| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2863  Responded to: 11 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Could you provide details on the following over the past three years (from November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2024):

## How many RTAs have been reported on the A78 in Largs between Skelmorlie and Fairlie - can you provide details of each incident, and details of any injuries […]

First of all, I would advise you that a reportable collision is defined at [section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/52/section/170) and describes the legal responsibility on those drivers involved to report the matter to the police. Where those involved exchange personal details, there is no legal requirement to report a collision to the police, and this applies particularly to non-injury collisions.

As such, there may have been other collisions at the location specified in your request, which were not reported to Police Scotland, or which were reported, but did not require a collision report to be created. Any such incidents will therefore not be included within the data.

For the period 1 November 2021 to 1 November 2024 (inclusive) there was one recorded Road Traffic Collision (RTC) on the A78 in Largs between Skelmorlie and Fairlie. The RTC severity was serious, and one casualty sustained serious injuries. The date of the RTC was 9 April 2023.

## Could you provide the same detail please for the A760 between Largs and Kilbirnie?

For the period 1 November 2021 to 1 November 2024 (inclusive) there were 23 recorded RTCs on the A760 between Largs and Kilbirnie.

For a breakdown of these per collision severity and injury type, please see table 1 below.

Table 1

| **RTC date** | **RTC severity** | **No. of casualties** | **Injuries sustained - Slight** | **Injuries sustained - Serious** | **Injuries sustained - Fatal** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 30/03/2022 | Slight | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 06/07/2022 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 10/08/2022 | Fatal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 03/09/2022 | Slight | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 13/09/2022 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 09/10/2022 | Slight | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 15/10/2022 | Slight | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 17/10/2022 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 06/11/2022 | Fatal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 27/11/2022 | Serious | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 10/01/2023 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 22/02/2023 | Serious | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 15/04/2023 | Serious | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 09/04/2023 | Slight | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 13/05/2023 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 05/07/2023 | Serious | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 21/07/2023 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 22/07/2023 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 25/08/2023 | Slight | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 17/05/2023 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 12/05/2024 | Slight | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/07/2024 | Serious | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 15/10/2024 | Fatal | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

## Could you provide the same detail please for the A78 between West Kilbride and Ardrossan?

For the period 1 November 2021 to 1 November 2024 (inclusive) there were 10 recorded RTCs on the A78 between West Kilbride and Ardrossan

For a breakdown of these per collision severity and injury type, please see table 2 below.

Table 2

| **RTC date** | **RTC severity** | **No. of casualties** | **Injuries sustained - Slight** | **Injuries sustained - Serious** | **Injuries sustained - Fatal** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 19/02/2022 | Serious | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | |
| 11/08/2022 | Fatal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 29/10/2022 | Slight | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 23/04/2022 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 10/08/2023 | Slight | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 02/10/2023 | Serious | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 04/01/2023 | Slight | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 03/06/2023 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 23/06/2023 | Serious | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 19/10/2023 | Serious | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 05/12/2024  
Data excludes non-injury collisions as per standard operating procedure.  
Specified areas have been selected using the Ordnance Survey National Geographic Database (OS NGD).  
A 20 metre buffer was placed on the selected area(s) to return relevant records  
On 3 July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across all Divisions within Police Scotland, replacing the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.  
Data is subject to change and will be updated on the next extract of data from CRaSH on 3 January 2025.

## […] arrests/ charges please over the course?

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request.

I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, information about any related criminality is not held within the RTC recording system and to research your request it would therefore be necessary to cross refer the details of all parties linked to the RTCs listed above with information held on our crime recording system.

## How many speeding offences have been recorded in the town of Largs, and on the A78 and A760 as above over the same time period? Please break this down into dates of each offence, and provide detail if possible on the speeds recorded, where specifically they happened, and the number of fines handed out or charges brought.

In relation to camera detected speeding, the West Safety Camera Unit has one site in the area, which is the A78 Main Road, Fairlie, within which Police Scotland have enforced at 3 locations. Corresponding data is included at Table 3 at the end of this response

Regarding the recorded speeds for each offence, the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

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

Disclosure would prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders by highlighting the speed threshold at which the cameras are triggered.

**Section 39(1) - Health, Safety and the Environment**

Disclosure would endanger the physical health or safety of an individual by encouraging drivers to commit offences, thereby endangering other road users and pedestrians and rendering speed enforcement ineffective as a road safety measure.

**Public Interest Test**

It could be argued that public awareness and accountability would favour disclosure. That said, the application of the exemptions listed above, the efficient/ effective conduct of Police Scotland and overall public safety favour non-disclosure of the information.

On balance it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption carries more weight on this occasion.

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

Table 3

| **Date** | **Location** | **COFPN Issued** | **COFPN Paid** | **Report to PF** | **NFA** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 13/11/2021 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes |  |  | Yes |
| 14/11/2021 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 14/11/2021 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 29/11/2021 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 08/12/2021 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue |  |  | Yes |  |
| 13/01/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 17/02/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes |  |  | Yes |
| 31/03/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 28/04/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 28/04/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 28/04/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 28/04/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 28/04/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 04/11/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 04/11/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 04/11/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 04/11/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 16/11/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 16/11/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 24/11/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 24/11/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 03/12/2022 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 03/12/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 03/12/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 03/12/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 03/12/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 09/12/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 09/12/2022 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near Kelburn Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 20/02/2023 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 20/02/2023 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 20/02/2023 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 11/06/2023 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 07/09/2023 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 07/09/2023 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  | Yes |  |
| 06/02/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 21/02/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae |  |  |  | Yes |
| 24/04/2024 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 24/04/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae | Yes |  |  | Yes |
| 24/04/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae | Yes |  |  | Yes |
| 23/05/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae | Yes |  |  | Yes |
| 04/07/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae |  |  |  | Yes |
| 14/07/2024 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 14/07/2024 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 14/07/2024 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue |  |  |  | Yes |
| 12/08/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae |  |  |  | Yes |
| 12/08/2024 | A78 Main Road, Fairlie, near School Brae |  |  |  | Yes |
| 02/09/2024 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| 02/09/2024 | A78 Irvine Road, Fairlie, near Montgomerie Avenue | Yes | Yes |  |  |

Please note that this data is taken from a live system which is subject to change and correct as of 13/11/2024.