| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-0174Responded to: 09 February 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How much does it cost, on average, to train up and equip one firearms officer in Scotland - to the ARV standard. For clarity, I would like the details in these costs to include fully out-fitting the officer in their firearms gear and equipment, cost to train, feed and accommodate etc during their initial firearms course.

On average it would cost £5201.36 per Police Officer.

It would cost £4015.85 to provide all equipment for each ARV Police Officer.

It would cost on average £975.06 to train each ARV Police Officer (instructor cost).

It would cost on average £186.45 to feed each ARV Police Officer during course.

The average cost of classrooms for 1 ARV officer during course is £24

Please note this doesn’t include accommodation/evening meal costs. If course is at Tulliallan/Jackton the average cost for a course per student is £1801.25.

If course is in Aberdeen then the average cost of accommodation/evening meal is

£5500.00.

## What is the retention rate of male/female firearms officers? How many were trained in the past 3 years, and by year, provide a percentage of how many now remain with active AFO status.

In the past 3 years Police Scotland have trained 209 Police Officers.

37 of these officers failed the course (18% failure rate).  A total of 172 officers passed and became authorised Firearms Officers .

In the last 3 years Police Scotland have lost 11 Firearm Officers, therefore 93% of Officer’s trained still have an active AFO status.

2021 5 males and 2 females

2022 4 males

2023 0 Police Officers

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 or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

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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.