

Police Report 2015

Belfast Harbour



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Foreword

It is my pleasure to present the Belfast Harbour Police Annual Report for 2015.

2015 was a particularly busy year for policing due to the opening of City Quays, cruise ship passenger numbers and a significant number of large public events such as the Tall Ships, Grand Fondo cycling, the BBC Proms, International Boxing and BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

Given the resulting increases in visitors and traffic numbers, it is pleasing to note that the 2015 Harbour road safety statistics show a slight improvement from 2014 while crime trends and detection rates continue to compare very favourably with UK policing benchmarks.

Belfast Harbour Police is committed to providing a professional and effective police service throughout Belfast Harbour. This is only possible with the assistance of other organisations and the port community. I would like to thank them for the support that we received throughout the year and look forward to the continued development of those relationships in the year ahead.

The success of the force is based on the hard work and professionalism of the officers who make up Belfast Harbour Police, and I am very grateful for their continued efforts and dedication.



Stephen Reid

Chief Officer



Belfast Harbour Police (BHP) Background and Purpose

Established in 1847, the Belfast Harbour Police (BHP) is one of the oldest police forces in the British Isles.

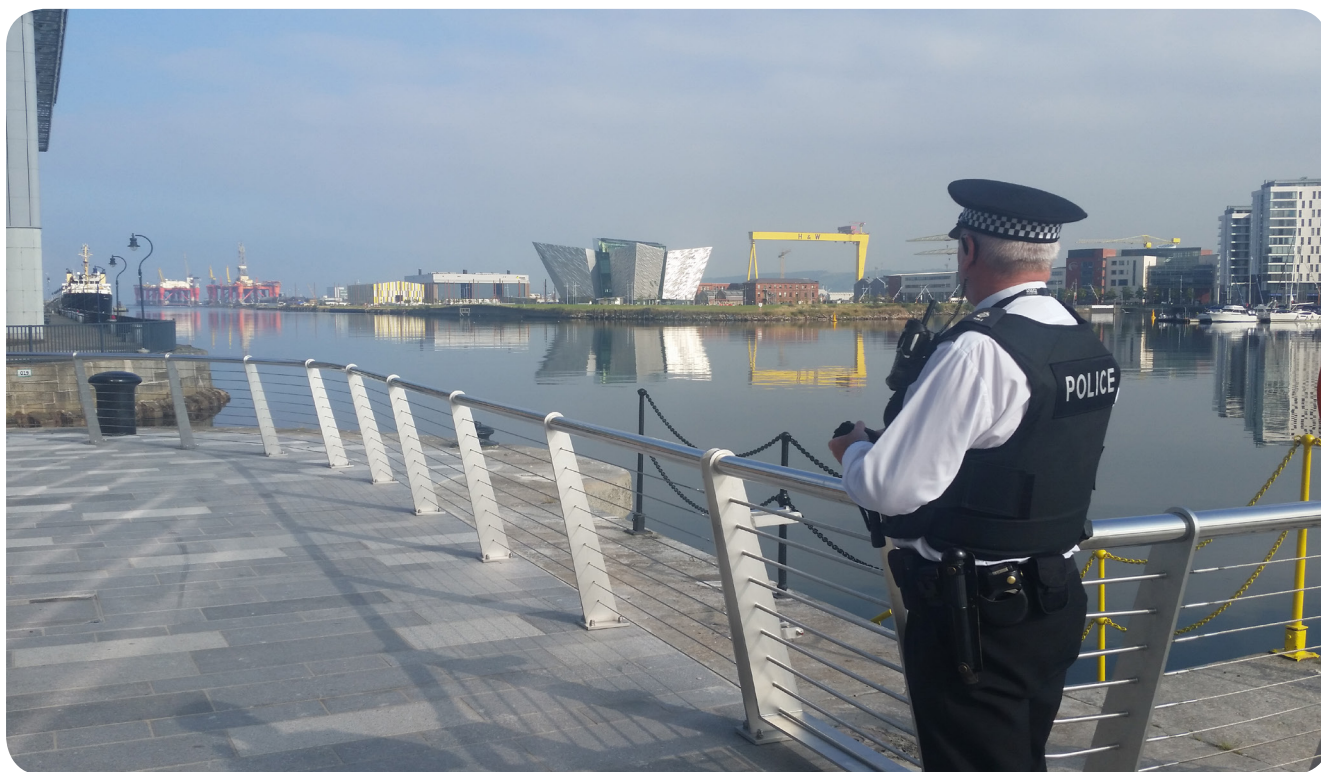
Belfast Harbour Police has full constabulary powers, along with additional powers granted through Belfast Harbour Commissioners' Bye Laws. BHP provides a highly visible uniformed policing service together with a Neighbourhood Policing Team and Criminal Investigation Department. Officers provide Crime Prevention Advice,

Emergency and Event Planning and Maritime Port Security. There is 24-hour, 365 day response cover to incidents and requests for assistance throughout the 2,000 acre Harbour Estate - an area which equates to one fifth of the size of the City of Belfast.

