



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03981

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Major Incident Strangford Lough

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many officers did you have deployed on the ground to help co-ordinate Monday's operation?

Answer 1

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.

Following the declaration of a major incident on Strangford Lough by HM Coastguard on Monday 11th August 2014 the following police resources were dispatched to the scene. A number of officers were stood down after the initial response.

- 1 x Inspector (Bronze Commander)
- 1 x Sergeant
- 11 x Constables
- 1 x TSG Unit moved closer to incident casualty reception if required
- 1 x TSG Unit moved to Ards Airfield to receive potential casualties from search and rescue helicopter if required
- 3 officers from search and rescue attached to PSNI Headquarters dispatched to scene

Question 2

How much did it cost to police Monday's rescue operation at Strangford Lough?

Answer 2

This incident was not cost coded and as such we are unable to advise what the cost would have been. We are not required to create information to provide a response and the PSNI are unable to say what the costs involved in policing this operation would have been.

In order to assist I have however been able to ascertain some estimated costs.

All of the police officers engaged in this major Incident were already on duty at the time the major incident was declared. Including behind the scenes management the total estimated cost to police this incident was approximately £3,569.00.

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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