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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-03820

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Attendance record of the District Commanders in Belfast at the DPP meetings

Request:

Q1. Could I have the attendance record of the District Commanders in Belfast at the DPP Sub-group meetings in 2007 (that means the 4 District Commanders) - up until the districts changed into solely into A and B division (that means did the DC attend in person and reply in person to questions)

Q2. Could I have the attendance record of the District Commanders of A and B division at the DPP Sub-group meetings in 2007 and 2008 after the Districts change into just two (that means did the DC attend in person and reply in person to questions)

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. West Belfast

27 February 2007 - Superintendent Purce, Ch Insp Cameron, A/Ch Insp Rice

2. North Belfast

12 February 2007 - Chief Inspector Clark, Chief Inspector McMullan

'A' DISTRICT

1. West Belfast

6 June 2007 - Supt Purce, Ch Insp Cameron, DCI McVea, A/Ch Insp Rice

28 August 2007 - Superintendent Purce, A/Ch Insp Rice

29 November 2007 - Chief Superintendent White, Superintendent Purce, A/Ch Insp Rice

28 February 2008 -Ch Supt White, Supt Grimshaw, Supt Purce, Ch Insp Cameron

26 June 2008 - Ch Supt White, Supt Grimshaw, Supt Purce

2. North Belfast

25 April 2007 - Chief Superintendent White, Chief Inspector Clark

12 June 2007 - Chief Supt White, Ch Insp Clark, Ch Insp McMullan

23 August 2007 - Superintendent Grimshaw

21 November 2007 - Supt Grimshaw, Ch Insp Clark, Ch Insp Ball, Ch Insp McMullan

18 February 2008 - Superintendent Grimshaw, Ch Insp Clark

3 June 2008 - Chief Superintendent White, Superintendent Grimshaw, Chief Inspector Clark

It is the policy of the District that the District Commander and/or his two Superintendents attend all DPP meetings along with the Area Commander for the respective Area

1. South Belfast DCU

20/06/2006 - C/Supt Grange

17/09/2006 - C/Supt Grange

22/11/2006 - C/Supt Grange

15/02/2007 - C/Supt Grange & Supt Eccles

East Belfast DCU

22/06/2006 - C/Supt Irvine

13/09/2006 - C/Supt Irvine

02/11/2006 - C/Supt Irvine

13/02/2007 - C/Supt Irvine

2. B District Meetings

South - 30/08/2007 - C/Insp Larmour, Area Commander & D/C/Insp Ramsey

21/01/2007 - C/Supt Maguire, A/District Commander, C/Insp Larmour, & D/C/Insp Ramsey

26/02/2008 - C/Supt Hamilton, District Commander, C/Insp Larmour & D/C/Insp Ramsey

23/06/2008 - Supt Purdon, A/C/Insp Murdie & D/C/Insp Ramsey

East - 13/06/2007 - Supt Maguire, D/District Commander, C/Insp Purdon, Area Commander

28/11/2007 - C/Insp Purdon

25/02/2008 - C/Supt Hamilton, T/Supt Purdon

19/05/2008 - Supt Noble, D/District Commander, C/Insp McKeag, Area Commander

The Area Commander attends as 'reporting officer' - gives the report and answers the questions, however the District Commander or Supt on the DCU Commanders behalf will attend to support and deal with any wider issues that have been raised - e.g. to do with the change of process or district/organisational policy issues etc.

The list provided above reflects those officers who attended the respective DPP sub-group meetings for A and B Districts on the dates shown. It is a matter for each District Commander to decide what role each officer takes during the process of the meeting, either in terms of presenting a report or in responding to questions. The minutes recorded by DPP managers at the meetings would indicate the contribution of police officers attending the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

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