

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 0115/09

In reply to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 25/02/09

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Request

(1) What estimate has been made of the cost of training provided to police officers for using the new taser stun guns in the (a) last and (b) next 12 months.

(2) How many hours each police officer will have to spend next year for those training sessions?

(3) How often a police officer will be trained for using the new taser stun guns (every 6 months, every year ?) ?

We have completed all searches within Cambridgeshire Constabulary and hereby enclose your response.

Response

1a. Estimated cost of Taser training for year 08/09 - £12,836 (excluding officer abstraction time and capital costs)

1b. Estimated training cost for 09/10 is £21,750 (excluding officer abstraction time)

2. Each officer is required to spend 6 hours training time and one hour for re-qualifications per annum.

3. Each officer will require 6 hours training per annum (split into two half day sessions) and two 30 minute qualifications every six months.