



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02708
Keyword: Operational Policing
Subject: USE OF TASER - 2009

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you tell me how many times during 2009 (using the most up to date figures available) has a Taser stun gun been fired by one of your officers at a person aged under 18.

Answer

None

Question 2

Please could you provide a breakdown of the total number of times it was used on a person aged under 18 in 2009, giving details of how times it was [a] fired [b] discharged in drive stun mode.

Answer

(a) None
(b) None

Question 3

If possible please also provide figures for under 18-year-old in 2009 for [c] sparking or "arcing" of a Taser [d] aiming using the red dot [e] drawing of taser but none of above. Please give priority to question 2 if cost and time become a factor.

Answer

(c) None
(d) 1
(e) none

Question 4

Please provide the age/s of the under 18 suspects targeted with the Taser.

Answer

The age of the Under 18 involved in the "Red-Dot" incident was 14 years old.

Please note the figures provided above are up to the 3rd August 2009.

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