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Our ref: 039_1920

Dyddiad/Date: 03/06/2019

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: **039_1920** has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

What procedures are in place to deal with drivers who legitimately are recorded breaking speed limits when answering emergency calls.

Whenever a notification of a vehicle breaking the speed limit is received within the Service, emergency call records are checked to see if the vehicle was responding to an incident. If it is identified that the vehicle was responding to an emergency then an exemption is applied for.

Despite our exemptions in law, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service recognises its responsibilities as an emergency responder and the risk posed to other road users when responding to incidents. Therefore we have clear policy in place stating that the maximum speed that our vehicles can respond at is 90mph and that if vehicles are deemed to be driving at an excessive speed, internal disciplinary action will be taken.

All South Wales Fire & Rescue response drivers undertake an intensive emergency 5 day driving course and are required to re-qualify every 3 years

Similarly, the procedures when drivers either accidentally or otherwise exceed speed limits when off or on duty (eg is there a duty to report such an incident)

When any South Wales Fire and Rescue vehicle is identified as speeding that is not responding to an incident. The driver of the vehicle is fully liable for any fine, penalty points and/or conviction. No exemptions apply in this situation. The driver may also be liable to internal disciplinary procedures.

Lastly, any available data relating to the above. [Please see attached spreadsheet.](#)

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

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If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are dissatisfied with the way that your information request has been handled, you can request an internal review by writing to:

Information Governance and Compliance Manager
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Forest View Business Park
Llantrisant
CF72 8LX

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office-Wales,
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff,
CF10 2HH.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

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