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Station visit for Fowey Lifeboat s by RNLI Chief Executive.

Last Thursday, 9th December, Fowey RNLI lifeboat station was visited by Paul Boissier, the Charity's Chief Executive.

The visit began with a tour of the station including the launching area for the D-Class *Olive Two* and a brief description of launching procedures for the Trent Class *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* from her position in the harbour, given by Lifeboat Operations Manager Will Mitchell and volunteer duty Coxswain Nick Beard.

Mr Boissier then made his way to the crew room in the Station where a number of local RNLI Branch members and some of Fowey's volunteer lifeboat crew were assembled. In a very relaxed manner, Mr Boissier made his way around the room answering questions and exchanging information over a cup of tea. Branch members from Fowey, Lostwithiel, Polruan, St Austell and as far afield as Mevagissey had made the journey to Fowey.

Mr Boissier completed his visit by thanking everyone present for their continued commitment and dedication to the RNLI. He also thanked the families for supporting their volunteer work and making it possible.

For more information on Fowey RNLI lifeboats and details of any recent shouts log on to: www.foweylifeboat.co.uk

Notes to Editors

- In 2009 the RNLI launched 9,223 times and rescued 8,223 people, an average of 22 per day.
- The RNLI is an independent charity funded entirely by voluntary donations, not HM Government.

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Key facts about the RNLI

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 100 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives. The RNLI is a charity registered in England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.