



16th September 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003036/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 21st August 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many officers are currently trained to use a Taser within this force?
- 2 How many officers are waiting to be Taser trained?
- 3 How many officers in 2019 have gone on a Taser training course but have subsequently failed that course and consequently not authorised to carry a Taser
- 4 How many officers have requested to be Taser trained since the 7th of August 19
- 5 What are official pre-requisites required of an officer to apply for the Taser training course within this force
- 6 How many female officers carry a Taser
- 7 How many male officers carry a Taser

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3rd September 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Q1 The number of officers trained to use a Taser changes on a daily basis due to officers leaving or retiring, departmental moves and training being undertaken.

The figure as at 3rd September 2019 for Norfolk was 479 and 344 for Suffolk.

Q2 There are currently 25 Suffolk Officers waiting for training. In Norfolk, all frontline officers who have not been previously trained are being contacted, to ask whether they wish to carry Taser.

Q3 No officers in either Norfolk or Suffolk have undergone training in 2019 and subsequently failed the course.

Q4 As per question 2, all frontline officers in Norfolk are being contacted. The number of officers is not yet known.

- Q5 Officers must have a valid and current Personal Safety Training and First Aid authorisation ticket. Officers are also required to have an acceptable Professional Standards record and have completed eyesight tests. They must be recommended by their line manager and District Commander as suitable to be trained.
- Q6 Norfolk 76 female officers
Suffolk 50 female officers
- Q7 Norfolk 403 male officers
Suffolk 294 male officers

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply 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.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
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