



## Access to Public Information Request

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#### Request for information:

I'd like to make an access to information request on statistics regarding the emergency services time taken up for RTC's over the last 5 years.

Are there figures on how many RTC's have needed to be responded to by each emergency services over the last 5 years?

How many of each emergency services staff needed to respond to each RTC and for how long?

Are road locations recorded for each RTC? If so, could you list over the last 5 years please.

Can we work out how much speeding and poor driving is costing the tax payer just through the resources needed to respond to the RTC's?

Could the above questions also be asked of just this year so far as well please.

#### Response:

The below information only applies to Guernsey Police and the Guernsey Fire & Rescue Service. St John Emergency Ambulance Service is not part of the States of Guernsey and therefore they would need to be contacted separately for this information.

The Guernsey Fire & Rescue Service attended\* the below number of RTCs in each year:

2015	105
2016	79
2017	52

2018	99
2019	103
2020	91
2021 (year to date)	118

\*These GFRS figures only reflect incidents where they are called as first responders – the team also attend a number of incidents after the fact to help clear up and make the road safe (by removing debris and treating road surfaces). These incidents do not always result from an RTC, and therefore cannot be included.

Guernsey Police’s attendance figures for RTCs can be found in the organisation’s annual report for each of those years. These can be found here: [Annual Reports - Guernsey Police](#)

The below figures reflect the number of RTCs attended in 2020 and the year 2021 to date.

2020	310
2021 (year to date)	337

The number of officers attending an RTC from GFRS and from Guernsey Police varies on a case by case basis. Sometimes a single officer can resolve an incident, other times additional resources are needed. JESCC would assess the severity of the RTC, and then an assessment is made regarding how many resources are needed.

Providing road-based statistics for RTCs would be extremely difficult. While it would be possible to identify how many RTCs took place on a specific road, responding to this question would require the data to be worked out for every road on the island.

Dealing with RTCs is part of the day to day work that Guernsey Police and the Guernsey Fire & Rescue Service undertake to keep the community safe. It therefore does not have an additional cost and is part of the overall regular spend of the organisations. With regard to the resources required to respond to each incident as above, this varies on a case by case basis.

Sometimes GFRS are required to bring specialised equipment to help remove an occupant from a vehicle, recovery vehicles are needed, and work is needed to the road after the incident. Other times, Guernsey Police only need to attend to take statements from those involved.