



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00786

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Officers Convicted Of Drink Driving Offences

Request and Answer:

Question

Discipline disposals by Professional Standards Department of officers convicted of a drink/drive offence from 2000 to 2015 by way of rank and sanction

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.

The table below outlines the disciplinary sanctions furnished to officers at a Formal Misconduct Hearing as a result of drink driving convictions:

Year of Conviction	Disciplinary Sanction	Rank
2000	Reprimand	Sergeant x1 Constable x4 Full-Time Reserve x3 POPT(Police Officer Part-Time) x1
	Required to Resign	Constable x1
	Caution	Constable x1
2001	Reprimand	Constable x 3 Full-Time Reserve x 2
	Fined	Constable x1
	Caution	Full-Time Reserve x1

2002	Fined	Constable x 6 Full-Time Reserve x1
	Reduction in Pay	Sergeant x1
	Reprimand	Inspector x1 Full-Time Reserve x1
	Caution	Full-Time Reserve x1
2003	Required to Resign	Constable x1
	Reduction in Pay	Constable x2
	Fined	Constable x 5 Full-Time Reserve x1
2004	Fined	Constable x8 Full-time Reserve x1
2005	Reduction in Pay	Sergeant x1 Constable x2
	Fined	Sergeant x1 Full-Time Reserve x1
2006	Dismissed	Constable x 2 Full-Time Reserve x1
	Required to Resign	Constable x 3 Full-Time Reserve x1
	Reduction in pay	Constable x 6 Full-Time Reserve x2
	Fined	Constable x 5
2007	Dismissed	Constable x1
	Reduced in Pay	Constable x1
	Required to Resign	Constable x 4 POPT x1
2008	Required to Resign	Constable x 2
2009	Nil	
2010	Nil	
2011	Required to Resign	Constable x2
2012	Nil	

2013	Nil	
2014	Nil	
2015 (at 1st March 2015)	Nil	

In May 2006, as a result of an unacceptable number of police officers who had been detected drink-driving, the Deputy Chief Constable issued a statement to the Organisation, directing that in future, any officer detected and convicted of drink driving offences would expect to be dismissed or required to resign as an alternative to dismissal from the Service.

The average strength of the RUCGC /PSNI for this 15 year time-frame is around 9000 officers. The information supplied has been compiled by Discipline Branch, Service Improvement Department which has responsibility for internal discipline relating to police officers.

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.

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