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Tēnā koe Sarah

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 28 March 2024, in which you asked for the following information:

- 1. Please advise how many sworn police officers were deployed to guard the rainbow crossing in Gisborne on 26 March, 27 March and 28 March.*
- 2. Please also provide the number of other calls for Police assistance in the Tairāwhiti Area during the times that officers were deployed to guard the rainbow crossing, noting:*
 - the police code(s) and priority ranking given to for each call/event*
 - the length of time that it took for officers to respond in person to each of those calls/events (i.e., the length of time it took for an officer to be recorded as 10-7)*
 - the number of officers/units that responded to each of those calls/events.*
 - the first result code that was applied to each of those calls/events and how long after the initial call was received it took for that result code to be applied*

The information provided below uses data from the Police Communication and Deployment (CAD) system - a log we retain on our Realtime Intelligence for Operational Deployment (RIOD) system - and some narrative from the Acting Area Commander for Tairāwhiti.

When Police communication centres receive a request for service, an event is entered in the CAD system. Events may come via many sources, not just phone, and may include officer-discovered events.

Police officers were deployed to the crossing on 27 March to prevent a repetition of the vandalism of the crossing which occurred on 25 March. The event in question was opened at 15:42:55 on 27/03/2024 and closed at 19:44:28 on 27/03/2024. Between these times, Police recorded 33 other events in Tairāwhiti area^[1]. This excludes those events

^[1] <https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/about-us/structure/districts/eastern-map-800.jpg>

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that are police-generated (such as traffic stops). The attached table lists those events with the details you requested.

A manual enquiry has identified that the total number of police officers in the units attending the event was 15.

Policing by its very nature requires constant prioritisation of resources to respond to emergency demand. Police will always prioritise and attend the jobs where peoples' lives, or safety are in danger.

Data in this response is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

The Police RIOD system recorded the following notes:

Mass Disorder Gladstone Road -

Police received information that members of the Destiny Church were threatening to re paint over the rainbow crossing. At approximately 4 PM, they arrived at the rainbow crossing, blocked off the road and jumped out of their vehicles with spray paint. Members of the rainbow community were also present. 6 K9's

I trust this information is of use to you. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Nāku nōa, nā



Andrew Fabish
Inspector
Acting Director Deployment

Table 1. CAD events in Tairāwhiti between 27/03/2024 15:42:55 and 27/03/2024 19:44:28.

Acceptance DateTime	Scene Station	Acceptance Priority	Closure Type Description	Attendance	Response Time (initial acceptance to first arrival)	Units	Attendance Time (first arrival to closure)	Result Code
27/03/2024 15:43:19	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Trespass	Attended	3 min 36 sec	1	1 hr 55 min	Offence recorded (K6)
27/03/2024 15:49:11	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 15:53:20	GISBORNE	Priority 7	Public Relations	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 15:53:55	GISBORNE	Priority 1	Alarm	Attended	4 min 55 sec	1	0 min 37 sec	Police attendance sufficient (K1)
27/03/2024 15:54:59	WAIROA	Priority 2	Car/Person Acting Suspiciously	Attended	0 min 0 sec	1	5 hr 8 min	Police attendance sufficient (K1)
27/03/2024 16:07:49	TE KARAKA	Priority 2	Serious Assaults	Not Attended				

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27/03/2024 16:17:14	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Civil Dispute	Attended	2 hr 30 min	2	15 min 5 sec	Police attendance sufficient (K1)
27/03/2024 16:22:50	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Public Relations	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 16:32:14	NUHAKA	Priority 2	Trespass	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 16:44:23	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 16:46:49	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Public Relations	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:04:25	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:13:21	WAIROA	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:16:54	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:20:58	WAIROA	Priority 7	Public Relations	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:35:34	RUATORIA	Priority 3	Information	Not Attended				

27/03/2024 17:46:52	RUATORIA	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:47:12	WAIROA	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:53:09	WAIROA	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 17:54:04	WAIROA	Priority 2	Public Relations	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 18:00:27	GISBORNE	Priority 7	Theft Ex Shop	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 18:10:00	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Traffic Offending	Attended	0 min 0 sec	1	2 min 32 sec	Police attendance sufficient (K1)
27/03/2024 18:16:11	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Unauthorised Street And Drag Racing	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 18:18:01	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Mental Health	Attended	13 min 20 sec	1	8 min 41 sec	Police attendance sufficient (K1)
27/03/2024 18:19:23	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				

27/03/2024 18:22:16	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Traffic Offending	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 18:26:00	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Unauthorised Street And Drag Racing	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 18:29:26	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 18:39:19	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Traffic Offending	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 18:51:23	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 19:14:13	GISBORNE	Priority 2	No Speech Emergency Call	Attended	34 min 1 sec	1	5 min 15 sec	Police attendance sufficient (K1)
27/03/2024 19:33:57	GISBORNE	Priority 2	Information	Not Attended				
27/03/2024 19:43:08	WAIROA	Priority 2	Disorder	Attended	9 min 53 sec	4	1 hr 10 min	Arrest (K9)