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The Scottish Police Federation represents all police officers in the ranks of constable, sergeant, inspector and chief inspector, police cadets and special constables; over 18,000 people, 98% of all police officers in Scotland.

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Subject: Posthumous Bravery Awards

Lanarkshire Police Historical Society and Graham Simpson MSP have led a campaign to recognise the bravery of two police officers, who lost their lives whilst on-duty in the service of their communities.

Speaking in support of the campaign to posthumously recognise the bravery of Constable George Taylor and Detective Sergeant William Ross Hunt, David Hamilton, Chairman of the Scottish Police Federation said;

"The Scottish Police Federation fully support the campaign to recognise two Strathclyde Police officers, Constable George Taylor, murdered whilst on duty on the 30th of November 1976 and Detective Sergeant William Ross Hunt, murdered whilst on duty on the 5th of June 1983.

Both officers made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their communities, and we support the campaign to have them awarded post-humous national bravery awards. These awards are long overdue and should have been awarded at the time."

Mr Hamilton also lent his organisations support to the introduction of a new award, that he hoped would be presented to the families of Police officers killed on duty. This would bring police families in line with those of armed forces personnel who are eligible to receive the Elizabeth Cross.

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