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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

What does Police Scotland define as a 'Road Traffic Collision' and a 'Road Traffic Matter' for the purpose of recording information on its database?

In response to your question, I can provide the following information with regard to road traffic collision/matter recorded on our incident recording system, STORM.

For context, the definitions provided are taken from the National Standard of Incident Recording. This guidance aims to ensure that all incidents, whether crime or non-crime, are recorded in a consistent and auditable manner. To support this, a number of standard incident types are available with associated definitions to support STORM users in selecting the most appropriate one.

CATEGORY:	Transport
CODE:	TR-41 Road Traffic Collision
DEFINITION:	<p><u>Reportable Road Traffic Collision</u></p> <p>Owing to the presence of a motor vehicle on a road, an accident occurs by which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) personal injury is caused to a person other than the driver of that motor vehicle, or b) damage is caused— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. to a vehicle other than that motor vehicle or a trailer drawn by that motor vehicle, or ii. to an animal other than an animal in or on that motor vehicle or a trailer drawn by that motor vehicle (horse, cattle, ass, mule, sheep, pig, goat or dog), or iii. to any other property constructed on, fixed to, growing in or otherwise forming part of the land on which the road in question is situated or land adjacent to such land. <p>ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 - Section 170</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above legislation, where there is No Injury involved in a Road Traffic Collision the requirements of the Act can be met by the mutual exchange of information between parties involved and without a formal report to the Police.</p> <p>In the case where the details exchanged at the time of an incident are subsequently proven to be false, this should be recorded as a Road Traffic Offence.</p>

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CATEGORY:	Transport
CODE:	TR-43 Road Traffic Matter
DEFINITION:	<p>This code is designed to include all occurrences other than Road Traffic Collisions that occur on a road that impact or has the potential to impact on other road users. These occurrences are by their nature likely in the main to be minor in nature and will include many generalised complaints received from members of the public and other agencies.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this code will produce a large number of records and Disposal Codes will provide definitive statistics.</p>

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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