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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-01396

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Police Officers and Staff Assaulted On Duty

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

#### Question

How many of your officers were assaulted on duty between the financial year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010?

#### Answer

The PSNI Central Statistics Unit have advised that during the 2009/10 financial year there were 3,289 assault offences recorded where the victim was identified as an on duty police officer.

The assault offences include wounding with intent, grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent, wounding, GBH, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, assault on police, aggravated assault and common assault.

This figure is based on information taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.

#### Question

How many members of police staff were assaulted on duty between the financial year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010?

#### Answer

The PSNI crime recording systems have available an employment type "Police Service Civilian Employee" and for the time frame requested this was searched along with all offences of "assault".

The search returned no hits and for that reason the response from the PSNI crime recording systems with regard to police staff assaulted on duty is a NIL return.

It should be noted that employment type is not a compulsory field and the response provided above is based on officers who have completed this.

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.

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.

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