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<p>I would like to find out about insurance cover for firefighters, and am contacting all the fire services in the UK to ask the same questions.</p> <p>I'd like to ask if your firefighters are covered by the force's insurance in the event of injury or death while attending a terrorist attack – i.e. will they or their family receive compensation? If not generally available to all firefighters, do you have specialist MTFA teams and do they have this insurance?</p> <p>Also – in the event of injury while attending an MTFA, meaning they are no longer able to work, would your firefighters or specialist teams receive a full pension?</p> <p>Your request for information has now been considered, however I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.</p> <p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.</p> <p>It is considered that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it, and the following exemption applies:</p> <p>Section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides a qualified exemption for release of information if its disclosure would prejudice National security.</p> <p>As a major emergency service provider we must ensure that the information we hold in relation to National Resilience is appropriately protected. The release of this information has wider implications and if disclosed it may prejudice our ability to maintain our own security and national security. Given the current security climate in the UK we need to take a precautionary approach.</p> <p>In providing this response, we have considered that if this information was disclosed, and subsequently put together with other available information it could potentially cause damage.</p> <p>We have also considered the guidance from the Centre for Protecting the National Infrastructure on the disclosure of sensitive information which states that “National security is paramount and should be considered carefully in any decision to release or disseminate information to the public”</p> <p>Please note that this response cannot be taken as confirmation, or otherwise, that this</p>			

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Right to Appeal

If you are unhappy with this response, you do have the right to appeal against the decision. If this is the case, then you should submit your request in writing to - Information Management, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Forest View Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun CF72 8LX, or by email dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk , quoting Reference 196_1718.