wood Street Police Station
CP6	Bishopsgate Police Station
CPA	Child Protection Agency
CPA*	Crime Pattern Analysis
CPA**	Christian Police Association
CPG	Criminal Policy Group
CPIA	Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act
CPO	Chief Police Officer
CPO*	Crime Prevention Officer
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
CPT	Child Protection Team
CPU	Child Protection Unit
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
CRE	Commission for Racial Equality

CRISP	Cross Regional Information Sharing Project
CRO	Crime Reduction Office
CRO*	Criminal Records Office
CRR	Community Race Relations
CS	Incapacitating Spray
CSB	Community Safety Branch
CSD	Corporate Support Department
CSI	Crime Scene Investigation
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
CSR	Confidential Source Register
CSR 07	Comprehensive Spending Review 2007
CSU	Crime Support Unit
CT	Counter Terrorism
CTST	Counter Terrorist Search Team
CUG	Custody User Group
C&YP	Children and Young Persons Act

D

DAC	Deputy Assistant Commissioner
DACC	Deputy Assistant Chief Constable
DAF	Daily Activity File
DAO	District Audit Office
DAT	Drug Awareness Team
DC	Detective Constable
DCC	Deputy Chief Constable
DCCCU	Dedicated Cheque and Credit Card Unit
DCI	Detective Chief Inspector
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government (now renamed CLG)
DCPCU	Dedicated Cheque and Plastic Crime Unit
D/C/SUPT	Detective Chief Superintendent
DCT	Directly Connected Terminal
D&D	Drunk and Disorderly
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DEN	Disabled Employees Network
DETR	The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DI	Detective Inspector
D&I	Drunk and Incapable
DIC	Drunk in Charge
DIU	Divisional Intelligence Unit (formally LIO)
DMLO	Deputy Media Liaison Officer
DMS	Duties Management System
DMU	Dog and Mounted Unit
DNA	Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOB	Date of Birth
DP	Detained Person

DPA	Data Protection Act
DPO	Data Protection Officer
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
DRC	Disability Rights Commission
DRT	Data Recovery Team
DS	Detective Sergeant
D/SUPT	Detective Superintendent
DSIO	Deputy Senior Investigating Officer
DSS	Department of Social Security
DTA	Dates to Avoid (for trial witnesses)
DTA	Drug Trafficking Act
DTETP	Disqualified Until Extended Test Passed (Test twice as long as DTTP)
DTTP*	Disqualified Until Test Passed
DTLR	Department of Transport, local Government and the Regions
DTO	Divisional Training Officer
DTOA	Drug Trafficking Offences Act
DVLA	Driver and Licensing Authority (Swansea)
DVLC	Driver and Licensing Centre
DVLNI	Driver and Licensing Northern Ireland (Coleraine)
DVRS	Driver Vehicle Rectification Scheme
DWL	Deferred Weekly Leave

E

EA Code	Ethnic Appearance Code
EC	European Community
ECD	Economic Crime Department
ECHR	European Convention of Human Rights
ECU	Economic Crime Unit
ECU*	European Currency Unit now called EURO
EEA	European Economic Area (EU plus Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein)
EEC	European Economic Community
EFQM	European Foundation for Quality Management
E-Grade	Extended Grade Response
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
ELO	Explosives Liaison Officer
EMER	999 Emergency Calls
EMSOU	East Midlands Special Operations Unit
EO	Equal Opportunities
EOC	Equal Opportunity Commission
EOD	Explosives Ordinance Disposal
E/T	Early Turn
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETD	Estimated time of Departure
EU	European Union
EXPO	SO13 Explosives Officer

F

FACT	Federation Against Copyright Theft
FAN	Finance Advisory Network (run by CIPFA)
FANY	First Aid Nursing Yeomanry
FBO	Football Banning Order
FBOA	A Football Banning Order Authority
FCC	Force Communications Centre
FCCIB	Force Call and Crime Input Bureau
FCP	Forward Control Point
FCR	Forward Control Room
FDPO	Force Data Protection Officer
FIB	Force Intelligence Bureau
FIM	Force Incident Manager
FIS	Force Intelligence System
FISO	Force Information Security Officer
FIT	Forward Intelligence Team
FIU	Financial Investigation Unit
FLINTS	Forensics Led Intelligence System
FLO	Family Liaison Officer
FLP	Frontline Policing (measure)
FME	Force Medical Examiner
FMT	Force Management Team
FMIT	Force Major Incident Unit
FO	Force Order
FOI	Freedom of Information
FP	Found Property
FPN	Fixed Penalty Notice
FSM	Firearms Scene Manager
FSS	Forensic Science Service
FSSL	Forensic Science Service Laboratory
FSU	Family Support Unit
F/T	Full Time
FTA	Fail to Appear
FTC	Force Training Centre
FTS	Fail to Stop

