



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05556

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Officers Injured in the Line of Duty

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Using the Freedom of Information Act I would like to know how many PSNI officers were injured in the line of duty between November 1st 2012 and October 31st 2013.

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.

1661 PSNI officers were injured in the line of duty between 1Nov 2012 - 31Oct 2013. This figure represents the total number of accident/incident reports received by Health and Safety Branch within this timeframe.

Question 2

Please break these figures down on a month by month basis and give details of the injuries sustained by the officers - also break the figures down into counties or PSNI districts.

Answer

Please see the tables at the end of this correspondence, detailing the monthly breakdown of figures via 'Injury Type Sustained' and by 'District Incident Occurred'.

Please note: total injury figures will be more than total incidents occurred as multiple injuries can be sustained by an individual from one incident i.e. officer falls on stairs and sustains bruised head, sprained ankle and fractured arm as a result.

Question 3

Please give details of how much these injuries cost the PSNI.

Answer

Health and Safety Branch record the cost of injuries to the PSNI as the number of days lost and in relation to the incidents in the defined period this totalled 775 days.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	TOTAL
Abrasion	15	21	23	14	13	16	19	27	20	34	22	13	237
Bite from either Person or Animal		1	5	5	4	5	2	3	4	2	4	1	36
Bruise	16	54	85	28	24	41	30	22	75	92	32	33	532
Burn/Scald/Singe			3	3	3	1	1	2	6	1			20
Crush													
Internal Injury		1	1	1	1	2	4	3	5	1	1	1	21
Electric Shock			1										1
Fracture/Dislocation	4	3	3	1	4	5	6	8	5	10	5	2	56
Laceration	3	10	13	6	6	6	10	9	6	9	3	9	90
Other	16	25	29	14	18	24	12	28	51	53	20	17	307
Pain/Headache	20	67	121	36	39	45	44	36	91	134	36	34	703
Puncture/Cut	5	2	10	7	11	6	8	5	8	11	5	5	83
Respiratory Disorder			1		2	3	1		1	3	1	3	15
Strain/Sprain	29	50	63	44	36	31	42	62	57	83	62	56	615
Stress	2	3	2	7	3	2	5			6	2	1	33
Swelling	12	31	40	19	18	16	14	13	37	43	17	21	281
Whiplash	19	17	27	15	18	15	24	38	23	46	22	8	272
TOTALS	141	285	427	200	200	218	222	256	389	528	232	204	3302

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A District	17	40	24	13	13	24	17	29	96	70	14	12	369
B District	19	46	80	17	21	10	17	18	24	55	25	17	349
C District	6	9	17	6	8	10	7	10	13	14	11	11	122
D District	18	20	37	26	20	12	29	23	14	22	21	18	260
E District	17	15	19	10	9	15	8	17	19	15	12	12	168
F District	9	28	13	20	7	7	19	20	10	11	10	18	172
G District	12	10	10	11	15	8	6	5	8	6	9	13	113
H District	10	9	11	6	7	13	8	10	6	6	14	8	108
TOTALS	108	177	211	109	100	99	111	132	190	199	116	109	1661