



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00757

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Operation Ruscio

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

Total number of officers assigned to Operation Ruscio?

Answer

Between 45 and 60 officers are assigned to Operation Ruscio on a daily basis.

Question 2

Total number of man hours used in Operation Ruscio?

Answer

Approximately 22,500 hours have been used as of March 8, 2012.

Question 3

A breakdown of the Command structure of Operation Ruscio?

Answer

The command structure of Operation Ruscio is as follows:

Chief Superintendent
Superintendent
D/Chief Inspector
D/Inspector
Inspector
Sergeant
Constable

Question 4

How many arrests have been made during Operation Ruscio and those offences?

Answer

102 arrests have been made as of March 8, 2012 and the offences are as follows:

- Theft
- Robbery
- Disqualified Driving
- Assault
- Burglary
- Hijacking / Attempted Hijacking
- Taking and Driving Away
- Warrant
- Drink Driving (Excess Alcohol)
- Blackmail
- Possession of Drugs
- Going Equipped for Theft
- Criminal Damage
- Rape
- Dangerous Driving
- Breach of Bail

Question 5

The remit of Operation Ruscio?

Answer

The remit of Operation Ruscio is to investigate incidents in the Greater Belfast Area of hijacking, attempted hijacking and theft of vehicles with the keys left in them and to identify and bring to justice those involved thus reducing the harm caused to our communities by these offenders.

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.

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