

TOWN OF OCEAN CITY  
301 N. BALTIMORE AVENUE  
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND 21842

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## JANUARY 29, 2013 ✦ WORK SESSION

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In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Engineer Terry McGean, Tourism Director Donna Abbott, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the press and interested parties.

Council President Lloyd Martin called this meeting to order at 10:30 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 North Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to convene into closed session to: (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (2) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to negotiations or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion adversely impacts the Public Body's ability to negotiate; and (3) conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Ashley absent.**

1. Council President Martin reopened the meeting at 1:00 PM and reported that legal, contractual and collective bargaining matters were discussed in closed session. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare, Joe Mitrecic, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, John Gilman and Mark Sloan of Miles & Stockbridge and Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis. The vote to end the close meeting was unanimous.
2. Bid Opening – Boardwalk Variable Message Signs (Budget Allocation: \$40,000.00)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Gable Signs	\$46,996.00
Selby Sign	\$35,985.44

**Council Member Doug Cymek moved to acknowledge the apparent lowest bid from Selby Sign for the amount of \$35,985.44 with remand to staff for review; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was unanimous**

3. Request Approval of TAB Recommendation for 2013 Fireworks and Laser Shows - presented by: Donna Abbott, Tourism Director and TAB Event Coordinator Bob Rothermel **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the following: (#1) a patriotic laser show on Memorial Day Saturday, (#2) laser shows every Sunday beginning Memorial Day, Sunday and running through Labor Day Sunday, (#3) fireworks at Sundaes in the Park; (#4) fireworks on Mondays and Tuesdays, 5/27/13 through 8/26/13; and (#5) fireworks OOctoberfest weekends (last two October weekends); seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous**

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4. OCPD 2012 End-of-Year Report - presented by: Acting Chief Kevin Kirstein (see Attachment A)
5. Bid Award Recommendations for Beach Equipment Franchise North End Parcels – presented by: Kelly Allmond, City Clerk **Council Secretary Knight moved to award the north end beach equipment parcels as presented (Attachment B); seconded by Council Member Brent Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**
6. Discussion of the Formation of Committees and Commissions - presented by: David Recor, City Manager **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to restore the Legislative Committees with the Mayor serving as an official member of the Tourism Board; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Ashley and Pillas opposed.**

Inserted Item:

**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to reconvene the closed session at 3:25 PM to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Cymek absent.**

Council President Martin reopened the meeting at 5:04 PM and reported that collective bargaining matters were discussed. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare, Joe Mitrecic, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, John Gilman and Mark Sloan of Miles & Stockbridge, Human Resource Director Wayne Evans, Finance Director Martha Bennett, OCPD Captain Mike Colbert and Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis. The vote to end the closed session was unanimous.

**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 5:04 PM; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Cymek absent.**

*Approved by the  
Mayor: Council on  
2.19.13  
Kelly Allmond*



**OCEAN CITY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
2012 YEAR END REPORT**

**Ocean City Police Department  
2012 Year-End Report**



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# OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012 YEAR END REPORT

## Section I: 2012 Fiscal Affairs and Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

### Ocean City Police Department: 7-Year Budget Comparison

Due to the unpredictability of events and circumstances, public safety budgets are often hard to foretell. The Ocean City Police Department plans its expenses with as much accuracy as possible. There will always be unforeseen events which affect our capital budget. Public safety will always be our number one priority, while recognizing our responsibility to be fiscally responsible and prudent.

The below table clearly demonstrates this ongoing commitment.

Fiscal Year	Adopted Budget	Actual	Savings
FY 2006	\$15,125,176	\$15,053,746	\$71,430
FY 2007	\$16,886,647	\$16,555,682	\$330,965
FY 2008	\$18,722,361	\$18,233,888	\$488,473
FY 2009	\$20,322,088	\$19,306,872	\$1,015,216
FY 2010	\$19,092,006	\$18,867,024	\$224,982
FY 2011	\$19,512,788	\$19,380,752	\$132,036
FY 2012	\$21,208,789	\$21,057,409	\$151,380

Since FY 2006,  
the Ocean City Police Department has  
produced an overall savings of

\$2,414,482



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## Ocean City Police Department 2012 Statistical Analysis as Reported in the Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

This category refers to the report submitted to the F. B. I. each year by the Ocean City Police Department for SERIOUS crime.

It is considered a resource for determining a community's crime rate. Included is a comparison from 2006 to 2012 for your information.

