Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2009-03849

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answer to your question is as follows:

Question 1
Please can you provide figures for the number of assaults on police officers in the last three years? Please can you break down the figures by year?

Answer

Recorded assault[1] offences where a police officer[2] is the victim

Northern Ireland

Year	Recorded
2006/07	2,846
2007/08	2,945
2008/09	2,940

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

[1] Assault offences include wounding with intent, GBH with intent, wounding, GBH, AOABH, assault on police, aggravated assault and common assault.
[2] Relates to offences where the victim has been identified as an officer on duty.

Please Note:
These figures are based on information taken from a live crime recording system and will be subject to change.

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 letter.

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