

**Information Access Team
Information Compliance and Records Management Unit**

Mr Paul MacNamara
Open World News

Our ref: GSA 2359/13

When calling or telephoning
please ask for Roger Coles

6th August 2013

Dear Mr McNamara

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 2359/13

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03.07.2013, received by Greater Manchester Police. I note you seek access to the following information:

Request

1 a) On how many occasions in 2013 (up until todays 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

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm that some of the information being requested is held by GMP. May I apologise for the delay in responding.

Result

| DATE | AUTH | TASERED | RED DOT | ARCED | AIMED | DRAWN | CIRCUMSTANCES |
|------------|------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| 25/08/10 | 495 | | YES | | | | DOG RED DOTTED TILL OWNER REMOVED FROM ROOM |
| 09/11/10 | 582 | | | | | YES | TASER DRAWN TO COVER DOG WHILST OWNER DETAINED. |
| 24/12/2010 | 686 | YES | | | | | MALE WANTED ON WARRANT USED DOG TO ATTACK POLICE |
| 09/01/2011 | 14 | YES | | | | | WHILST MALE BEING ARRESTED HIS DOG BITES OFFICER ON ARM. |
| 16/04/2011 | 225 | | YES | | | | AFTER VIOLENT DOMESTIC POLICE SEARCH PREMISES FOR INJURED PARTY LARGE DOG IN ADDRESS. |
| 14/06/2011 | 340 | YES | | | | | DANGEROUS DOG IN CHILDRENS PARK HAS KILLED OTHER DOGS AND ATTACKED PEOPLE. |
| 07/08/2012 | 441 | | YES | | | | POLICE ATTEND ADDRESS RE WARRANT AND FACE STAFFS BULL TERRIER. |
| 16/08/2012 | 466 | YES | | | | | OFFICERS FACE AGGRESSIVE DOG AT CANNABIS FARM. |
| 14/09/2012 | 509 | | | YES | | | CHILD BITTEN BY DOG COVER GIVEN TO VET WHILST DOG WAS DESTROYED. |
| 06/11/2012 | 588 | | YES | | | | DURING ARREST OF OFFENDER HE LETS DOG ON POLICE. |
| 14/11/2012 | 605 | | | YES | | | DURING DRUG SEARCH OWNER HAS TWO DANGEROUS PIT BULL DOGS. |
| 25/11/2012 | 622 | YES | | | | | DOGS FIGHTING IN STREET UNABLE TO BE SEPERATED. |

The breed of dog is normally not recorded (mainly due to having to confirm with Vets the actual breed with medical evidence)

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further queries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on telephone number 0161-856-2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Coles
Information Access Officer

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 Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer 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 case officer that is nominated 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 Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Information Governance Unit, Information Management Branch
Greater Manchester Police
Openshaw Complex
Lawton Street
Manchester
M11 2NS

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an 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 an 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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700