



Freedom of Information Request FOI 21 18

Fleet list

Query:

I'm writing to you today in relation to obtaining fleet list for Dorset Wilts Fire and Rescue. If possible could I see the current fleet list will callsigns and relevant FOI information about the vehicles to update my personal list I use for emergency photography?

Response:

Please find attached our current fleet list.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. Callsigns have been withheld under section 24 of the Act. Section 24 exempts information for the purpose of safeguarding national security. It is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test.

We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but we consider that there is also a strong public interest in us protecting national security. As an emergency service, we must ensure that operationally sensitive intelligence is appropriately protected. Releasing detailed information such as callsigns may prejudice our ability to maintain both our own and national security. For this reason, we consider that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Registration numbers of vehicles that are allocated to individual officers have been redacted. We are applying the exemption afforded by section 40(2) Personal information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which provides that a request for information is exempt from disclosure if the information requested constitutes personal data about a third party. In particular we choose to rely upon section 40(3)(a)(i), which provides an absolute exemption if disclosure of the personal data would contravene any of the data protection principles as defined in the Data Protection Act 2018. We are of the opinion that to disclose the requested information could identify an officer who is off duty, which would be unfair and contrary to the first data protection principle.

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