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Tēnā koe Nighthawk 8291

Thank you for your original request of 1 March 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. I would like a transcript and copy of all communications between Trevor Booth ( fire force controller) and members of the voluntary Wakari brigade between starting his role as fire force controller up until the present time*
- 2. I would also like a disclosure on the number of disciplinary incidents he has be involved with in his time as fire force controller in comparison with previous fire force controllers*

We wrote to you on 21 March 2023 to seek refinement of your request. Thank you for confirming that you are requesting the following information:

- I would like to refine my request further, to correspondence between March 2024 and January 2022. Communications relating to training attendance and operational requirements.*

In response to question one of your request, please find attached, as **Appendix 1** to this response, copies of correspondence between Trevor Booth and members of the Wakari Volunteer Fire Brigade between January 2022 and March 2024, regarding training attendance and operational requirements.

Some information has been withheld from Appendix 1 pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons. In making this decision, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA

In response to question two of your request, we can advise that Fire and Emergency has no records of Trevor Booth or the previous Rural Controller being involved in disciplinary incidents.

For this reason, this portion of your request is being refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

We trust that the information being provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email [officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz](mailto:officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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