



Gloucestershire Constabulary

People First Policing

Dear Mr McNamara

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2013.4699

On the 03/07/2013 you sent a letter constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking for the following:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on the deployment of Tasers against animals.

More specifically I am requesting the following:

- 1 a) On how many occasions in 2013 (up until today's date 2 July 2013) was a Taser deployed against an animal. Please provide the species of animal as well as how the Taser was deployed (i.e. drive-stun mode, firings and incidents where the taser was drawn and aimed.)
- b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.

Please could you also provide:

- 2) The same for 2012
- 3) The same for 2011
- 4) The same for 2010

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

1. a) I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary have recorded no occasions in 2013 where a Taser was deployed against an animal.
b) n/a
2. In 2012, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary have recorded 2 occasions where a Taser was deployed against an animal; both were against dangerous dogs in order to control them.
3. In 2011, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary have recorded 1 occasion where a Taser was deployed against an animal. This was against a dangerous dog that was being seized.
4. In 2010, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary have recorded 2 occasions where a Taser was deployed against an animal; both at the same incident against 2 dangerous dogs that were being seized.

Please note that Gloucestershire Constabulary do not record where a Taser was drawn and aimed at an animal as it is deemed that they cannot perceive the threat, therefore only firings are recorded.

I hope this information is useful. If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

If we can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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