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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00181
Keyword: Road Policing
Subject: Alcohol Related Incidents

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 motorists were caught drink-driving during the 2010 calendar year? If possible, can this be broken down into (a) districts (b) areas.

Answer

Please see the tables below detailing drink driving related offences in 2010 by (a) district and (b) area.

District	Total
A District	281
B District	383
C District	466
D District	504
E District	661
F District	545
G District	407
H District	352
Grand Total	3,599

DCU	Count
ANTRIM	95
NEWTOWNARDS	130
ARMAGH	103
BANBRIDGE	100
BELFAST EAST	154
BELFAST NORTH	156
BELFAST SOUTH	229
BELFAST WEST	125
BALLYMENA	111
BALLYMONEY	28
CARRICKFERGUS	43
COLERAINE	139
COOKSTOWN	79
CRAIGAVON	193
CASTLEREAGH	82
DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE	168
DOWNPATRICK	124
FERMANAGH	184
FOYLE	136
LARNE	43
LIMAVADY	92
LISBURN	238
MAGHERAFELT	94
MOYLE	31
NEWTOWNABBEY	128
NORTH DOWN	130
NEWRY & MOURNE	265
OMAGH	114
STRABANE	85
Grand Total	3,599

Question 2

The 10 highest breath-test readings recorded during 2010. In each instance, please indicate the date of the incident, the location where it was detected, and the actual reading.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing the ten highest breath test readings recorded during 2010.

Start Date	Reading	Location of Detection
20/09/2010	173	Lurgan
24/06/2010	166	Coleraine
09/12/2010	166	Coleraine
10/03/2010	159	Enniskillen
12/02/2010	158	Bangor
22/03/2010	157	Enniskillen
18/02/2010	157	Limavady
29/05/2010	157	Coleraine
01/08/2010	153	Banbridge
04/03/2010	152	Strand Road

Question 3

The number of deaths that occurred from accidents attributed to alcohol during 2009? If it is not

possible to provide such specific information, I will accept information on the number of deaths from accidents attributed to alcohol and drugs.

Answer

There were 27 deaths attributed to alcohol/drugs in 2009.

Question 4

The number of people seriously injured in accidents attributed to alcohol during 2009? Again, I will accept the information if it is only available as 'alcohol and drugs'.

Answer

There were 137 serious injuries attributed to alcohol/drugs in 2009.

Question 5

How many deaths occurred from accidents attributed to alcohol during 2010? If it is not possible to provide such specific information, I will accept info on the number of deaths from accidents attributed to alcohol and drugs.

Answer

Please note 2010 figures are only available for January – October, these figures are provisional and subject to change.

There were 12 deaths attributed to alcohol/drugs in 2010.

Question 6

How many people were seriously injured in accidents attributed to alcohol during 2010? Again, I will accept the information if it is only available as 'alcohol and drugs'.

Answer

There were 74 serious injuries attributed to alcohol/drugs in 2010.

Further information can be accessed via the website link below, Section 6 of the Chief Constable's Annual Report - http://www.psni.police.uk/chief_constables_annual_report_2009_-2010.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 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.

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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