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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail dated 13 October in which you requested the following information:

How many servicemen in the UK have died or been injured in training exercises over the past ten years. A yearly breakdown would be useful.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm all the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found enclosed below at Annexes A and B.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>. I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat

UK Armed Forces deaths whilst on training or exercise, 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2013.

Year	Number of deaths
2004	15
2005	11
2006	4
2007	8
2008	8
2009	4
2010	6
2011	5
2012	5
2013	6
Total	72

1. Figures are for **all causes of death**; Natural causes, accidents, coroner confirmed suicide or open verdict deaths, assaults and cause not known.
2. Please note, whilst Defence Statistics receive the duty status of personnel who have died, it is not always possible to identify whether a death occurred whilst training or on exercise. Therefore the figures presented here represent the minimum.
3. Figures are for tri-Service regular and reservist personnel.

UK Armed Forces injuries whilst on training or exercise, 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2014.

Year	Number of injuries
2004	335
2005	330
2006	1,195
2007	855
2008	1,495
2009	1,780
2010	2,705
2011	2,530
2012	2,170
2013	1,995
Total	15,390

1. Figures are for all injuries; major, serious and minor as reported on health and safety systems.
2. Please note, the numbers pre-2007 have been calculated using a free text search. Therefore the figures presented here are a minimum.
3. In 2007 there was a change in the MOD health and safety reporting system. This resulted in 5 months where there was no centralised system and locally held information had to be provided direct to Defence Statistics (Health). This explains the drop in the number of training or exercise injuries in 2007.
4. Figures are for tri-Service regular and reservist personnel.
5. In line with Defence Statistics' rounding policy, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five and figures fewer than five have been suppressed and marked -. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and thus totals may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.