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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Following written communication with you, you have requested an updated version of the request noted below with updated and active links.

I would like to request that any policy or procedure which outline, in any way, the duties, responsibilities and role of Patrol Supervisors, Force Incident Managers and Force Incident Commanders be disclosed to me.

Clarification was sought

I am interested in the role that the Force Incident Commander/Manager plays in regards to Roads, Armed and Local Policing.

Please be advised that information regarding incident Commander/Managers roles in relation to Roads Policing, Armed Policing and Local Policing is publicly available.

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”

The information you are seeking is available at the following links. If there is something further that you were interested in please let me know.

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Road Policing:

- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/mlkmw4mm/drink-drug-railways-marine-and-aviation-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/ztqg3tsu/drink-drug-driving-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/rzjg2vhr/driver-training-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/4hclieto/road-traffic-collisions-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/pr1n4i1b/seizure-of-vehicles-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/gptp3rjw/vehicle-standards-and-safety-sop.doc>

Armed Policing:

- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/zeyhqe2l/armed-policing-operations-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/pexfcmuf/post-deployment-procedures-sop.pdf>

Local Policing:

- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/2vpqv5cl/armed-forces-personnel-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/0nsbjpw2/attendance-at-incidents-involving-trams-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/lajoe5z2/forced-entry-to-premises-sop.pdf>
- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/vshlrciz/special-constabulary-sop.pdf>

Since your previous request the following Standard Operating Procedures have been archived. I have attached these to our response email.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Edinburgh on 0131 311 3901 quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to xxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xxxce.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.