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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-00204

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** STOLEN VEHICLES/PURSUITS

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

#### Question 1

The number of vehicles stolen in each DCU each year since 2005.

#### Answer

Please find attached 0000001902.pdf

#### Question 2

The number of stolen vehicles found by police in each DCU each year since 2005.

#### Answer

The cost of complying with this part of your request for information would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information requested in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve and present the information requested would require the Police Service of Northern Ireland to carry out a time consuming manual search of tens of thousands of records on our Command and Control system and then discern this information from non relevant data in order to provide details on the number of stolen vehicles found by police broken down by DCU since 2005

The Police Service of Northern Ireland have also considered whether we can be of any assistance in terms of helping you refine this part of your request to bring it under the cost limit however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

#### Question 3

The number of general response officers currently trained in vehicle pursuit in each DCU, not including specialist posts such as traffic branch and ACT.

#### Answer

Please find attached 0000001903.pdf

#### Question 4

The number of PSNI vehicle pursuits in each DCU each year since 2005.

**Answer**

Please find attached 0000001904.pdf

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)

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.psnipolice.uk/>

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

**Recorded theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle offences  
including attempts by policing area and calendar year**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>
Antrim	86	133	85	56
Ards	83	94	90	77
Armagh	98	82	69	92
Ballymena	79	72	53	48
Ballymoney	19	31	29	16
Banbridge	56	44	40	39
Carrickfergus	26	20	20	29
Castlereagh	109	96	60	57
Coleraine	73	54	52	51
Cookstown	45	33	40	30
Craigavon	125	116	99	137
Down	156	141	152	129
Dungannon & South Tyrone	103	70	89	109
East Belfast	183	156	156	149
Fermanagh	45	62	95	64
Foyle	288	222	188	164
Larne	26	36	52	55
Limavady	50	53	41	46
Lisburn	360	333	262	262
Magherafelt	30	36	31	37
Moyle	21	11	22	16
Newry & Mourne	288	216	195	165
Newtownabbey	151	138	136	97
North Belfast	434	316	364	267
North Down	83	66	95	81
Omagh	47	60	75	75
South Belfast	584	327	340	348
Strabane	40	31	29	32
West Belfast	432	471	326	290
<b>Total</b>	<b>4120</b>	<b>3520</b>	<b>3285</b>	<b>3018</b>

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

<sup>1</sup> Figures from 2008 include information from the current financial year. These figures are provisional and may be subject to change.

<b>INITIAL TRAINED</b>
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<b>District A</b>		<b>61</b>
<b>District B</b>		<b>43</b>
<b>District C</b>		<b>48</b>
<b>District D</b>		<b>62</b>
<b>District E</b>		<b>37</b>
<b>District F</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>District G</b>		<b>44</b>
<b>District H</b>		<b>42</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>366</b>

**The number of PSNI vehicle pursuits in each DCU each year since 2007.**

	2007	2008	2009
Antrim	2	3	1
Ards	3	1	0
Armagh	0	0	0
Ballymena	2	0	0
Ballymoney	1	0	0
Banbridge	1	0	0
Carrickfergus	1	2	0
Castlereagh	5	3	0
Coleraine	1	3	0
Cookstown	0	1	0
Craigavon	0	0	0
Down	1	3	0
Dungannon & South Tyrone	2	2	0
East Belfast	2	2	0
Fermanagh	2	1	0
Foyle	1	0	0
Larne	0	0	0
Limavady	0	0	0
Lisburn	19	27	4
Magherafelt	1	2	0
Moyle	3	0	0
Newry & Mourne	1	1	0
Newtownabbey	5	4	0
North Belfast	9	0	0
North Down	2	3	0
Omagh	3	2	1
South Belfast	15	2	1
Strabane	1	1	0
West Belfast	34	24	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>10</b>

Source: Belfast Regional Control, PSNI