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Please ask for:** Information Governance  
and Compliance  
**Tel:** 01443232000  
**E-bost/E-mail:** DataProtection@southwales-fire.gov.uk  
**Our ref:** IG000684  
**Dyddiad/Date:** 04.01.2021

## RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: IG000684 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

Please can you confirm if any of your employee's or volunteers hold primary or secondary employment with a police force in any capacity. If so, can you confirm how many employees fall into this criteria and in what capacity they are employed by your service, and the police force

The reason for my request is because I work for a fire & rescue service, and am looking into whether or not I am eligible to become a Special Constable within the police, as I am not a frontline firefighter in my primary role.

There is some confusion with my employer around The Fire and Rescue Services Act which states:

*(1) No member of a police force may be employed by a fire and rescue authority or a relevant chief constable for the purpose of—*

*(a) extinguishing fires, or*

*(b) protecting life and property in the event of fires.*

*(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the exercise of functions under section 7 (fire-fighting) by—*

*(a) a relevant chief constable, or*

*(b) a deputy chief constable to whom such functions have been delegated by a relevant chief constable.*

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*(3) In this section “relevant chief constable” means the chief constable of a police force for a police area to whom [F2—*

*(a)] functions of a fire and rescue authority have been delegated under an order under section 4H][F3, or*

*(b)] functions of a fire and rescue authority which are exercisable by the mayor of a combined authority have been delegated under an order under section 107EA(2) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.]*

Our response:

There are no employees within the Service who currently have other employment with a Police Force. We have had an employee in a support role employed as a Special Constable. Records are not kept of the employment of volunteers.

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at [Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk](mailto: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 emailing [Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk)

### **UPDATE COVID-19: Information Requests**

We are kindly asking that any data protection correspondence come to Information Governance & Compliance via email, as due to Government advice many of our support staff are working flexibly and we may not be in receipt of physical post as normal. SWFRS anticipates that it may take us longer than 20 working days to complete Freedom of Information Requests and Subject Access Requests. The Information Commissioner recognises that there might be delays as our services and resources may be being utilised in slightly different ways, under the current unprecedented circumstances. At current, we are no longer accepting physical postal cheques, however we can accept BACs payments for items that carry a fee (such as IRS Reports and Interviews, where appropriate following standard procedure and charges).

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

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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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