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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-04666
Keyword: Human Resources
Subject: INJURY ON DUTY AWARDS - B DISTRICT

Request:

Question 1 - How many PSNI officers working in the 'B' district area are in receipt of Injury on Duty awards?

Question 2 - What is the nature of these injuries and how were they obtained?

Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Answer 1 - The Police Service of Northern Ireland has been able to provide the figures for the financial year 2007/08. There were 118 Injury on Duty reports submitted in B District with 58 being accepted for pay purposes. However, it should be noted that the number of IOD's, which are accepted for pay purposes, may increase as more of the claims are processed.

Answer 2 - The type of injuries the Injury on Duty awards refer to are:

Injury to arm and lower back when police car hit by stolen car.

Twisted ankle whilst pursuing suspect

Slashed in face with a sharp implement by unknown male

Injury to knee, elbow and shoulder whilst arresting a male

Injury to wrist and thumb when restraining a prisoner

Struck in face while talking to a member of the public

Injured knee while making an arrest

Injury to lower back while assisting in an arrest

Injuries to left side of body caused by object thrown from moving car.

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