Ocean City experienced a 5.1% increase in the overall offenses in 2012. Crimes against persons decreased 10.6%, while crimes against property increased 6.2% in 2012. These crime trends are consistent with the National averages for the first 6-months of 2012. (Final national crime data not available at time of this report)

Category	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	9	15	3	2	2	4	10
Robbery	32	43	37	23	27	21	22
Aggravated Assault	136	84	47	61	94	69	52
Breaking / Entering	229	188	236	216	292	189	210
Larceny / Theft	1,100	1,067	1,183	1,057	1,133	1,135	1,180
Motor Vehicle Theft	50	39	34	28	16	7	23
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,497</b>

This category refers to the report submitted to the F. B. I. each year by the Ocean City Police Department for SERIOUS crime. The table below is a breakdown of serious crimes by month for 2012.

Category - 2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	0	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	2	11	3	1	2	1	1	0
Aggravated Assault	2	3	1	2	2	10	12	2	14	2	2	0
Breaking / Entering	10	5	10	10	53	42	16	27	14	12	7	4
Larceny / Theft	24	28	30	51	113	271	245	211	120	46	18	23
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	5	0	2	0
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>

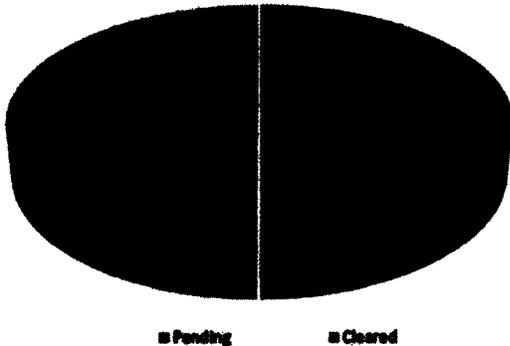


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The pie graph shows the clearance rate of the ten (10) forcible rapes in Ocean City, MD, based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in 2012.

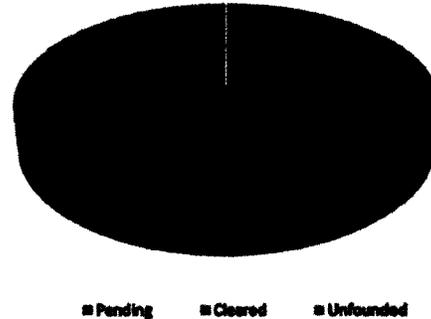
**Ocean City Forcible Rape Clearance Rate - UCR 2012**



According to the 2011 UCR, Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means table (Table 25: www.fbi.gov), there were 72,666 reported forcible rapes in 2011 from all agencies in the United States. Overall, 41.2% of those incidents have been cleared by arrest or exceptional means.

The pie graph shows the clearance rate of the twenty-two (22) robberies in Ocean City, MD, based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in 2012. City, MD, based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in 2012.

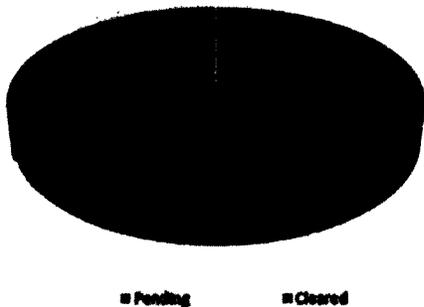
**Ocean City Robbery Clearance Rate - UCR 2012**



According to the 2011 UCR, Percent of Offenses Cleared (Table 25: www.fbi.gov), there were 304,089 reported robberies in 2011 from all agencies in the United States. Overall, 28.7% of those incidents have been cleared.

The pie graph shows the clearance rate of the (210) burglaries in Ocean City, MD, based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in 2012. City, MD, based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in 2012.

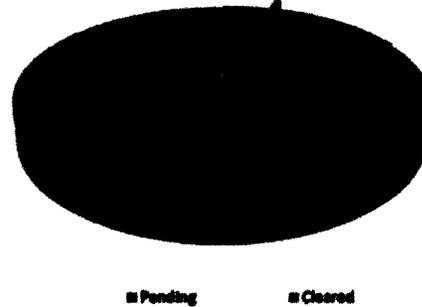
**Ocean City Burglary Clearance Rate - UCR 2012**



According to the 2011 UCR, Percent of Offenses Cleared (Table 25: www.fbi.gov), there were 1,976,408 reported burglaries in 2011 from all agencies in the United States. Overall, 12.7% of those incidents have been cleared.

