

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request 2013/16149 [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

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Dear Mr McNamara,

Freedom of Information Request 2013/16149

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received in this office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, Section 1(1) (a), is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, Section 1 (1) (b), is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Under the provisions of those sections of FOIA, I can confirm that information you requested is not/held by Gwent Police for the below questions so we are un/able to comply with your request to supply information.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

Q1. 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.)

A1. Nil

Q2. Please also provide a summary for each incident. Please could you also provide:

The same for 2012

The same for 2011

The same for 2010

A2.

2012:

1 incident, x 2 Tasers Fired

Report of a "nasty" dog outside caller's elderly neighbour's house. Officers attended and the dog ran off. It was a large strong breed, possibly a pitbull cross, and appeared to be injured. Officers managed to detain the dog against a fence and requested a vet to attend to sedate the dog so it could be safely captured. Vet initially refused to attend to sedate a dog that was already injured. RSPCA were contacted to see if they could assist, but they had no one to send. Officers could see the dog was bleeding and limping. Dog was identified as belonging to a person in custody, having been at the scene of a burglary where the offender has broken a window and ran off leaving the dog at the premises. It was believed that the dog had injured itself on broken glass. After an update on the dog's injuries, a vet attended. However, the dog ran away from the vet and officers while the vet attempted to put a collar on it. Officers managed to detain the dog again. A dog pole was placed on the dog, but wasn't enough to hold the dog. In total, three dog poles were used, but the dog was still too strong. The dog was tasered twice before it was safe enough for the vet to sedate it. It was then taken to the vets to be treated for its injuries.

2011:

1 incident, 1 x Taser Fired

Officers called by ambulance to an address where a male had been attacked by a dog. The dog was a large, strong breed like a mastiff and the male had potentially serious injuries. The dog was in the garden of the premises at that time. It transpired the injured person was the dog's owner, and had requested the dog be destroyed. Two dog handlers managed to detain the dog in the garden so it could be taken to the vets where it would be humanely

euthanised. However, after arriving at the vet's, due to the strength of the dog, it managed to push past officers and the vet and escape while being taken from the van into the vet's surgery. Officers located the dog again where they managed to detain it. The dog was tasered to protect officers and public. It was then transported to the vets where it was humanely euthanised.

2010:

Nil

The Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain, and therefore freely available to the general public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

I hope this information is satisfactory to your request however, should you feel dissatisfied with this response or the way in which your request was handled, I have attached the Gwent Police FOI Appeals Procedure for your information.

Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.

Regards,

Dylan

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