



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-02222

**Keyword:** Organisational Information Police/Staff Training

**Subject:** HGV Vehicle Training

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

### Request

Details of all training provided to officers within the PSNI/RUC from 2019 to date relating to safe access to and exit from HGV vehicles, including but not limited to:

any driver courses for HGV vehicles  
any courses relating to usage of water-cannon;  
any TSG search courses  
any optional Professional Development Courses; and  
any course offered to officers in traffic division.

### Answer

The following extracts from lessons plans in regards to HGV vehicles and water cannon vehicle are provided under:

#### Any driver course for HGV Vehicles

Extract from lesson plan - **COURSE: LGV Driving Course - Intended Learning Outcomes - By the end of this lesson the student should be able to:** Demonstrate how to enter and exit the vehicle safely.

This is the case for all LGV type training and reflected in the lesson plans. This would include Armoured Land Rover, LGV (rigid Lorry) 'C' provisional and licence held and LGV (Articulated Lorry) 'C+E' provisional and licence held, as well as special instruction on the safe operation of sliding doors on the Mobile Police Station.

#### Any courses relating to usage of water cannon

Extract from lesson plan – **COURSE: Water Cannon Driver - Health & Safety** - Reinforce need for ensuring both vehicle doors are secured in open position when working in step area.

All driving courses would include safe entry and exit to the vehicles in use i.e. Armoured Cars and any Passenger Carrying Vehicle being used on a course.

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 Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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