



## BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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### **How Bailiwick Law Enforcement Prepares for Cruise Liner Season**

Guernsey's cruise liner season is now well underway.

In total 92 ships have planned to visit between March and October, bringing people from all over the world to visit the island. And while they are here, it is the responsibility of Bailiwick Law Enforcement to keep them, as well as everyone else in the island, safe and secure.

Planning for the 2019 cruise liner season begins months before the first ship arrives and involves reviewing all significant events happening throughout the year.

Chief Inspector, Operations, J-P Le Breton said: "significant public events planning includes looking at the cruise ship visit schedule. We need to carefully review what the policing resource requirements will be for when thousands of additional people will be in Guernsey. On days when more than one ship visits at a time, the number of people coming ashore means the island's population can increase by more than 10% - presenting an almost unique policing challenge.

"The initial meetings mean we can discuss and plan appropriate resources to enable us to deploy sufficient officers for high visibility and high profile policing, both on foot and on mobile patrol. This means we can achieve the main aims of the policing plan: to reassure, protect, prevent, deter, disrupt and detect any criminal or hostile behaviour in these small areas where there are large volumes of people. We also have to make sure there is an adequate emergency response for the rest of the island at the same time."

But, frontline policing doesn't just cover tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, because all our officers are first aid responders, with police vehicles carrying first aid kits and defibrillators. As they are out on patrol across the island, officers are regularly dispatched by the Joint Emergency Services Control Centre to the most urgent medical cases, in support of ambulance where their response time will shorten the length of time a casualty has to wait for urgent medical attention and therefore enabling life-saving first aid to be delivered."

CI Le Breton added: "Delivering a comprehensive policing plan for cruise liner visits is Guernsey Police playing its role in showcasing our island to everyone who visits by doing all we can to ensure their safety and security."



A police officer on high visibility patrol visits the cruise liner departure area before making his way back into Town