The pie graph shows the clearance rate of the (23) MV Thefts in Ocean City, MD, based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in 2012.

**Ocean City MV Theft Clearance Rate - UCR 2012**



According to the 2011 UCR, Percent of Offenses Cleared (Table 25: www.fbi.gov), there were 645,742 reported MV Thefts in 2011 from all agencies in the United States. Overall, 11.9% of those incidents have been cleared.



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## 2012 Calls for Service

This category refers to total calls for service generated by citizens. It includes both criminal and non-criminal incidents documented by the Ocean City Police Department. Business Checks are not included in the numbers shown below. **There was an increase of 7.6% in calls for service in 2012, compared to 2011. Less than 2% of the total calls for service represent serious crime.**

Year	Calls for Service	% Change
2006	62,059	N/A
2007	65,902	+6.2%
2008	66,380	+0.7%
2009	62,066	-6.5%
2010	71,576	+15.3%
2011	72,500	+1.3%
2012	77,978	+7.6%

Calls for Service	2011		2012		2011		2012	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
January	1,871	1,883	747	892	2,618	2,775		
February	1,752	2,001	718	687	2,470	2,688		
March	1,746	1,901	899	959	2,645	2,860		
April	1,494	1,877	1,163	1,128	2,657	3,005		
May	4,555	5,003	2,601	2,679	7,156	7,682		
June	10,215	11,350	4,777	4,889	14,992	16,239		
July	11,009	10,372	4,715	4,209	15,724	14,581		
August	7,180	8,462	3,964	3,615	11,144	12,077		
September	3,557	5,122	2,388	2,066	5,945	7,188		
October	1,877	2,750	1,314	1,239	3,191	3,989		
November	1,099	1,641	817	825	1,916	2,466		
December	1,213	1,759	792	669	2,005	2,428		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>77,978</b>	<b>28,595</b>	<b>28,357</b>	<b>72,463</b>	<b>77,978</b>		



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These reflect the top 10 "Calls-for-Service" (CFS) displayed as Officer Initiated vs. Citizen Complaints. To further illustrate the calls for service are compared between 2012 and 2011.

Top Ten Calls for Service	Number of CFS in 2012
Disorderly	4,958
City Ordinance Violations	4,377
911 Hang Up	3,340
Suspicious Person or Activity	2,434
Alcohol Violations	2,056
Collisions	1,639
Parking Complaints or Violations	1,587
CDS Violations	1,277
Theft Already Occurred	1,260
Noise Complaint or Violation	847

	Top 10 Officer CFS	2012	2011
1	City Ordinance Violation	3,859	2,688
2	Disorderly	2,888	2,734
3	Alcohol Violation	1,948	2,243
4	Suspicious Person or Activity	1,574	1,503
5	Parking Complaints	1,124	1,278
6	CDS Violations	950	851
7	DWI Investigate or Arrest	369	207
8	Theft Already Occ.	361	292
9	Warrant Attempt or Arrest	352	367
10	Forgery of Any Kind	246	272

	Top 10 Citizen CFS	2012	2011
1	911 Hang Up	3,337	3,579
2	Disorderly	2,070	2,549
3	Theft Already Occ.	899	959
4	Suspicious Person or Activity	860	920
5	Noise Complaints	766	181
6	Civil Dispute	644	572
7	Domestic Assault/Dispute	549	508
8	Malicious Destruction	537	543
9	City Ordinance Violation	518	607
10	Assault Already Occ.	385	417

This category refers to the total monthly calls for service in 2012. (Excluding traffic stops, business checks and assist citizens calls)

Month	Calls for Service
January	2,776
February	2,689
March	2,860
April	3,007
May	7,682
June	16,241
July	14,582
August	12,079
September	6,884
October	3,879
November	2,372
December	2,341



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## 2012 Total Enforcement Actions

This category refers to ALL arrests made by the department, regardless of the crime. Included in this category would be municipal or ordinance arrests for crimes such as noise, as well as more serious crimes such as robbery, breaking & entering, rape, etc. (Not including alcohol enforcement)

Year	Arrests	All Traffic & Criminal Citations, Warnings, and Equipment Repair Orders	TOTAL
2006	3,695	18,381	22,076
2007	3,983	18,300	22,283
2008	3,503	19,508	23,011
2009	3,571	15,926	19,497
2010	3,534	14,592	18,126
2011	3,829	17,083	20,912
2012	4,355	20,124	24,479

