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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## May I request a copy of the Armed Police Training SOP

Please find attached a copy of the Armed Police Training SOP.

This document has been subject to very minimal redaction, and I am refusing to provide that content in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

* Section 33(1)(b) - Commercial Interests

Information is a specific part of a contract between Police Scotland and a service provider

* Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law enforcement

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

Public safety is of paramount importance and disclosure of this information would allow criminals the ability to assess the capability of Police Scotland. Disclosure would enable criminals to build a picture of resources and capabilities regarding armed policing, compromising the effective delivery of operational law enforcement.

* Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment

Any negative impact on the law enforcement capabilities of Police Scotland has a parallel impact on our ability to keep officers and the general public safe from harm.

Whilst we accept that disclosure would better inform the public as to how Police Scotland use armed officers and related tactical options, disclosure would clearly impact the ability of Police Scotland to enforce the law and keep people safe from harm.

Disclosure cannot, therefore, be in the public interest.

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.