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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004362-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 3 December 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I would like to know what the collar numbers are and how they are structured and issued to each officer varying from PC to SGT and so on up the chain of command and what ranks are in each division.

Furthermore I would like to know how the command team of the "Suffolk Roads Policing and Firearms Operations Unit" are layed out as not all the officers are armed?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 December 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

1. Collar numbers do not change for each Police Officer, if their role changes and they are promoted to a higher rank they keep the same collar number.

The recruitment team will look through the available collar number list, and when a new officer joins they will be given the first available number. Officers who have left between 4 and 5 years prior have their collar numbers reallocated and go onto an available collar number list.

2. The overall structure for the Roads and Armed Policing Team is as follows:

- Chief Inspector – Roads and Armed Policing Team/ Firearms Training and Police Dogs
- Inspector – Roads and Armed Policing Team (Norfolk)
- Inspector – Roads and Armed Policing Team (Suffolk)
- Inspector – Roads and Armed Policing Team, Serious Collision Investigation Unit

The total number of officers within RAPPT is as follows, please note that Norfolk and Suffolk became a collaborated function during 2012/13 and the officers perform dual roles, carrying out a number of functions incorporating both Roads Policing and Firearm responsibilities:



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| Year | Norfolk | | Suffolk | |
|------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | Strength | headcount | Strength | Headcount |
| 2012 | 93.34 | 94 | 109.56 | 111 |
| 2013 | 72.63 | 73 | 73.43 | 74 |
| 2014 | 73.23 | 74 | 70.4 | 71 |
| 2015 | 82.23 | 83 | 73.39 | 74 |
| 2016 | 83.18 | 84 | 71.39 | 72 |
| 2017 | 84.61 | 85 | 74.39 | 75 |
| 2018 | 80.61 | 81 | 75.39 | 76 |

Further information on RAPT can be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website, and links have been provided below:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/about-us/our-organisation/our-departments/specialist-operations>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/roads-and-vehicles>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances 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 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700