In compliance with the International Ship and Port Security Code and Port Security, Legislation BHP is responsible for the provision of policing and security to shipping and maritime assets in Belfast Harbour.

In addition to uniformed police, BHP employs contracted security services who provide assistance with call-handling, perimeter and cruise ship security.

BHP's purpose is to deliver an effective and efficient policing service for the Harbour Estate and Port community with a focus on community partnership, crime prevention, detection and road safety.



Policing Plan

The current Policing Plan 2013 - 2015 was developed in consultation with the port community and stakeholders in Belfast Harbour. The Policing

Plan which was revised in 2014, identifies 9 objectives organised into three domains as shown in the table below:

The information in this Annual Police Report is structured under these domain headings.

Domain	Objective
Reassurance and Security	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To deliver an effective highly visible professional policing service 2. To reduce crime and the fear of crime 3. To provide a secure environment for Harbour users 4. To comply with Port Security Legislation 5. To improve road safety within the Harbour Estate
Customer Satisfaction and Confidence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. To make the needs of Belfast Harbour customers core to the delivery of our policing service 7. To continue to forge strong relationships with the communities within and around the Harbour
Organisation Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. To improve efficiency and effectiveness 9. To develop our people



Reassurance and Security

Reassurance and Security principally relates to Crime, Crime Prevention, Security Response, Road Safety and Maritime Security.

BHP seeks to deliver an effective highly visible policing service and to prioritise police patrols to address the criminal trends and threats and the needs of the port community. Information

technologies such as Incident and Call Management, Access Control Systems, CCTV and ANPR are used to assist and direct patrol strategies and response.

Crime Statistics for 2015

Crime	Incidents	Detections
Theft Related Offences	74	23
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	4	0
Vehicle Related Theft	8	4
Criminal Damage & Arson	26	12
Violence Against the Person	30	31
Sexual Offences	0	0
Fraud and Forgery	3	5
Drugs	13	13
Other Offences	6	4
Total - Offences/Detections	164	92

All crimes in Belfast Harbour are recorded in compliance with benchmarks set by the Home Office in the National Accounting Rules. Crime reported in 2015 shows a 32% reduction compared to 2014.

Detection Rate is a standard UK measure used to report on policing performance and is defined as the number of notifiable offences that have been cleared up by the police in a given period expressed as a percentage of the number of

occurrences of that offence in the same period.

The overall BHP detection rate for 2015 was 56% which compares very favourably with the UK national average of 29%.



Callouts

Any report of serious crime is investigated by BHP Criminal Investigation Department (CID). Consistent with current national crime trends BHP has seen an increase in cybercrime and 'phishing attacks' on business and individuals which resulted in a number of major investigations and prosecutions.

BHP has successfully investigated a number of high value frauds committed against businesses within Belfast Harbour, some of which have exceeded £1m in value. Applications for restitution have been pursued through the courts.

Crime Prevention

BHP's nationally accredited Crime Prevention Officer continues to provide advice to businesses, stakeholders and residents within Belfast Harbour Estate by way of direct contact with port users and through a variety of contact forums.

During 2015 a total of 22 crime prevention initiatives were conducted across a range of crime types to support our stakeholders.

Intruder Alarm Response

During 2015 BHP responded to 240 alarm activations providing prompt action and investigation. Notification to tenants of such alarm response has been significantly enhanced by effective use of a digital key holder database.



Road Safety

Belfast Harbour Estate is serviced by approximately 30 miles of road infrastructure and supports the movement of approximately 8 million vehicles per annum.

A Safer Roads Plan for Belfast Harbour is currently in place. The Plan identifies the following goals:

- Reduce Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) to the lowest possible level
- Reduce the disruption and safety risks caused by Illegal Parking

- Achieve the highest standards of Traffic Management

In keeping with the Plan BHP carried out a range of policing activities to affect positive change in road user behaviour including:

- Road Traffic Collision risk assessments to better target policing activities
- Intensification of vehicle excess speed detection in defined risk areas

- A focus on unsafe and illegal parking

- Joint Operations with other enforcement agencies such as Driver Vehicle Agency/DOE and PSNI

- November Road Safety Initiative linked to National Road Safety Week

- Safe Cycling initiatives targeting all road users and supported by a social media campaign

Road Traffic Statistics

Road Traffic	Incidents
Collision resulting in injury	12
Collision resulting in damage only	33
Excess Speed: Prosecutions	156
Excess Speed: Cautions	246
Other Driving Offences (Resulting in Prosecution or Caution)	75

The National Road Safety week Initiative which was launched in 2014 was repeated in November 2015. Throughout Road Safety Week BHP officers supported by partners from the Department of Environment and the Driver and Vehicle Agency conducted a series of road safety operations.

