| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1657  Responded to: 8 August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Could you please supply the number of police officers fatally injured in road traffic collisions from your force when travelling home from a shift, specifically ones having finished a night shift or similarly physically demanding shift wholly or partly conducted during unsocial hours.

Whilst we do categorise deaths in service, we do not have a category that directly aligns to the example set out in your request and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To be of assistance, I can advise that since 2013, three ‘off-duty’ officer deaths have been recorded as ‘death in service - accident’ where, following further research, the circumstances can be confirmed to have involved a road traffic collision.

However, due to the passage of time, information about the officer’s shift pattern at the time of their death would no longer be held.

**Could you also advise whether police officers are encouraged to take a short period of sleep if they feel fatigued or whether such a ‘power nap’ would be subject to action plan, management action etc.**

There is no specific policy, and officers who feel fatigued would be encouraged to engage with their line manager. Each incident would be assessed on its own merits based on the full circumstances.

As such, section 17 of the Act applies - the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.