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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 10 November 2022. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

1. Do you use drone technology?

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold the information requested, except where otherwise noted. We currently use drone technology however, we don't currently have our own drones, we have utilised drones from the Police and other Fire and Rescue Services.

You asked:

2. How many drones do you have at your disposal?

Our answer:

None of our own. While we can request drones from other organisations we do not hold (per section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000) the number of drones owned by other agencies.

You asked:

3. Do you share the drones with other agencies?

Our answer:

No as we don't have any of our own, we do use drones from other agencies.

You asked:

4. If you share the drones with other agencies, which agency takes priority in the event of a multi-agency incident where there is a conflict of use.

Our answer:

We don't share drone assets with other agencies, those used from other agencies would be responsible for the prioritisation of their resources.

You asked:

5. What capital expenditure has been utilised on drone technology between 2017 – 2022?

Our answer:

None.

You asked:

6. What is the annual revenue expenditure associated with maintaining your drone capability?

Our answer:

None, we don't have any of our own drones and so no associated costs.

You asked:

7. What arrangements do you have in place for crewing/operating the drones?

Our answer:

We don't operate our own drones so have nothing in place for crewing/operating.

You asked:

8. Please provide operational statistics detailing the number of times the drone/s have been deployed between 2017 – 2022

Our answer:

We have utilised drones in Hampshire on 10 occasions between 2017 and 2022.

You asked:

9. Please provide operational statistics detailing the types of deployment i.e., what was the drone used for.

Our answer:

The drone was used to provide aerial images at large retail, commercial, industrial and domestic fires, fires in the open and wide area searching including roof checks and scene assessments.

You asked:

10. Do you have a documented policy on Drone provision and use (please supply a copy)

Our answer:

No policy currently exists on drone provision (per Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000) although they can be requested at incidents if deemed to be necessary. Any such policy would fall under the drone providers responsibility.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or by writing to the Information Compliance Team at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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