



PORT OF DOVER POLICE

“Delivering Safety and Security for Our Customers”

Our ref: FOI 2017-059
Diane Amos
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29th March 2017

Dear Diane Amos,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act request dated 5th March 2017 in which you requested:

please provide an organisational chart that shows the current make-up and rank structure of your police force (including post holder details).

I addition, please provide details of the professional and nationally accredited rank specific qualifications, including dates obtained, that allows the role holders (for clarity, Sergeants, Inspectors and above,) to comply with all national legislation and guidance that is applicable to all police forces.

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request, I would draw your attention to:-

Port of Dover Police Officers are nominated and appointed as 'special constables' under section 79 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers clauses Act of 1847 which was subsequently modified by Part IV of the Dover Harbour Revision Order 2006 (S.I. 2167) and section 7 of the Marine Navigation Act 2013.

Schedule 1, Part V, Section 64 of the Freedom of Information Act which applies to:-
Any person who-

- (a) By virtue of any enactment has the function of nominating individuals who may be appointed as special constables by Justices of the Peace, and,
- (b) Is not a public authority by virtue of any other provision of the Act, in respect of information relating to the exercise by any person appointed on his nomination of the functions of a special constable.

This section has the effect of applying the responsibility under the Freedom of Information Act to the Dover Harbour Board (The Port Authority who nominate and subsequently fund the Port of Dover Police), but the said responsibility is only to disclose information, if available, that relates to the functions of a constable, the obligation is no wider than that. In addition, the Dover Harbour Board is not a public authority for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act and as such is not bound by the general requirements of the Act.

It should be noted that the Port of Dover Police is a non-Home Office Constabulary that is funded entirely by the Port Authority, Dover Harbour Board, to provide a general policing service at the Port of Dover. Port of



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Dover Police are not responsible for border security. This function is undertaken by Border Agency and Kent Police Frontier Operations.

The information that you requested, and that we hold is as follows:

please provide an organisational chart that shows the current make-up and rank structure of your police force (including post holder details).

Inspector Gary Clark (Head Of Policing)

Sergeant Steve Williams (Port Facilities Security Officer)

Sergeant Peter Francis-Cable (Tasking & Coordination)

Sergeant Graham Galvin (Patrol Section)

Sergeant Mark Yarrow (Patrol Section)

Sergeant Sally Miller (Patrol Section)

Acting Sergeant Graeme Daubney (Patrol Section)

Acting Sergeant Ian Hodges (Patrol Section)

Plus an establishment of 32 Constables, including 1 x Detective.

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You will need to specify which 'national legislation and guidance that is applicable to all police forces' which you are suggesting Port Of Dover Police are required to comply with. Although we require our Sergeants and Inspectors to qualify by passing the national police written examination (OSPRE part 1) we operate in a very unique environment and we are not governed by the Home Office, and our promotion policy is determined by the Dover Harbour Board.

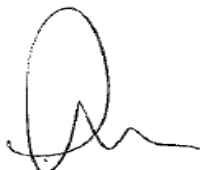
The Port Of Dover Police are privately employed and entirely funded by the Dover Harbour Board, who is not a public authority, and who are not bound by the requirements of the Freedom Of Information Act.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your FOI request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Walter Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely
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P. Francis-Cable
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