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Sussex Police has nearly 1500 call signs which are used in the following ways:

- Geographical for each of the 3 divisions West Sussex, Brighton and East Sussex - they include call signs for response, neighbourhoods, investigations
- Force wide - these are units who operate across the whole force i.e.: Roads policing, dogs, Firearms
- Specific Operations – these are used for large scale events, sporting events. They are used for that purpose only.

With many of the call signs they remain fixed and officers are assigned to them on a daily basis for example:

- Brighton Response (CR= Brighton Division Response - examples - CR01 / CR02 / CR03 etc)
- Hastings Response – (ER = East Division Response and 6 for the area –ie Hastings) examples – ER601 / ER602 / ER603 etc.
- Eastbourne Town Response – (ER = East and 1 is for the area ie Eastbourne) – ER101 / ER102 / ER103 etc.

Each call sign follows this pattern so that it is recognisable by its function and location.

Some officers have their own dedicated call sign these would be for their specific role.

The call signs are managed through our command and control system. At any given time we are able to see which call signs are in use.