G

GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm
GCHQ	Government Communications Headquarters
GIS	Geographical Information System
GL3	Going Local 3 (HMIC framework)
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
GO	(regional) Government Office
GPA	Gay Police Association
GPMS	Government Protective Marking Scheme
GSB	Gold Silver Bronze Command Structure
GTA	Government Technical Advice

H

H2H	House to House
HA	Highways Agency
H/A	Home Address
HDC	Hendon Data Centre
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMCPSI	Her Majesty's Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate
HMI	Her Majesty's Inspectors
HMIC	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary
HMP	Her Majesty's Prison
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationary Office
HMT	Her Majesty's Treasure
HN	Hostage Negotiator
HO or Ho	Prefix used before department e.g. HOPS or HoPS = Head of Personnel Services
HO*	Home Office
HOLMES	Home Office Large Major Enquiry System
HOPD	Home Office Prison Department
HPDS	High Potential Development Scheme
HQ	Headquarters
HR	Human Resources
HR Act	Human Rights Act
HRDMS	Human Resources and Duty Management System
H&S	Health and Safety
HVP	High Visibility Patrol
High Vis	High Visibility Jacket

I

i2	Information to Technology
IAG	Independent Advisory Group
IC	Information Commissioner
IC	Identification Code
ICF	Integrated Competency Framework
ICIDP	Initial Criminal Investigators
ICPO	International Criminal Police Organisation
ICRP	International Commission on Radiological
ICT	Information, Communications and Technology
IED	Improvised Explosive Advice
I-Grade	Immediate Grade
IiP	Investors in People
ILET	International Liaison and Enquiry Team
IO	Investigating Officer
IPA	International Police Association

IPCC	Independent Police Complaints Commission
IPF	Institute for Public Finance (commercial arm of CIPFA)
IR	Immediate Response
IR*	Investigative Report
IR**	Informal Resolution
IRA	Irish Republican Army
IRB	Incident Report Booklet
InfoSec	Information Security
INS	Inspector
INSP	Inspector
IRV	Immediate Response Vehicle
IS	Information Systems
ISB	Intelligence and Security Branch
ISO	Information Security Officer
ISS	Information Systems Strategy
IT	Information Technology
ITAG	Information Technology Advisory Group
ITSG	Information Technology Steering Group
ITSO	Information Technology Security Officer

J

JBB	Joint Branch Board
JCC	Joint Central Committee
JEnn	JE + a number designates civilian employment grades
JIC	Joint Intelligence Co-ordinator
JIG	Joint Intelligence Group
JIPA	Joint Interim Performance Assessment
JNCC	Joint Negotiating Consultative Committee
JOPI	Joint Operating Instructions (Police and CPS)
JPM	Joint Performance Management
JPAC	Joint Police Authority Committee
JRPT	Joint Regional Programme Team
JSSCC	Joint Support Staff Consultative Committee

K

KNW	Known (to PNC) Not Wanted
KPI	Key Performance Indicator

L

LA	Local Authority
LAA	Local Area Agreement (agreed between central government and a local authority and partners)
LALO	Local Authority Liaison Officer
LAN	Local Area Network

LAS	London Ambulance Service
LCJB	London Criminal Justice Board
LCN	Low Copy Number
LESLP	London Emergency Services Liaison Panel
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual
LGV	Light Goods Vehicle
LIO	Local Intelligence Officer (Now DIU)
LPSA	Local Public Service Agreement (agreed between central government and a local authority and partners)
LR	Local Resolution

