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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01239

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Loughanmore Point-to-Point Races

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

The Loughanmore Point-to-Point races are a twice yearly event located on grounds adjacent to the Ballybentragh Road, Templepatrick. These advertised events attract large numbers of people and are most probably the largest annual public events in the Templepatrick area. With reference to the events on the 5th & 6th April 2010, I seek the following information:

What level of preplanning did the PSNI enter into in relation to these events?

Answer

None.

Question 2

Was an 'operational order' prepared?

Answer

No.

Question 3

What specific policing resources did the PSNI allocate to these events?

Answer

None.

Question 4

Setting aside attendance as a result of calls from the public, how many times and for how long did PSNI resources patrol the environs of the events?

Answer

Nil.

Question 5

How many calls for assistance/attention were received by the PSNI relating to these events?

Answer

There were 3 calls received – 1 call on parking, 1 call on accidental damage and 1 call on criminal damage.

Question 6

Did PSNI resources attend the scene?

Answer

Yes police attended the scene on two occasions.

Question 7

What action, if any, resulted from PSNI attendance?

Answer

The accidental damage call was attended by police but there was no requirement for police action as both parties dealt with the matter and the criminal damage details were recorded for crime forms.

Question 8

How many Advice and Warnings, Cautions, Fixed Penalty Notices and or reports for Prosecution resulted from PSNI attendance at these events?

Answer

None.

Question 9

When did the PSNI discontinue the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC deployment of 'No Waiting' cones along the Ballybentragh Road prior to and during these events?

Answer

There was no police input at this event.

Question 10

In relation to the vehicular traffic diversion, situated at the junction of the Sweetwall Road and Ballybentragh Road during the events directing Parkgate-bound traffic up the Sweetwall Road towards the Loughanmore Road; was the PSNI aware of this diversion?

Answer

Only upon their arrival at the first call.

Question 11

What action, if any, did the PSNI take relating to the placement of this vehicular traffic diversionary route?

Answer

None.

Question 12

Did the PSNI liaise with Traffic Management, Road Safety Branch or the Roads Service about the placing of this diversion?

Answer

No.

Question 13

Did the PSNI inform other emergency services, namely the Fire Service and the Ambulance Service, about the diversion?

Answer

No.

Please note the police had no input in arranging this event.

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