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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02937

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st May. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the following information broken down by calendar years between 2016 and 2018...

- 1. The number of collisions involving authority vehicles. This includes all collisions in marked and unmarked vehicles.**
- 2. In relation to question 1, what was the total cost of repairing damaged vehicles?**
- 3. A breakdown of driving offences committed by staff while on-duty, but not responding to emergency calls.**
- 4. In relation to question 3, what was the outcome of each offence? E.g. Process cancelled due to speeding offences detected for operational reasons, retraining course attended, paid + points, process cancelled, court appearance.**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below: -

Reply to Question 1: -

	2016	2017	2018
No of collisions	192	150	189

Reply to Question 2: -

	2016	2017	2018
Cost of repairs	207,988.95	170,954.18	224,494.82

Reply to Questions 3 & 4: -

Bedfordshire Police do not hold this information – If an officer had been issued a Traffic Offence Report for using a mobile phone etc. whilst driving a force vehicle then the report would arrive in the officer's name with their personal address and we would have no way of identifying that they were an officer.

Bedfordshire Police have a policy of processing speed tickets for unmarked emergency vehicles. Following the issue of the Notice of Intended Prosecution the offences can be exempted if it is demonstrated that the vehicle was travelling at that speed for a legitimate policing reason. If this cannot be demonstrated then the notice would be transferred into the driver's name and address and treated like all other speeding tickets. Once transferred there is no way of identifying whether the driver works for the force.

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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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.