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Tēnā koe Sam

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 27 February 2025.

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

1. *I would like to obtain an overall incident report for the Mangawhai/Northland Natural Disaster Response on 26/1/25*

The local council own and lead the disaster response in such incidents. The role Police play can vary depending on the seriousness of the event, immediate emergency response required and the capability of the council lead response team.

In this case the council did an excellent job in rolling out their response and Police although involved in the emergency response and preservation of life, were very much about maintaining law and order, ensuring the security of the damaged and therefore vulnerable homes, restricting access to some areas, supporting, and enabling all the contractors engaged by the council and trust and confidence building by having a highly visible presence.

Kaipara District Council led the response to this natural disaster and would hold the report you seek, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as Police do not hold this report.

We have formally transferred this part of your request to Kaipara District Council.

2. *I would also like to request the police units/callsigns (both Northland and Auckland Waitemata units) that responded to the overall incident (names and personal info of responders can however be redacted)*

The following callsigns for the Northland and Auckland/Waitemata units that responded to the overall incident are:

REA, REN, RES, OWI, VWI,VWO, VWS, WJR1 – 6, WJS, GWR, GWR2, KEN, WJY

3. *And what roles police played in the incident?*

Please refer to my response to Question 1.

4. *Any protocols and procedures in the event of natural disasters that New Zealand Police have to follow.*

Please use the following link to access Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) document, which describes policy and protocol for agencies regarding a natural disaster response:

<https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/documents/cims/CIMS-3rd-edition-FINAL-Aug-2019.pdf>

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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