

Carbon Monoxide Update– By: Deputy Fire Marshal Sexauer

As of 30 November, the Career Division has visited almost 1,850 one and two family dwellings. Though statistics are not available, the number of units with operational smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms has been above expectations. Additionally, all of the information gathered, based on the exterior inspections of the unoccupied dwellings, has been forwarded to the Building Inspector's Office.

Multi - family dwelling inspections by the Office of the Fire Marshal are proceeding well. Approximately 60% of multi-family dwelling units in town have been checked. Since the multi-family dwelling inspections have begun, compliance rates have fluctuated between 70%-75%.

Additionally, the Ocean City Fire Department has recently increased our supply of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for the less fortunate. Furthermore, 9-volt batteries are now available for any homeowner. A grant application has been submitted to purchase additional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Members in EMT-I & Paramedic School

Currently there are several members of the department that are in ALS school. Majority of the students are attending Chesapeake Community College, while one of the members is attending Wor-Wic Community College. The students include:

Emergency Medical Technician– Intermediate Students:

Tyler Fritz; Volunteer Division, Chesapeake College
Jeff Aperance; Volunteer Division, Chesapeake College
J.T. Tyler; Career Division, P/T, Wor-Wic College
Beth Huovinen; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Patrick Herrman; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Ryan Whittington; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Heath Burkey; Volunteer Division, Chesapeake College

Paramedic Students:

Maria Berdan; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Logan Helmuth; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Chris Gee; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Zack Tyndall; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Cory Polidore; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College





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Photos of Fire Scenes

Authority Deputy Chief Villani, pictures or digital images taken of any fire under investigation by this department shall not be released for public view or released to unauthorized personnel without the explicit approval from the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Pictures or digital images taken of fires under investigation are deemed Ocean City Fire Department confidential information until declassified by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

By: Asst. Chief Hartley

Fire Officer II

The OCFD Training & Safety Section is offering: FIRE OFFICER II. This class is a total of 45 hours.

Date: Monday, January 11, 2010
Time: 1900
Location: Public Safety Building
Instructor: Eric Peterson



- This class will be moved to Thursday nights beginning with the second class.

Please sign up at Fire HQ or contact Captain Peterson: epeterson@ococean.com

Maryland Weekend @ The National Fire Academy

February 27 & 28

Cut of Registration is January 01, 2010

Sign up at Fire HQ

To submit photos or stories to this newsletter, please contact a member of the Public Information Office.

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PIO Steve Price- 410-430-5155



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Building Pre-Plans To Begin—By Captain Rickards

With hose testing completed for the year and great progress on the CO program, we will be getting back to doing some preplans. I will be assigning preplans to each shift on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Preplans assist our personnel with becoming more familiar with the buildings and are of great value on fires. There are some preplans in Visual Fire and they can be accessed from the MDTs. We need to broaden that data base.

I will place Preplan Information sheets in a folder at Station 3. You can fill the information in by hand and place the completed sheets in the EMS Report box to be returned to my mailbox. I will be looking for one person to enter the information in the computer. If anyone is interested please send me an email. I will make contact with the building owner before it is assigned. If anyone has a floor plan, please see if they will allow us to borrow it. They can be scanned in as part of the preplan.

As you collect this information, please review all areas of each building and become familiar with the building. As you go to these buildings, please advise management this is not an inspection but for information gathering to help us be prepared. With that being said, if you see something wrong you should do a FMO referral. While we are there, please check Fire Department connections and lubricate if needed. Check the Knox Boxes and keys. If any keys are outdated or additional keys are needed please advise building management. If the buildings have elevators check for Fire Service keys in the Knox Boxes. I would like you to flush the closest hydrants and make sure they are operational. You can report any hydrant problems to the Water Department.

The shift Lieutenants will be responsible for handling the on-site preplan. The Lieutenant will be responsible for any referrals, gathering the correct information, and filling out the paperwork. Thank you for your cooperation with this program.

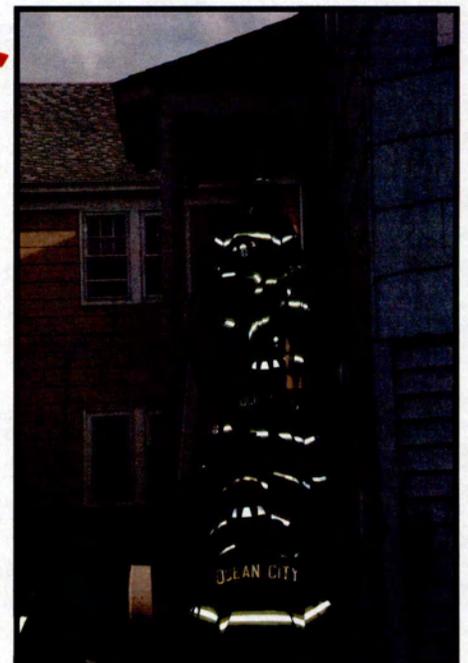
Training Reminder

Annual FADO Competencies Training Dates:

- Saturday, April 3, 2010 @ 0800 hours
- Saturday, April 11, 2010 @ 0800 hours

Please report to Fire Station 5.

