

Duties and Responsibilities

2. Around the time of Rosemary Nelson's murder my day to day operational duties would have typically included providing security to the base, patrolling around Portadown or Banbridge and acting as a member of the Quick Reaction Force (QRF). My working week would generally follow the same pattern, such that on the Monday morning I would start at about 7am and be on duty until 9am on Tuesday morning. I would have the rest of the Tuesday off, but be back in work again from 4am on Wednesday (which would usually involve patrolling). I would work until approximately 9pm on Wednesday and then would be on duty as part of the QRF during Thursday and so on. Typically I would be on duty for 18-27 hour shifts, followed by 12 hours of rest. The shift pattern would change every three weeks though.
3. My tasks for the day would be given to me in the morning by a Commander in the Operations Room. Tasks would include responding to any QRF incident, bomb hoax or any other more regular tasks that were needed that day, such as vehicle check points, base security and patrolling. All my directions would come from the Operations Room and, depending on the type of task, I would for example make maps of where it was appropriate to station vehicle check points (given the area that had been allocated to me). Once I had made these maps I would provide them to Operations personnel so that they could put them on the system to record where we would be stationed that day. Tasks given to me at the start of the day would be reactionary in nature generally, to incidents or requirements that had arisen over the last 24 hours. The planning that I did at the start of the day would cover the 24 hours to come. If my tasks for the day included providing security to the base, then I would be available for any QRF operations required that day, including responding to bomb alerts, for example.