

## IN MEMORIAM

### Police Constable Kirsty Nelis, Scotland Police Service, Helicopter Operations Division, Glasgow, Scotland



Police Constables Kirsty Nelis and Tony Collins were on their way back from an operation on Friday night November 29, 2013, when the Eurocopter EC135 they were in suffered a catastrophic failure and crashed into a bar. They died along with the pilot, David Traill. Five people inside the crowded bar were killed and 12 were seriously injured. The helicopter was air born on Friday night after a train driver reported that he

may have struck a man he saw on the line in the Eglinton Toll area of Glasgow. PC Nelis and Collins become the first serving officers to die since the formation of the country's new single police force. Her brother-in-law, fire commander Paul Nelis, learned of her death while working at the crash site.

Kirsty lived in Inverkip with her husband of three years, Mark, also a police officer. She had served at Greenock before transferring to the specialist support unit. She received a bravery award some years ago, under her maiden name Scrimgeour, for dealing with a suspect armed with a hammer. A Facebook page in Kirsty's memory — RIP PC Kirsty Nelis (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RIP-Pc-Kirsty-Nelis/257160991101945>) — has already attracted thousands of followers.

Please pray for the family, friends and colleagues of all who lost their lives in this tragic accident.

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