



## ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS

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Dear Mr Maughan

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000030/12**

Thank you for your request for information regarding Armed Police Officers which has now been considered.

**Applicant Question:**

- 1) How many police officers are routinely armed with a gun in the UK?
- 2) How many police officers are routinely armed with the tasor in the UK.
- 3) Regarding questions 1 and 2, could you also give each number as a percentage compared to the total number of police officers. (eg, 10% of officers carry the tasor).

**ACPO Response:**

ACPO do not hold the information captured by your request. This is because ACPO do not centrally record this information.

The Home Office publish the annual statistics on the number of Authorised Firearms Officers. Each force has a requirement to provide this information to the Home Office and a request to each individual force and/or the Home Office may be a consideration for you.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker**

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