## 2012 Monthly Total Enforcement Action: (Not including alcohol enforcement)

Month	Arrests	Citations	TOTAL
January	77	254	331
February	113	297	410
March	128	337	465
April	148	329	477
May	381	1,136	1,517
June	1,238	1,793	3,031
July	832	1,779	2,611
August	698	1,395	2,093
September	364	1,245	1,609
October	140	590	730
November	135	305	440
December	101	260	361



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## Assisting Other Law Enforcement Agencies

The Ocean City Police Department is committed to ongoing partnerships with other allied agencies. We take pride in our commitment to neighboring jurisdictions, as well as other state, local, and federal agencies who have relied on the Ocean City Police Department to provide support when needed. In turn these agencies and organizations to support special event such as: Car-Cruise, Delmarva Bike Fest, the Ocean City Air Show and major weather events.

The type of support includes the use of our police K-9 group, mounted patrol officers and Quick Response Team. The Ocean City Police Department Traffic Safety Unit has provided accident reconstructionists to assist other agencies with serious and automobile collision investigations.

Our Criminal Investigators, both General Assignment and Narcotics personnel, have been instrumental in assisting other agencies with a variety of investigations, which ultimately results in a safer community.

No matter what the task, our personnel have a proven reputation of reliability, professionalism, and dedication.

Month	Number of Calls to Assist Other Agencies in 2012	Month	Number of Calls to Assist Other Agencies in 2012
January	3	July	29
February	10	August	40
March	35	September	33
April	18	October	41
May	31	November	22
June	35	December	25

Assist Other Law Enforcement Agencies	Number of Service Calls in 2012
2006	286
2007	339
2008	379
2009	400
2010	353
2011	304
2012	322



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## 2012 Total Alcohol-Related Citations

Year	Alcohol Citations
2006	2,196
2007	1,488
2008	1,505
2009	1,710
2010	1,655
2011	1,813
2012	1,431

Alcohol Citations by Month for 2012					
	18 – 20 Years Old		Juvenile		Adult Open Container
	Minor in Possession	Possess Fake ID	Minor in Possession	Possess Fake ID	
January	1	0	1	0	0
February	6	0	3	0	1
March	1	1	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0
May	30	5	10	1	42
June	619	4	258	0	127
July	74	34	28	3	23
August	42	26	8	0	3
September	1	5	0	0	8
October	1	0	0	0	1
November	2	0	0	0	0
December	4	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>205</b>



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## 2012 Total Arrests and Their Categories

### Drunk Driving Arrests:

This category refers to the total number of Driving While Intoxicated arrests made in 2012.

Year	DUI Arrests	% Change
2006	344	N/A
2007	326	-5.2%
2008	322	-1.2%
2009	368	+14.3%
2010	360	-2.2%
2011	267	-25.8%
2012	445	+66.7%

### Controlled Dangerous Substance Arrests:

This category refers to the total number of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) or drug arrests made by all members of the Ocean City Police Department in 2012.

Year	CDS Arrests	% Change
2006	732	N/A
2007	755	+3.1%
2008	777	+2.9%
2009	839	+8.0%
2010	933	+11.2%
2011	1,166	+25.0%
2012	1,351	+15.9%

### Controlled Dangerous Substance Arrests by Month:

This category refers to the monthly total number of drug arrests made by all members of the Ocean City Police Department in 2012.

Month	CDS Arrests	Month	Arrests
January	11	July	290
February	35	August	231
March	19	September	51
April	33	October	26
May	117	November	22
June	505	December	11



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**Weapons Incidents:**

This category refers to the arrests made for various types of weapons including, but not limited to, guns, knives, bats and other instruments defined as weapons by the State of Maryland.

Year	Weapons Arrests
2006	64
2007	38
2008	55
2009	73
2010	87
2011	50
2012	112

**Weapons Arrests by Month:**

This category refers to the arrests made for various types of weapons including, but not limited to, guns, knives, bats and other instruments defined as weapons by the State of Maryland in 2012.

Month	Arrests	Month	Arrests
January	0	July	24
February	2	August	22
March	2	September	13
April	3	October	4
May	9	November	0
June	32	December	1

**Officers Assaulted in 2012:**

This category refers to police officers who were physically assaulted in the line of duty. Assaults may be in the form of weapons and/or physical violence, and may or may not result in injury to the officer(s) involved.

