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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00498
Keyword: Human Resources
Subject: RUC Part Time Reserve

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

How many of the first (1970) intake into the RUC Part-Time Reserve have continuous service up to February 2010.

Answer

The number of RUC Part-Time Reserve (now all Police Officer Part Time) who joined at anytime in 1970 and had continuous service to date is 8.

Question 2

What, if any, arrangements are being made to honour all such persons for 40 years unbroken police service to Northern Ireland.

Answer

Current arrangements for recognising service in the Part-Time Reserve is by way of the Special Constabulary Long Service Medal awarded after 15 years service and Long Service Bars awarded after each additional 10 years of service, at 25, 35 and 45 years service.

There is no provision under the Royal Warrant for the Special Constabulary Long Service Medal for an award to be made at the 40 year anniversary.

Changes to the qualifying years for Police Long Service is presently under review by the Ceremonial Office, Whitehall which may see long service awards aligned to other emergency service medals at 20, 30 and 40 years.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me

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