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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-02955

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** POLICE PATROLS - SOUTH ARMAGH

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Could you tell me how many times officers stationed in police stations in South Armagh went out on the beat in their locality (i.e. on foot) from January 1 2009 to September 21 2009? Please list stations.

#### Answer

All response and patrol personnel are based at Bessbrook PSNI Station, therefore all patrols are from this station. Officers based at Bessbrook conducted 85 foot patrols between January – September 2009 within the South Armagh sector.

#### Question 2

Could you tell me how many times officers stationed in police stations in south Armagh went out on patrol in vehicles in their locality?

#### Answer

Searches were conducted regarding question 2 which failed to locate any records or documents to the level of detailed outlined in your request and based on the information you have provided. I have determined that the Police service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access. However, I can advise you that officers based in Bessbrook station patrol the entire South Armagh area on a 24/7 basis, 365 days of the year.

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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