



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01325

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Costs of St Patrick's Day

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

St Patrick's Day Operation for 2012

Could you please advise us of the number of arrests made in the Holyland Area during the St Patrick's Day period 15-20 March 2012 relating to antisocial behaviour, noise etc.

Please indicate which streets these arrests took place.

Answer

In the St Patrick's Day period from March 15-20, 2012 there were a total of 10 arrests.

The arrests were for Disorderly Behaviour, Common Assault and Drugs Offences and the arrests took place in Palestine Street, University Street, Rugby Avenue, Eglantine Avenue, Ormeau Road, Malone Road and Botanic Avenue.

Question

Could you please advise us of the numbers of police officers involved in the St Patrick's Day Operation this year between Thursday 15th March and Tuesday 20 March 2012.

Please break these details down to show how many were employed each of the days and nights and what rate of pay they received. (Time, time and a half, double or triple).

Answer

There were a total of 395 officers deployed during the St Patrick's Day period 15-20 March 2012 and the total cost of policing was £119,074.

Please find below a breakdown of the number of officers deployed, on each day and their rates of pay:

On Thursday 15th March 2012, 15:00 to 3am

There were a total of 86 officers with their rates of pay equating to 464 hours at plain time, 146 hours at time and one third and 216 hours at time and one half.

Friday 16th March 2012 15:00 to 3am

There were a total of 80 officers with their rates of pay equating to 746 hours at plain time, 63 hours at time and one third and 30 hours at time and one half.

Saturday 17th March 2012, from 9am to 3am

There were a total of 186 officers with their rates of pay equating to 109 hours at plain time and 1778 hours at double time.

Sunday 18th March 2012, from 8am to midnight

There were a total of 15 officers with their rates of pay equating to 90 hours at plain time, 6 hours at time and one third and 48 hours at time and one half.

Monday 19th March 2012, from 10am to 22:00

There were a total of 28 officers with their rates of pay equating to 216 hours at plain time, and 20 hours at time and one half.

On Tuesday 20th March 2012 there was no police operation.

It should be noted that this information provided is only based on the operation for the 2012 St Patrick's Day period and this operation will be assessed from year to year. Therefore the number of officers deployed will be set accordingly.

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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