



## **Freedom of Information Request 01/FOI/21/349**

**1. Please provide the number of police officers currently trained to the response/standard of emergency driving. Additionally, please specify the number of officers within their probationary period that are trained to response/standard level and whether this level of driving training is available to officers within their probationary period.**

**2. If possible, please include a copy of the driving policy.**

**3. Please also provide the number of officers trained in Taser across the force, and the number of those in their probationary period (if none, whether there are plans to extend Taser training to probationary officers)."**

## **RESPONSE**

1. There are currently 1,464 response trained Officers. Of these none are currently in their probation. Officers can attend the course if they are in their probation although they must have had a min of 12 months service, ideally 18 months and have been a Basic Driver for 6 months.
2. Please find attached a copy of the British Transport Police Vehicle Fleet policy, which incorporates driving standards.
3. There are currently 747 Taser Trained Officers and none are in their probationary period. At present BTP haven't adapted the process to allow Officers in their probation to become Taser STO's (Specialist Taser Officers). Currently if there are Divisional needs officers in their last 3 months of probation can do a Taser Initial course but are not authorised to carry and become STO's until they have passed their probation and confirmed in rank. We don't currently have anyone in this position and it is very infrequent.