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### **Council Tax Discount for volunteer Special Constables**

There are 75 Special Constables serving in and around Derbyshire and Derby City and they are a crucial aspect of policing in the county, through the self-less act of giving up their spare time they are able to build and maintain invaluable links between the police and local communities and provide support to their regular colleagues by putting themselves on the frontline of policing without remuneration.

I believe that Special Constables should be recognised for their service and dedication. Richard is a member of staff at Derbyshire Constabulary, who when finished supporting officers' technical needs from the Information Services department, joins the same officers on the frontline as one of our Special Constables. He has already accumulated countless hours of service, out and about in our communities supporting police officers to keep residents safe and catch offenders. David, a Special serving Derbyshire since 2016, provided crucial support to officers when he was deployed to maintain an exclusion zone during the Whaley Bridge Dam Crisis to prevent loss of life.

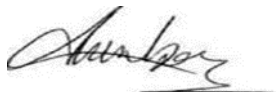
I am sure you will agree that these examples are highly commendable, which is why I am writing to appeal to you as a local authority, which receives council tax, to help support our valued Specials by providing them with a discount for their council tax bill. This discount would not represent a significant amount for an organisation such as yours, considering the small number of individuals concerned and the fact that it would not need applying to all 75 Specials, due to many still living with parents or living outside Derbyshire.

A discount will help Derbyshire retain the current Special Constables and support in the recruitment of new volunteers and, most importantly, act as a thank you from all of us for their continued commitment to the role. Especially as they face the same risk as regular officers, often at the end of their working day late into the evening. This would bring Derbyshire in line with several other counties and cities who already offer a discount to their hard-working volunteer Specials.

I have written to all Borough, Town, and Parish councils, as well as Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and the Fire and Rescue Service and I would welcome your support with this very important scheme.

I would appreciate if you could let your district or borough council know, as soon as possible, that you would like to see the discount applied.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angelique Foster', with a horizontal line underneath.

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