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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 16,500 people, 98% of all police officers in Scotland.

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Subject: Recruitment

David Kennedy, General Secretary of the Scottish Police Federation said,

"The announcement by Police Scotland that no recruitment will take place until April 2024 is shocking. We expect a larger than normal number to retire in the last quarter of this year because of changes to the pension scheme so we are likely to see hundreds of officers less than we have now. We are already almost 1,000 down on the 2013 number (the year Police Scotland was created) so it is no exaggeration to say we are facing a public safety crisis. The Scottish Government simply has to find more money for policing and do it now."

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