

Date: Thu 18 May 2017 **Reference Number:** 20170761 **FOI Category:** Incidents

Title: Drone Incidents

Request Date: Thursday, 20 April, 2017

Response Date: Thursday, 18 May, 2017

Request Details:

Please can you supply the following information relating to DRONE/ DRONES 1. In the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 how many drone related incidents have been reported to South Yorkshire Police, with if possible a breakdown of the nature of the incident, the action taken, and the month it occurred in. 2. For each of the years 2015 and 2016, and in the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 whether South Yorkshire Police has brought any prosecutions relating to drone incidents.

SYP Response:

I approached the administrator for South Yorkshire Police's Incident Management System and Crime Management System (CMS) for assistance with your request.

Question 1

Our Incident Management System records the majority of matters requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. As there is no generic incident title that meets the criteria of your request, our administrator has searched for incidents, where the keyword 'drone' is mentioned within the incident log, for the time period specified.

They supplied data from which the information on the Incident Tab on the spreadsheet was compiled.

Question 2

Our Crime Management System (CMS) is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

Our Administrator provided me with the enclosed data shown on the Count and Outcomes Tab and the following explanation of her search criteria:

I have provided a count of offences where the word 'DRONE' appears in the Circumstances of Offence Text of CMS. This is a free text field in CMS and 27 offences were identified

I have broken the data down by month/year, Home Office class and Outcome of offence for the period 01-Jan-2015 and 31-Mar-2017

It is important when responding to this particular request that we differentiate between an 'incident' and a 'crime'. For example, a member of the public may well call with details of a matter which they feel we should be aware of, this may firstly be recorded as an incident and only after further investigation does it result in a recorded 'crime'. Not all incidents will therefore result in a recorded crime.

Incidents

Date 201	Title	Title	Incident Detail	Action
January	Suspicious Circumstances		Report of a Drone being flown in a park, concern someone is taking photos of houses.	Details circulated to officers in the area
January	Suspicious Circumstances		Report of drone being offered for sale.	Officers attended and advice and reassurance given to caller
January	Suspicious Circumstances		Report of a Drone hovering in the sky.	Details circulated to officers in the area
January	Planned Events	Pre Planned Event	Caller advising SYP Drones to be used in TV filming	Details to be circulated to officers in the area and communications on the day
January	Public Safety	Concern	Use of a drone called in anonymously	Appropriate officers informed
January	Planned Events	Pre Planned Event	Caller is advising SYP of Drones being used for aerial survey	Details to be circulated to officers in the area and communications on the day
January	Suspicious Circumstances		Report of Drone taking photographs	Officers informed and advice and reassurance given to caller
January	Suspicious Circumstances		Report of a Drone being flown in a park concern by local business.	Officers attended drone flyer spoken to
January	Highway Disruption		Drone landed on a road.	Officers attended
January	Suspicious Circumstances		Report advising Drone in the area	Incident created
January	Lost/Found Property		Drone landed on a roof and found by member of the public	Caller took it to a police station.
February	Anti Social Behaviour	Nuisance	Regular flying of a Drone over callers property, allegedly filming	Caller to recontact with further information.
February	Suspicious Circumstances		Caller reporting local residents using a Drone in suspicious way	Officers attended the area and further enquiries made.
February	Public Safety		Caller concerned about the use of Drone in nearby area.	Enquiries/checks made in the area by officers
February	Public Safety		Caller reporting illegal Drone flying without license.	Officers to recontact the caller to discuss
February	Suspicious Circumstances		Reports of 2 x Drones hovering over a residential property	Details circulated to officers in the area and caller recontacted.
February	Public Safety		Reports of a Drone in the area	Unknown
February	Public Safety		Caller is advising SYP of Drones being used for survey	Details to be circulated to officers in the area and communications on the day
March	Public Safety	Suspicious Circumstances	Caller reporting lights seen in the sky not sure if they are Drones	Details circulated to officers in the area
March	Suspicious Circumstances	Suspicious Circumstances	Caller reporting seeing Drones over the property regularly.	Details passed to officers
March	Public Safety	Suspicious Circumstances	Report of a Drone monitoring the caller and local houses	Information logged
March	Planned Events	Pre Planned Event	Caller is advising SYP of Drones being used in the area.	Details to be circulated to officers in the area and communications on the day
March	Public Safety	Suspicious Circumstances	Report of Drone flying near houses and may be taking photographs. Regular occurrence.	Details passed to officers
March	Public Safety	Suspicious Circumstances	Report of illegal use of Drones by a company	Details passed to officers and contact made to caller.
March	Public Safety	Concern	Report of a Drone hovering over his garden.	Caller told Drone flying rules
March	Public Safety	Suspicious Circumstances	Report of a Drone flying into gardens and taking footage	Incident recorded
March	Public Safety	Suspicious Circumstances	Report of Drone flying nearby.	Officers to attend.
March	Public Safety	Suspicious Circumstances	Report of Drone flying over a school	Details circulated to officers and passing attention made
Incidents that are Drone related - 28				

Count and outcomes on CMS

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE				
COUNT OF OFFENCES RECORDED ON CMS WHERE THE WORD 'DRONE' APPEARS IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OFFENCE TEXT				
BROKEN DOWN BY Home Office CLASS AND OUTCOME OF OFFENCE				
STATISTICS DATE BETWEEN 01-JAN-2015 AND 31-MAR-2017				
OUTCOME	2015	2016	2017	Total
A - CHARGED	1	0	0	1
CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED	0	1	1	2
NAMED SUSPECT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES - (POLICE DECISION)	0	3	1	4
NO SUSPECT IDENTIFIED - INVESTIGATION COMPLETE	3	11	2	16
RESTORATIVE DISPOSAL/COMMUNITY RESOLUTION ADULT (18 & OVER)	0	0	1	1
RESTORATIVE DISPOSAL/COMMUNITY RESOLUTION YOUTH (10 TO 17)	0	1	0	1
SIMPLE CAUTION FOR OFFENCE RECORDED	0	1	0	1
SUMMONS FOR OFFENCE RECORDED	0	0	1	1
Total	4	17	6	27
Home Office Class	2015	2016	2017	Total
January				
SHOPLIFTING	0	0	2	2
THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING OF MOTOR VEHICLE	0	1	0	1
February				
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	0	1	0	1
March				
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO OTHER BUILDINGS	0	0	1	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	0	0	1	1
SHOPLIFTING	0	1	2	3
April				
	0	0	0	0
May				
OTHER THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING	1	0	0	1
SHOPLIFTING	1	2	0	3
June				
SHOPLIFTING	0	1	0	1
July				
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS	1	0	0	1
SHOPLIFTING	0	1	0	1
August				
SHOPLIFTING	0	1	0	1
September				
	0	0	0	0
October				
SHOPLIFTING	0	2	0	2
November				
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	0	1	0	1
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	0	2	0	2
SHOPLIFTING	1	2	0	3
December				
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	0	1	0	1
OTHER NOTIFIABLE OFFENCE	0	1	0	1
Grand Total	4	17	6	27