

INFORMATION COMPILED FROM REPORTS OF CHIEF CONSTABLES 1980

FORCE	WAR DUTIES/'HOME DEFENCE'	SPECIAL BRANCH (Training) (Mention)	FIRE-ARMS TRAINING
Central	8 officers on courses	Nil	10% of force trained
Dumfries & Galloway (308)	3 Inspectors, 2 Constables to course (E); 1 Insp., 1 Sgt., 1 Const. & ALL probationers given training. 1 Const. on Air Observation Course*	1 Insp.(E): 2 Sgts., 1 Const.(E): 4 Consts. to Port Training Course, London. (Insp. 2 Sgts. 15 Consts. at Stranraer Port Unit).	'Regular'
Grampian	1 Super.,(E); 2 Sgts., 1 Const. giving training to officers. 1 Sgt. Air Obs. Course*	2 officers to detective training in London ** Nil	7% of force in regular training
Lothian & Borders	9 Sen. officers; 5 Sgts. and 181 Probationers given training. 6 Sgts. to Air Obs. training.	Yes (no details)	No mention.
Northern Course	1 Super., 1 Ch. Insp., 1 Insp. to courses (E). 1 Sgt., 1 Const. on Air Obs. Course	2 Sgts., 3 Consts. allocated from CID. 1 Insp., 2 Sgts., 6 Consts. on training courses.	1 Sgt. on instructors course. 1 Insp., 2 Sgts., 35 Consts (initial), 2 Ch. Insp., 1 Insp., 47 Sgts., 88 Const (refresher)
Strathclyde **	Only warning and monitoring installations mentioned - 8 new, 12 re-sited.	Yes (in command table only)	No mention
Tayside	No mention	Yes (in command table only)	
Chief Insp. of Constabulary (Scotland) 1979	Courses: 1 Ass. Ch. Const., 1 Dep. Ch. Const., 9 Ch. Supers., 9 Supers., 6 Ch. Insp., 62 Insp., 272 Sgts & Consts., 412 Probationers. Air Obs: 17 Sgts., 1 Const.	"Still less than 1% of establishment"	

(E) indicates course in England.

\*\* Detective training is normally carried out at a special college in Ayr.

Notes:

- (1) The target figure for fire-arms training appears to have been set at 10% of each force throughout Britain.
- (2) The present system of sending senior Scottish officers to Easingwold and other defence establishments in England appears to have begun in 1967 when civil defence was placed on a 'care and maintenance' basis. The Police Home Defence Manual published in 1974 outlined the special role of the Police Support Units in a nuclear alert, but said that no special training would be given for this. It seems highly unlikely that recent changes in orientation have not been profound.
- (3) There have been several reports of police complaints about the number of officers injured in the course of riot training in Strathclyde.