The core objectives were speed reduction and general road safety of all road users. Initiatives comprised:

- Enforcement and education
- Advisory events focused on HGVs, private car drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Excess Speed

During 2015, 156 prosecutions were passed to by the Public Prosecution Service for excess speed. The typical penalty imposed by the courts for excess speed beyond the safety and prosecution threshold was 3 Penalty Points and a fine of approximately £100.

Emergency Planning

Belfast Harbour Police are a key partner in the Belfast Emergency Preparedness Group Forum and has actively participated in emergency exercises during the year.

BHP has continued to provide emergency planning advice to stakeholders within the Harbour Estate.



Maritime Security

In compliance with the International Ship Security Code 2004 and Port Security Regulations Belfast Harbour Police is responsible for the oversight and provision of maritime security in Belfast Harbour.

During 2015 BHP provided both physical security, planning and security assessments in relation to:

- All commercial shipping requiring entry to Belfast Harbour
- 59 Cruise Ships carrying approximately 115,000 passengers
- Visiting Naval vessels and maritime events.



Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

A Neighbourhood Team was established to police the City Quays and Clarendon areas.

The NPT has been focused on a number of key initiatives:

- Community/business engagement including Homeless people
- Anti - Social Behaviour including Graffiti and street drinking
- Illegal drugs use
- Environmental issues
- Get Home safe
- Bike Safe – including marking of cycles to prevent theft



Customer Satisfaction and Confidence

BHP seeks to make the needs of Belfast Harbour customers, core to the delivery of our policing service and has developed strong relationships with the communities within and around the Harbour.

In addition to the City Quays/ Clarendon neighbourhood policing, BHP has conducted a series of customer forums engaging with:

- Sydenham Road/Titanic Quarter businesses
- Holywood Exchange
- ARC Apartments Residents Group

Letters of Appreciation

During 2015 Belfast Harbour Police received 24 written notes of appreciation for professional policing services.

Complaints

Complaints against BHP are investigated by the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI). In order to reflect the necessary timescales associated with any resulting investigation, complaints against the police are reported in the Annual Police Report one calendar year in arrears.

In 2015 no complaints concerning officers from Belfast Harbour Police were reported to the Police Ombudsman.

Events Policing

During 2015 BHP worked closely with partner organisations and agencies to provide policing to major public events including:

- BBC Proms on Titanic Slipways
 - The Belfast City Marathon and Belfast Half Marathon
 - Odyssey/SSE Arena events
 - Titanic Belfast and Titanic Exhibition Centre
 - 13 Fun-runs including Titanic Quarter 10 kilometre run and The Colour Run
 - Visiting Nato Naval ships
 - Halloween Monster Mash
 - Open days at the Belfast Metropolitan College, Titanic Quarter Campus.
- Tall Ships 2015
 - Grand Fondo Giro d'Italia Bike event



Organisational Development

Personnel

BHP staff at 31 December 2015 is shown in the table below;

	Authorised	Actual
Chief Officer	1	1
Sergeants	7	7
Constables	24	24
Administrators	1	1
Civilian Control Room Staff (under contract)	4	4

Human Rights

The protection of human rights has always been at the core of policing and has been further developed with the introduction of the Human Rights Act 1998. BHP training programmes are designed to ensure that all our officers understand the principles of human rights and the obligations placed upon them. This is reflected in the development of policies, planning and the day to day delivery and practice of our policing service.

Equality and Diversity

BHP is fully committed to equality of opportunity in all social and economic activity, regardless of class, religious beliefs, gender, ethnicity or disability.

During 2015 all BHP Officers received awareness training in Equality, Diversity and Disability.

Integrity and Professional Standards

A 'Code of Ethics' was introduced during 2013. The Code, which is applicable to all BHP Officers, sets out the professional standards and behavioural integrity expected from officers at all times.

Developing our People

BHP is committed to educating and providing professional training for their Officers. In 2015 the following development and training was delivered:

- Sergeants - Core Leadership Programme
- First Aid and Defibrillator training

- Domestic Violence
- Firearms Training
- Personal Protection Training including Batons, Hand Cuffs and CS Spray
- Use of Incident and Investigation Management and Criminal Justice Systems
- International Ship and Port Security Code

The following workshops were delivered by a range of organisations which impact on police response:

- Welcome Organisation for the Homeless
- Samaritans



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