

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: RFI 4249

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To: "foi.police@openworldnews.com" <foi.police@openworldnews.com>

Dear Mr Basnett

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I write in connection with your request for information which was received on 22nd March 2013. Please find below the response to your request:

- 1 On how many occasions in each year 2010, 2011 and 2012 was a Taser deployed against a person under the age of 20.
2. Please provide a breakdown of both the ages of the individuals as well as the method of Taser deployment (for example, but not limited to, drive-stun mode, firings and incidents where the Taser was drawn and aimed, etc.)
3. Please also provide a summary for each incident

REPLY:

Age	Incident type	Taser
2010		
15M	ASB	Drive Stun
16M	ASB	RD
16F	Susp. Circs	Fired
16M	ASB	RD
16M	Attempt Crime	RD
16M	Public order	RD
16M	Vehicle crime	RD
17M	Domestic	Fired
17M	Public order	RD
17M	Public order	RD
17M	Susp.circs	RD
17M	Threats to kill	RD
19M	Action req.	Fired
19M	Concern for safety	RD
19M	Concern for safety	RD
19M	Domestic	RD
19M	Public order	RD
19M	Threats to kill	RD
19M	Threats to kill	Drive Stun
2011		
14F	ASB	RD
16M	Assault	RD x 2
17M	Action Req	Aimed
17M	Burglary	RD

18M	Public order	Drawn
19M	Susp.circs	RD

2012

14M	Public order	RD
15M	Concern for safety	Aimed
15M	Concern for safety	RD
15M	Firearms	RD
16M	ASB	Drawn
17M	Susp.circ	RD
18M	ASB	RD x 2
18M	Assault	RD
18M	Concern for safety	RD
18M	Susp.circs.	RD x 2
19M	Concern for safety	RD
19M	Domestic	Fired
19M	Public order	RD

NB. RD – Red Dotted

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information provided by our Force Operations Department is as accurate as possible

Your attention is drawn to the below which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or telephone the Information Compliance Unit quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Forrest

Information Compliance Unit

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require West Mercia Police (WMP) to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the person that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again -

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the person named at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of WMP made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with WMP to have the decision reviewed. WMP must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

West Mercia Police Headquarters

Information Compliance Unit

Hindlip Hall

Hindlip

PO Box 55

Worcester

WR3 8SP

In all possible circumstances, WMP will aim to respond to your complaint within 2 months.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with WMP if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

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