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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/06595

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

I'd like to request the following data under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) please:

1. How many Forensic Collision Investigator positions does your Force have on your establishment structure?
2. Do you currently have a full establishment of Forensic Collision Investigators?
3. How many of your Forensic Collision Investigators have obtained a recognised Forensic Collision Investigation qualification as listed in Appendix A of the NPCC Forensic Collision Investigation & Reconstruction Protocol 2018?
4. How many of your Forensic Collision Investigators have undertaken ALL the Training Courses listed in Appendix C of the NPCC Forensic Collision Investigation & Reconstruction Protocol 2018?
5. In the calendar year 2018 how many investigations did your Forensic Collision Investigators carry out? If possible, within the timeframe/cost threshold set out by the FOIA, please also provide this information for 2017, 2016 and 2015.
6. In the calendar year 2018, how many accidents did your Forensic Collision Investigators attend? If possible, please break this down into fatal and serious accidents. If possible, within the timeframe/cost threshold set out by the FOIA, please also provide this information for 2017, 2016 and 2015.

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 – Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary are a collaborated unit with regards to their Roads Policing Teams & Forensic Collisions. Following enquiries conducted with the BCH unit please see our response below: -

1. Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire (BCH) are a collaborated unit working from two bases. The unit comprises of: - 1 x Technical Manager, 2 x Sergeants and 18 x Police Constables.
2. The unit is fully established with one unqualified trainee Police officer.
3. All staff have attained at least one of the recognised Forensic Collisions Investigation qualifications, with the exception of one Police Constable who is currently in training.
4. None of the staff have attained all the qualifications listed in Appendix C. The more experienced officers have attained the majority of the courses, but the courses are spread around so all staff have particular skill sets.
5. Number of investigations -

In 2015: The unit dealt with 310 incidents.
80 were fatal collisions requiring a full investigation and a report.

Other incidents requiring full investigation data not readily available.

In 2016: - The unit dealt with 275 incidents.
78 were fatal collisions requiring a full investigation and a report.
Other incidents requiring full investigation data not readily available.

In 2017: - The unit dealt with 217 incidents.
86 were fatal collisions requiring a full investigation and a report.
39 other incidents were fully investigated requiring the completion of a report.

In 2018: - The unit dealt with 247 incidents.
73 were fatal collisions requiring a full investigation and a report.
31 other incidents were fully investigated requiring the completion of a report

6. Forensic Collision Investigators attended -

In 2015: - 80 fatal collisions
15 Non suspicious deaths (Illness at wheel)
137 Serious injury collisions.

In 2016: - 75 fatal collisions
4 Non suspicious deaths (Illness at wheel)
140 Serious injury collisions.

In 2017: - 86 fatal collisions
7 Non suspicious deaths (Illness at wheel)
90 Serious injury collisions.

In 2018: - 73 fatal collisions
10 Non suspicious deaths (Illness at wheel)
121 Serious injury collisions.

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.