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Dear Mr Smith

FOI Reference No : FOI-20092/111795

Thank you for your email dated and received by my office on the 07 Oct 2009. You have requested the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

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? How long in length are the courses for each of the respective driving permits?
- 4) 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),
- 5) Which of the permits are available to Special Constables?
- 6) If any modular courses are offered, are the available to Special Constables?
- 7) 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),

I would appreciate any information that is available, in particular the information that relates to Special Constables.

Your request will now be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt or containing a reference to a third party. In some circumstances West Yorkshire Police may be unable to achieve this deadline. If this is likely you will be informed and given a revised time-scale at the earliest opportunity.

In exceptional circumstances, there may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information you have requested. If this is the case you will be informed and the 20 working day timescale will be suspended until we receive payment from you. If you chose not to make a payment then your request will remain unanswered.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Project Officer

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The information supplied in connection with this application will be used for the purpose of the administering of this request and to ensure the accuracy of Police systems.