

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: RFI 4482

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

Dear Mr McNamara

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I write in connection with your request for information which was received on 3rd July 2013. Please find below the response to your request:

1 a) For each year 2010, 2011, 2012 and in 2013 (up until today's date 2 July 2013) On how many occasions 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.

REPLY:

Year	Animal Type	Deployment Type	Incident Type
2010	Bull Mastiff Dog	Fired	Animal out of control attacking other dogs
2012	Bull Dog	Fired	Dog attacked officers whilst attending incident
2012	Dog. Type not recorded	Fired	Dog attacked officers whilst attending incident
2012	Rottweiler Dog	Fired	Dog tried to attack officers whilst attending incident

No incidents are recorded for 2011 and 2013.

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

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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

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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