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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-02692

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

The number of assaults, of whatever severity, on serving Police Officers recorded on the Crime Management System in EACH of the last 5 financial years.

#### Answer

Please see attached document. Please note that assault offences include wounding with intent, grievous bodily harm with Intent, wounding, grievous bodily harm, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, assault on police, aggravated assault and common assault.

#### Question 2

The number of assaults, of whatever severity, on serving Police Community Support Officers recorded on the Crime Management System in EACH of the last 5 financial years.

#### Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland do not currently employ officers to carry out this role. Please see the attached link for more information.

[http://www.psnipolice.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/what\\_we\\_spend\\_and\\_how\\_we\\_spend\\_it.htm](http://www.psnipolice.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/what_we_spend_and_how_we_spend_it.htm)

#### Question 3

The number of offences of theft/attempt theft of and from police vehicles, interference with a police vehicle, twoc/attempt twoc ('Taking Without Owner's Consent) of a police vehicle, criminal damage/attempt criminal damage (including arson) on a police vehicle recorded on the Crime Management System in EACH of the last 5 financial years.

#### Answer

Please see attached document.

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.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk)

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

### Recorded assault<sup>1</sup> offences where a police officer is the victim

Year	Recorded
2004/05	1,979
2005/06	2,260
2006/07	2,464
2007/08	2,779
2008/09	2,813

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

<sup>1</sup> Assault offences include wounding with intent, GBH with intent, wounding, GBH, AOABH, assault on police, aggravated assault and common assault.

### Recorded theft and criminal damage offences where the property damaged/stolen/stolen from is a police vehicle

	Theft of vehicle (incl. attempts)	Theft from vehicle (incl. attempts)	Vehicle Interference/ tampering	Criminal Damage
2004/05	0	5	3	621
2005/06	0	5	1	913
2006/07	3	7	1	907
2007/08	0	1	1	709
2008/09	0	1	1	538

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

*These figures are based on operational data taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change*