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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-03794

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: FATAL ACCIDENTS ON NORTHERN IRELAND ROADS SINCE 2002

Request:

Question 1) The number of fatal accidents on roads in Northern Ireland each year since 2002.

Question 2) A breakdown of the main contributory factor or cause of each fatal accident on roads in Northern Ireland since 2002.

Question 3) The number of fatal RTAs in Northern Ireland where a driver under the age of 20 has been found to be responsible each year since 2002.

Question 4) The number of fatal RTAs in Northern Ireland where a driver under the age of 25 has been found to be responsible each year since 2002.

Question 5) The number of fatal RTAs in Northern Ireland where a driver over the age of 25 has been found to be responsible each year since 2002.

Question 6) The number of fatal RTAs in Northern Ireland where a driver over the age of 65 has been found to be responsible each year since 2002.

Question 7) The number of RTAs in Northern Ireland where a driver under the age of 25 has been found to be responsible each year since 2002.

Question 8) The number of RTAs in Northern Ireland where a driver over the age of 65 has been found to be responsible each year since 2002.

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 to Q1.

Year	Fatal Collision
2002	136
2003	128
2004	128
2005	127
2006	110
2007	105

Answer to Q2. Please find attached Appendix A.

Answer to Q3.

Year	Fatal Collision	Serious Collision	Slight Collision	Total
2002	20	132	549	701
2003	16	131	442	589
2004	21	100	481	602
2005	24	95	404	523
2006	16	120	458	594
2007	18	124	509	651

Answer to Q4.

Year	Fatal Collision	Serious Collision	Slight Collision	Total
2002	46	285	1185	1516
2003	34	250	1061	1345
2004	45	233	1020	1298
2005	37	193	936	1166
2006	38	247	1055	1340
2007	33	235	1156	1424

Answer to Q5.

Year	Fatal Collision	Serious Collision	Slight Collision	Total
2002	52	484	3034	3570
2003	61	423	2756	3240
2004	57	435	2617	3109
2005	58	400	2216	2674
2006	52	415	2575	3042
2007	54	363	2736	3153

Answer to Q6.

Year	Fatal Collision	Serious Collision	Slight Collision	Total
2002	10	49	289	348
2003	10	54	277	341
2004	13	51	275	339
2005	9	49	238	296
2006	3	40	261	304
2007	13	42	306	361

Answer to Q7. The answer to this question has been provided above within the answer to question 4.

Answer to Q8. The answer to this question has been provided above within the answer to question 6.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Appendix A

Number of fatal collisions by causation factor: 2002 - 2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
No apparent cause/ cause not traced	4	2	0	1	0	0
Disobeying traffic sign/signal	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wrong course/position	6	11	11	10	9	11
Driving too close	0	0	0	0	1	0
Turning right without care	6	4	5	4	2	4
U turning without care	1	0	4	1	1	1
Reversing without care	0	1	0	0	0	0
Starting without care	0	1	1	0	1	0
Overtaking on nearside without care	0	0	0	0	2	0
Overtaking on offside without care	5	5	4	7	4	3
Emerging from minor road without care	7	3	7	5	3	7
Emerging from private road/entrance without care	3	1	1	2	1	2
Crossing or entering road junction without care	0	4	7	9	1	4
Inattention or attention diverted	11	10	11	10	9	9
Alcohol or drugs - driver/rider	25	29	24	22	12	15
Excessive speed having regard to conditions	36	29	23	21	40	29
Inexperience with type of vehicle	1	0	3	5	0	2
Distraction by action outside vehicle	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fatigue	0	1	0	2	1	0
Physical/mental illness or injury - driver/rider	1	1	2	1	1	0
Other driver/rider factor	0	0	1	0	1	1
Slipping or falling pedestrian	1	0	1	0	0	0
Heedless of traffic crossing carriageway	10	6	8	12	6	6
Heedless of traffic walking or standing in carriageway - not crossing	3	2	1	2	1	0
Walking or running onto carriageway	0	0	1	0	0	0
Walk/run movement masked	2	1	0	0	1	0
Using pedestrian crossing without care	0	2	0	0	0	0
Lack of supervision/escaping from custody	0	1	0	0	1	0
Alcohol or drugs - pedestrian	9	7	7	8	6	4
Alcohol or drugs - passenger	0	1	0	0	0	0
Other pedestrian factor	1	1	0	0	0	0
Insecure load	0	0	0	2	1	0
Defective brakes	0	1	1	0	0	0
Defective tyres	1	0	0	0	1	0

Appendix A

Unattended vehicle running away	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other vehicle factor	0	0	1	0	1	1
Flooding	0	0	2	0	0	0
Slippery road due to factors other than the weather	2	0	1	0	0	0
Ice, frost or snow	1	1	1	1	0	3
Strong wind	0	0	0	1	0	0
Heavy rain	0	0	0	0	0	1
Glaring sun	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other miscellaneous factor	0	2	0	0	0	0
Dog on carriageway	0	0	0	0	1	0
Animal on carriageway (other than dog)	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	136	128	128	127	110	105