M

MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
MAIB	Marine Accident Investigations Branch
MAN	Metropolitan Area Network
MAPPP	Multi Agency Public Protection Panel
MAST	Mutual Aid Support Team
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MG/FSS	Manual of Guidance Forensic Science Services
MEP	Member of European Parliament
MET	Metropolitan Police
MI5	Security Service
MI6	Secret Intelligence Service
MIR	Major Incident Room
MIRSAP	Major Incident Room Standard Administrative Procedures (manual)
MISPER	Missing Persons
MIT	Major Incident Team
MIU	Management Information Unit
MLO	Media Liaison Officer
MLIU	Money Laundering Investigation Unit
MLRO	Money Laundering Reporting Officer
MO	Modus Operandi (Method of Operation)
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MODACE	Management of Disaster and Civil Emergency
MOE	Method of Entry
MOPS	Manual of Protective Security
MOPS*	Member(s) of the Public
MOS	Member(s) of Staff
MOT	Ministry of Transport Test
MP	Member of Parliament
MPA	Metropolitan Police Authority
MPD	Metropolitan Police District
MPS	Metropolitan Police Service
MPS*	Member(s) of the Public
MSBCU	Most Similar Basic Command Unit
MSS	Message Switch System
MST	Management Support Team
MSX	Message Switch

N

NACRO	National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
NAFIS	National Automatic Fingerprint Identification System
NARPO	National Association for Retired Police Officers
NASCH	Search factors: Name, Age (Date of Birth), Sex, Colour and Height
NASCH*	National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
NCF	National Crime Faculty
NCIS	National Criminal Intelligence Service
NCRS	National Crime Recording Standard
NCS	National Crime Squad
N/D	Night Duty
NEBR	Nuclear Emergency Briefing Room
NFA	No Fixed Abode
NFA*	No Further Action
NFIU	National Football Intelligence Unit
NFO	National Fingerprint Office
NHS	National Health Service
NHTCU	National High Tech Crime Unit
NIHHS	Notification of Installations Handing Hazardous Substances
NIM	Nation Intelligence Model
NIP	Notice of Intended Prosecution
NIREP	Nuclear Industry Road Emergency Plan
NIS	National Identification Service
NISCC	National Infrastructure Security Co-ordination Centre
NMIS	National Management Information System
NNDR	National Non-Domestic Rates
NOK	Next of Kin
NPIA	National Policing Improvement Agency
NPF Warrant	Non Payment of Fine Warrant
NPT	National Police Training
NPU	Neighbourhood Policing Unit
NRDO	Non-Reportable, Damage Only Accident
NRPB	National Radiological Protection Board
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
NSPIS	National Strategy for Police Information Systems
NSY	New Scotland Yard
N/T	No Trace

O

OCG	Organisational Change Board
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
OGC	Office of Government and Commerce
OH	Occupational Health
OIC	Officer in the Case
OIC*	Officer in Charge

OIC**	Offender in Custody
OJ	Old Jewry (former headquarters)
OS	Ordinance Survey
OSPRE	Objective Structured Performance Related Examination
O/T	Overtime

P

PA	Personal Assistant
PA*	Put Away (files)
PA**	Police Authority
PAA	Police Athletic Association
PACC	Police Authority Community Consultation
PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence
PAYE	Pat As You Earn
PC	Plain Clothes
P/C	Plain Clothes
PCA	Police Complaints Authority
PCRG	Police and Crime Reduction Group
PCSD	Policing and Crime Standards Directorate at the Home Office
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
PCT	Primary Care Trust
PCV	Passenger Carrying Vehicle
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant
PDA*	Personal Development Assistant
PDF	Personal Descriptive Form
PDO	Potentially Dangerous Offender
PDP	Professional Development Review
PDQ	Pretty Damn Quick
PDR	Performance and Development Review
PDR	Personal Development Report
PER	Prisoner Escort Record
PerMS	Performance Management System (aka NMIS)
PFR	Police Federation Regulations (1969)
PI	Participating Informer
PI*	Performance Indicator
PID	Project Initiation Document
PII	Public Interest Immunity
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PIR	Police Initial Recruitment
PIRA	Provisional Irish Republican Army
PITO	Police Information Technology Organisation
PM	Post Mortem
PMAS	Police Mutual Assurance Society
PMG	Performance Management Group
PMS	Police Management System
PMS*	(Government) Protective Marking Scheme
PNB	Pocket Note Book
PNB*	Police Negotiating Board

