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Dear Mr McNamara

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information, received 03 July 2013 has now been considered.

REQUEST

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.

In 2013 there has been 1 incident up to 02 July 2013:

Whilst officers were arresting an offender for assault, the offender's dog has turned on officers and began to bite at legs of officers TASER deployed on dog to prevent injury to officers and offender.

Please could you also provide:

2) The same for 2012

In 2012 there were 4 Incidents

Officers attended address where male has let the dog loose from his grip towards officers. Dog TASERED to the head.

Two dogs loose in a public place near to a busy park threatening to bite members of the public and other animals. Both dogs TASERED to allow capture with dog poles and subsequent safe containment in dog cage.

A dog was TASERED as it attacked another dog, and was considered to be a severe danger to the public and officers, due to the unpredictable nature.

Officers drew TASER to protect the other officer in attendance until dog handlers arrived to safely seize the dog. Red dot, TASER not discharged or activated

3) The same for 2011

In 2011 there was 1 incident

Dog had attacked two members of the public and other dogs, causing significant injury. One barb was discharged from the TASER into the back of the dog.

4) The same for 2010

This information is not held

Your attention is drawn to your right to request a re-examination of your case under West Midlands Police review procedure, which can be found at:

<http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/pdf/FOI/Appeals.pdf>

Please note that such an appeal must be received within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Brown

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