**In 2012 the Ocean City Police Department saw a 25% decrease in the number of officers assaulted. This was a 6-year low.**

Year	Officers Assaulted
2006	65
2007	100
2008	56
2009	62
2010	47
2011	59
2012	46



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**Officers Assaulted by Month:**

This category refers to police officers who were physically assaulted in the line of duty in 2012. Assaults may be in the form of weapons and/or physical violence, and may or may not result in injury to the officer(s) involved.

Month	Officers Assaulted	Month	Officers Assaulted
January	0	July	5
February	0	August	6
March	1	September	5
April	2	October	0
May	6	November	4
June	16	December	1

**Noise Complaints 2012:**

This category refers to the monthly number of noise complaints (both founded and unfounded) handled by the Ocean City Police Department in 2012. The dramatic increase in noise complaints was a change in the Ocean City Police Department policy with regard to reporting noise complaints.

Year	Noise Complaints
2006	430
2007	373
2008	538
2009	629
2010	324
2011	366
2012	847

Month	Noise Complaints	Month	Noise Complaints
January	5	July	234
February	3	August	148
March	13	September	73
April	10	October	20
May	90	November	12
June	231	December	8



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**2012 Reportable Traffic Collisions:**

This category refers to the total number of traffic accidents (both property damage and personal injury) which occurred in Ocean City, MD.

Year	Collisions	% Change	Fatal
2006	637	N/A	2
2007	647	+1.57%	1
2008	552	-14.68%	1
2009	584	+5.80%	2
2010	588	+0.68%	1
2011	494	-16%	0
2012	585	+18.4%	3

**2012 Reportable Traffic Collisions by Month:**

This category refers to the total number of traffic accidents (both property damage and personal injury) which occurred in Ocean City, MD in 2012.

Month	Collisions	Month	Collisions
January	16	July	138
February	10	August	107
March	17	September	42
April	25	October	23
May	71	November	5
June	125	December	6



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**Pedestrian Collisions by Month:**

Increased pedestrian safety continues to be a goal of the Ocean City Police Department.

Due to the increased number of pedestrian traffic incidents, the Ocean City Police Department is aggressively working with its community business partners and State Highway Administration engineers to reduce pedestrian involved collisions.

Some key factors have been identified beginning with improvements to crosswalks, bus stop locations and stricter enforcement of pedestrian crossing and vehicle right of way laws. We compiled statistical information that has revealed alcohol to be a factor in over 60% of the pedestrian involved collisions dealing with both the motor vehicle operator and the pedestrian.

An aggressive pedestrian safety advisory campaign began last summer which utilizes print, radio, digital and television public safety advisories. Additionally the Ocean City business community has helped by placing "Use the Cross Walk" signs in businesses.

Beginning in 2013, several pedestrian strategies will be utilized to improve overall pedestrian safety. They include: Signal Timing, Signal Phasing, Pedestrian Signal at 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Reduction of Speed (from 40mph to 35mph along MD 528 from 33<sup>rd</sup> Street northerly to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street), Removal of Pedestrian "Refuge Areas" in median and development of a Median Barrier.

Month	Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal	Month	Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal
January	0	0	July	10	0
February	0	0	August	6	0
March	0	0	September	5	0
April	2	0	October	1	0
May	5	1	November	0	0
June	15	1	December	0	0

Year	Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal
2006	52	0
2007	47	1
2008	28	2
2009	36	0
2010	35	1
2011	27	0
2012	44	2



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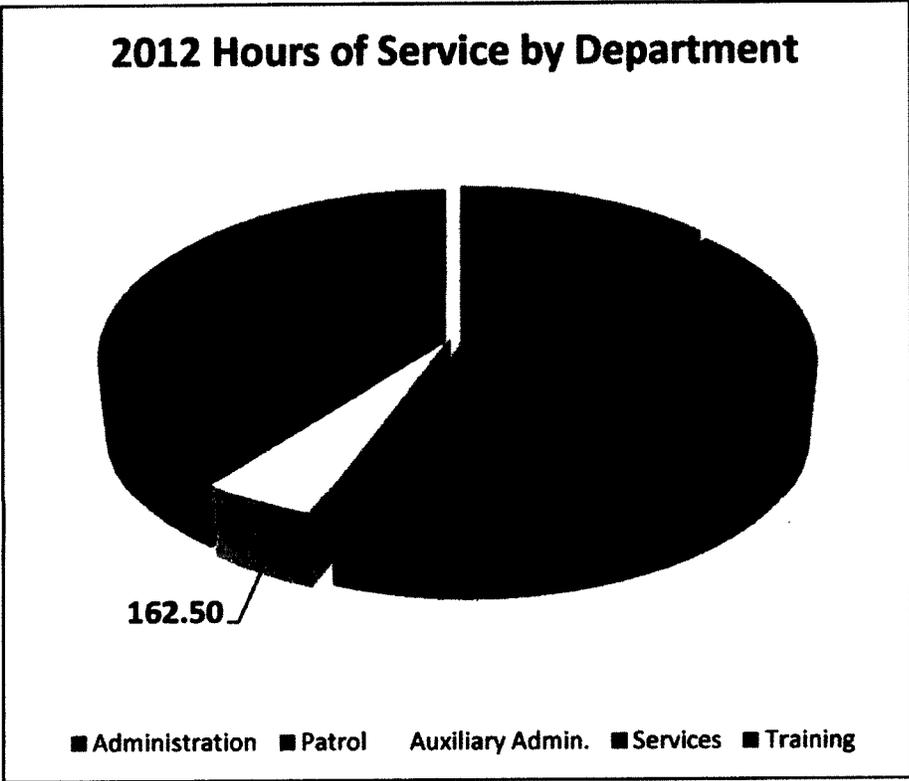
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### Ocean City Police Department Auxiliary Officer Program

