



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00295

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Police Officers Assigned to Traffic Branch

Request and Answer:

Question 1

What is the current proportion and number of serving police officers assigned to the Traffic Branch?

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.

Please see table below which gives the current proportion and number of serving police officers assigned to Traffic Branch.

Road Police as at 21/01/14	Total PSNI as at 21/01/14	%
178	6799	2.61%

Question 2

What was the proportion of serving police officers assigned to the Traffic Branch prior to the change from the RUC to the PSNI?

Answer

The proportion of serving police officers assigned to Traffic Branch prior to the change from the RUC to the PSNI is as below:

Road Police as at 01/11/01 RUC	Total RUC as at 21/01/14	%
292	10474	2.79%

Question 3

What has the proportion of serving police officers assigned to the Traffic Branch been in each year from 2001 until 2013?

Answer

Date	Total Road Police	Total PSNI	%
01/11/01	292	10474 RUC	2.79%
01/11/02	271	9842	2.75%
01/11/03	261	9639	2.71%
01/11/04	255	9573	2.66%
01/11/05	259	9245	2.80%
01/11/06	247	8928	2.77%
01/11/07	255	8732	2.92%
01/11/08	250	8486	2.95%
01/11/09	248	8250	3.01%
01/11/10	230	8033	2.86%
01/11/11	204	7857	2.60%
01/11/12	193	7572	2.55%
01/11/13	178	7335	2.43%
21/01/14	177	7314	2.42%

Question 4

What is the geographical distribution of the overall Traffic Branch and what are the numbers in each locale?

Answer

The geographical distribution of the overall Traffic Branch is as below:

Area	Number of Officers
Maydown	19
Enniskillen	12
Omagh	8
Ballymena	24
Larne	26
Mahon Road	45
Steeple	15
Sprucefield	24
Castlereagh	4
Lisnasharragh	1
Total	178

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