Any questions please see Captain Peterson



NEW STAFFING DEPLOYMENT– By Chief Larmore

Beginning Monday, May 3, 2010, at 0700, the Department will implement a new staffing model that will utilize three person crews. Each three person crew will consist of, at a minimum, two ALS providers, one of which will be a paramedic; the third member may either be an ALS or BLS provider. The crew will remain intact for all calls, regardless of call type, and will respond on either an ambulance or an engine depending upon the nature of the call. There will no longer be a crew dedicated solely to the engine at Station Three. This model is currently working in other jurisdictions, and we believe it will better represent our commitment to the town.

There are several reasons for making this transition, first and foremost is to ensure that we continue to provide a high level of service to the members and visitors of our community. Other reasons for adopting this new staffing model are:

- This will virtually eliminate the need for the response of two paramedic units to priority ALS calls, thereby reducing the risk of a collision during the response and allowing us to provide appropriate care on our arrival.
- This will allow for a more efficient use of the department's resources.
- This will allow for the closest available staffed unit to respond to any type of call, eliminating the delay of an engine responding to the North end of town.
- It will allow for equity in the performance of job tasks; everyone will participate in EMS and fire related tasks.
- No one group of individuals will be constantly assigned to the engine, thereby allowing them to maintain their EMS skills.
- Firefighter safety will be enhanced overall due to the increase of personnel on all calls.

We realize that this is a new concept to us and that it will take some time to become comfortable with operating in this fashion. We trust that everyone will continue to help the Department move forward and make this a successful transition.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Command Staff.



POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION

Attachment E

March 10, 2010 3:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Richard Meehan, Chairman Lloyd Martin, Council Member Doug Cymek, Councilman Jim Hall, Chief Bernadette DiPino, Captains Colbert, Bokinsky and Bunting, Lt. Cardamone, Kathy Mathias, City Solicitor Guy Ayres.

1. Minutes of February 16, 2010 Police Commission Open Session motion to approve by Councilman Jim Hall and seconded by Mayor Richard Meehan.

2. Taxi Issues

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Hall and seconded by Mayor Meehan to have the Police Department develop a taxi driver drug testing policy. Councilman Cymek suggests getting Risk Management involved and present the proposed policy at the next Police Commission Meeting. If a drug re-test must be done, the taxi driver or taxi company shall bear the cost of the re-test.

3. Old Business

A. General Order 200 B2 – Off Duty Action

Councilman Jim Hall made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilman Cymek with the requirement that officers shall have no alcohol in their system when carrying a firearm. The 8 hour requirement was removed. If an officer is called in for duty after consuming alcohol, compliance with General Order 200 B-1 is in effect.

B. In-car cameras are moving forward, technicians will be coming the week of March 15, 2010. Councilman Hall stated he will not vote on the tasers until the in-car cameras are operable.

4. New Business

A. General Order 400 T6-Traffic Offenses Involving Drug & Alcohol Impairment – approved by Guy Ayres on March 5, 2010.

A motion was made to approve by Councilman Jim Hall and seconded by Councilman Douglas Cymek. This General Order gives officers the power to have a vehicle towed after a traffic stop if the driver/legal owner is impaired by alcohol and unable to drive. The vehicle will not be turned over to a family member, friend, etc if they are not on the vehicle title. If the vehicle is legally parked by the driver, it will not be towed.

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION
February 16, 2010 3:00 P.M.

Present: City Manager Dennis Dare, Mayor Richard Meehan, Chairman Lloyd Martin, Council Member Doug Cymek, Chief Bernadette DiPino, Captains Colbert, Kirstein, Bokinsky and Bunting.

1. Minutes of January 13, 2010 Police Commission Open Session. Approved, motion made by Councilman Cymek, motion seconded by Mayor Meehan

Taxi Issues – Discussion of changes to proposed taxi ordinance:

- Random drug testing of taxi drivers,
- The Police Commission will develop the protocol for drug testing,
- 10th St. Medical Center will conduct testing,
- Medallion owner will be contacted to notify drivers to appear for drug testing.
- Eric Lagstrom, Risk Management enforces the schedule to meet compliance with federal standards.
- Proposed penalty for positive drug use will be immediate suspension of taxi driver's license.

5. Old Business

- A. General Order 200 B2 – Off Duty Action
Councilman Cymek suggested tabling the discussion until consultation with Guy Ayres.

6. New Business

- A. 2009 Year End Statistics presented by Chief Dipino:
Serious crime down 10%. Chief DiPino attributes this in part to the number of narcotics arrests being made. Weapons seizures are on the rise.
- B. 2010 OCPD Goals
 - Professionalism
 - Community Oriented Policing
 - Detect, Deter, Detain