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Dear N Smith

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: HC/03335/09

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by the Freedom of Information Section at Hampshire Constabulary on 7th October 2009. I note you seek access to the following information:

I wanted to enquire about the driving permits offered by your Force to Police Officers. The questions I have are:

1. What levels of driving permits are offered?
2. What do each of the driving permits allow the holder to do?
3. What training is required for each of the driving permits and how are the candidates assessed?
4. How long in length are the courses for each of the respective driving permits?,
5. Are any of the driving permits offered by your Force, offered in a modular basis, (i.e. are they offered in modules of 1 week at a time until the course is complete etc),
6. Which of the permits are available to Special Constables?
7. If any modular courses are offered, are the available to Special Constables?,
8. How many Special Constables in your Force have driving permits which allow them to respond (i.e. use blue lights, sirens and allowed the holder to utilise the relevant exemptions afforded to them in law with respect of speeding, going through red lights etc),

Your request will now be considered in accordance with the legislation and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, subject to the provisions of the Act. In the unlikely event that Hampshire Constabulary is unable to meet the 20 working day deadline, you will be informed as soon as possible and given a revised time-scale for response.

To be accepted, any clarification(s) to your request must be submitted in writing directly to the FOI Team at Hampshire Constabulary.



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If your request requires either full or partial transference to another public authority, you will be informed.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Becky Hill on telephone number 01962 814757 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Becky Hill
Freedom of Information Decision Maker