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Tribute to former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland John Boyd CBE QPM

HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, Craig Naylor, has paid tribute to his predecessor John Boyd CBE QPM who has died at the age of 90.

Mr Boyd, who served as HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland from 1993 to 1996, had a distinguished police career spanning more than 30 years.

He was the chief constable of Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary on the night a terrorist bomb exploded on board Pan Am Flight 103 over the town of Lockerbie.

Mr Boyd led the hunt for the Lockerbie bombers as well as overseeing the search for the bodies of the 270 people who were killed.

In 1989 he was made a CBE for his handling of the criminal investigation into what remains the worst terrorist attack in the UK.

He was also a former Assistant Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police.

He joined HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland in 1989 and became Chief Inspector of Constabulary four years later.

Mr Naylor said: “John Boyd, CBE QPM, exemplified the epitome of leadership, dedication, and service throughout his career.

“He devoted himself to upholding the highest standards of law enforcement and community safety at a time of immense tragedy following the bombing of a flight over Lockerbie.

“His legacy serves as an inspiration, embodying the virtues of integrity, compassion, and courage.

“His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland hold his wife, sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren in our thoughts at this time.”

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