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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00254
Keyword: Road Policing
Subject: NEW MOBILE PHONE LAW

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 answers to your questions are as follows.

Question 1

How many people have been fined since the new mobile phone law has been introduced in Northern Ireland?

Answer

Our Roads Policing department have advised that since its inception there have been 18,481 cases where a Fixed Penalty Notice has been issued regarding the use of Mobile Phones while driving.

Question 2

How many people have been injured in phone -related crashes since the new mobile phone law has been introduced in Northern Ireland?

Question 3

How many people have been killed in phone-related crashes since the new mobile phone law has been introduced in Northern Ireland?

Answer

Central statistics unit have provided figures with regard to 'using mobile phones' and these can be found in the attached 01899 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

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option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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

Number of road traffic collision casualties where 'Using mobile phone' was considered to be a very likely contributory factor in the collision: 2007/08

Severity	No of casualties
Killed	0
Seriously injured	0
Slightly injured	8
Total	8

Number of road traffic collision casualties where 'Using mobile phone' was considered to be a possible contributory factor in the collision: 2007/08

Severity	No of casualties
Killed	1
Seriously injured	2
Slightly injured	10
Total	13

Source: PSNI - Central Statistics Unit