PNC	Police National Computer
PNC/EC	Police National Computer Ethnicity Classification
	IC1 White – North European
	IC2 White – South European
	IC3 Black
	IC4 Asian
	IC5 Chinese, Japanese or any other South East Asian
	IC6 Arabic or North African
	IC0 Unknown
PNCID	Police National Computer Identification number
PO	Police Order
POCA	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
POLACC	Police Vehicle Traffic Assent
POLCOL	Police Vehicle Collision
POLSA	Police Search Advisor
POT	Public Order Training/Prevention of Terrorism
PPO	Prolific and other Priority Offender
PS	Police Sergeant
PSA	Public Service Agreement (national - agreed between HM Treasury and other governmental departments)
PSDB	Police Scientific Development Branch
PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
PSSC	PITO Security Sub Committee
PST	Performance Support Team
PSU	Professional Standards Unit
PSU*	Professional Standards Unit at the Home Office (now replaced by PCSD)
PSV	Public Service Vehicle
P/T	Part Time
PTC	Police Training Centre
PTI	Physical Training Instructor
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PYO	Persistent Young Offender

Q

QGM	Queens Gallantry Medal
QPM/KPM	Queens/Kings Police Medal
QR	Quarterly Report
QUEST	Query Using Extended Search Techniques

R

RBGC	Royal Botanic Gardens Constabulary
RCC	Refer to Court Case
RCCG	Regional Chief Constables Group
RCIO	Regional Crime Intelligence Office
Refs.	Refreshments
R-Grade	Referred to another organisation

RHS	Royal Humane Society
RIDDOR	Reporting of Injuries, Disease and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations
RIPA	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
RIRA	Real Irish Republican Army
RMP	Royal Military Police
RPC	Royal Parks Constabulary
RSG	Revenue Support Grant
RSI	Repetitive Strain Injury
RSO	Registered Sex Offender
RSO*	Road Safety Officer
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
RSPCC	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Children
RTA	Road Traffic Accidents
RTC	Road Traffic Collision
RTRA	Road Traffic Regulations Act
RTTP	Revoked Until Test Passed
RVP	Rendezvous Point

S

SA	Special Advisor
SAR	Suspicious Activity Report (money laundering)
SAR*	Subject Access Request (Data Protection Request)
SAYE	Save As You Earn
SB	Special Branch
SC	Specials
SCD	Specialist Crime Department
SCO	Specialist Crime Operations
SCRO	Scottish Criminal Record Office
SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
SE	South East
SF	Search Form Number
SFO	Serious Fraud Office
SIC	Statement of Internal Control
SI1546/2006	Statutory Instrument Number 1564 of 2006
S-Grade	Soon-as graded response
SGT	Police Sergeant
SID	Source Input Document
Sine Die	Used in disposals to indicate an indefinite period e.g. adjourned sine die is an indefinite adjournment
SIO	Senior Investigating Officer
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SMB	Senior Management Board
SMT	Senior Management Team
SO	Special Operations
SOLACE	Society of Local Authority Chief Executives
SOC	Serious and Organised Crime
SOCA	Serious Organised Crime Agency

SOCO	Scene of Crime Officer
SOIT (officer)	Sexual Offences Investigative Techniques (officer)
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice
SPP	Special Priority Payments
SRP	Strategic Roads Policing
SSU	Scientific Support Unit
STIF	Standard Interface
SUPT	Superintendent

T

T	Temporary/Prefix before Rank e.g. T/SGT = Temporary Sergeant
TC	Task Co-ordinator
T&CG	Training and Co-ordinating Group
TAS	Training Administration System
TFG	Tactical Firearms Group
TFO	Till Further Orders
T/I	Trainee Investigator
TIC	Taken Into Consideration
TOIL	Time Off In Lieu
TPB	Technology Programme Board (defunct)
TVP	Thames Valley Police
TWOC	Taken Without Consent

U

U/C	Undercover
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
UK	United Kingdom
UKCA	United Kingdom Central Authority
UKPIA	United Kingdom Petroleum Industry Association
URN	Unique Reference Number

V

VAR	Vehicle Accident Report
VASCAR	Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder
VDRS	Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme
VHF	Very High Frequency
VIN	Vehicle Identification Number
VIP	Very Important Person
VMI	Vehicle Management Information
VODS	Vehicle On-line Descriptive Search
VRM	Vehicle Registration Mark
VSS	Victim Support Scheme

W

WCCIT	White Collar Crime Investigation Team
WDC	(Driving) Without Due Care
WFM	Workforce Modernisation
W/M	Wanted or Missing (PNC term)
WOW	Wanted on Warrant

Y

YJB	Youth Justice Board
YOT	Youth Offending Team