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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/03949

I write in connection with your request for information received on 18th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

This information is the number of:

- **Specials**
- **Independent Specials**

Number of Specials with:

- **Cycle Authority**
- **A-B Car/Van Driving Authority (Basic)**
- **A-B D1 Carrier Driving Authority (Basic)**
- **A-B Basic Stop Driving Authority (Basic)**
- **Grade 1 Response Driving Authority (Standard)**
- **Grade 1 Response Initial Pursuit Driving Authority (Standard)**

Number of Specials who are:

- **Advanced Drivers**
- **Advanced Driver with TPAC Authority**
- **PSU Level 2 Trained**
- **PSU Level 3 Trained**
- **Taser Trained**
- **Firearms Trained**

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- **Specials = 150**
- **Independent Specials = 75**

Number of Specials with:

- **Cycle Authority = 1**
- **A-B Car/Van Driving Authority (Basic) = 69**
- **A-B D1 Carrier Driving Authority (Basic) = 28**
- **A-B Basic Stop Driving Authority (Basic) = 60**
- **Grade 1 Response Driving Authority (Standard) = 1**
- **Grade 1 Response Initial Pursuit Driving Authority (Standard) = 0**

Number of Specials who are:

- **Advanced Drivers = 0**
- **Advanced Driver with TPAC Authority = 0**
- **PSU Level 2 Trained = 8**

- PSU Level 3 Trained = 113
- Taser Trained = 0
- Firearms Trained = 0

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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