Since 1999, the Ocean City Police Department has maintained volunteer civilians trained to support the police department and serve the citizens of Ocean City. These citizens provide volunteer services to supplement regular law enforcement personnel in the performance of specific duties in important operational areas, such as:

- 1) PSB Administrative Support at the front desk, Records & Human Resources, Community Services, Property Section, Mayor's Open House, Domestic Violence Court Advocate
- 2) R. A. A. M. Program, Citizen's Police Academy, Training and Recruiting, Baltimore Avenue Detail, Boardwalk Sub-Station Information Officer, Ride-A-Long Program, Watch Your Car Program, Special Call-Outs and Mounted Patrol Stable Duty.

**2012 Auxiliary Officer Contribution Total: 3,354.75 hours of service**  
**Estimated Cost Savings for 2012: \$110,706.00**



Since 1999, Auxiliary Officers have worked a total of 48,423 hours for the Ocean City Police Department. These hours are broken down in the following categories:

- 1) Administration: 9,241.25
- 2) Patrol: 23,237.25
- 3) Auxiliary Admin: 2,947
- 4) Services: 11,884
- 5) Training: 1,113.5

Since the inception of the Auxiliary Officer program, the economic benefit to the taxpayers of Ocean City is an overall savings of approximately **\$1,591,667.75.**



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## Section II: Divisional Overview

### Support Services Division

The Support Services Division is commanded by Captain Greg Guiton. Guiton is assisted by Services Lieutenant Elton Harmon, Jr. and Lieutenant Richard Moreck. The Support Services Division is a combination of two separate divisions from previous years (Administration and Services). The Support Services Division provides for the management of support-related tasks associated with the efficient and effective operation of the Department.



Captain Greg Guiton      Lieutenant Elton Harmon, Jr.      Lieutenant Richard Moreck

**The mission of the Division is twofold. First, the management of the Department's administrative functions includes:**

1. The central records facility and all duties associated therein
2. Serve as a liaison to the Town of Ocean City's Information Technology department
3. All training of departmental personnel & compliance with State certification requirements
4. The recruitment of sworn employees
5. Budget preparation and management
6. Human Resources
7. Crime Analysis

**Secondly, the management of the Department's tangible assets, and the overseeing of specific support operations include:**

1. The maintenance of the Department's physical facilities and fleet
2. Arrest and detention operations
3. Uniforms, equipment, and supplies
4. Property and evidence storage
5. Rolling stock

### **Grant Funding received by the Ocean City Police Department in 2012:**

- The Ocean City Police Department received 24 grants (five of which are Highway Safety specific). During FY 2012 the Ocean City Police Department received \$564,719.00.

### **Human Resources Highlights:**

- Recruiting trips to seventeen (17) different colleges and universities
- During the calendar year, this section hired twenty-four (24) full-time employees to address vacancies within the Department. Ten (10) of the vacancies involved police officer replacements.
- Tested 722 applicants for employment (575 Seasonal Officers and 147 Public Safety Aides)
- Conducted 223 seasonal backgrounds
- Managed ten new officers through the ESCJA
- Conducted thirty four (34) full-time background investigations to fill ten positions in the current full-time academy class



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## Human Resources Highlights Continued:

- Fourteen (14) full-time civilian vacancies were also filled during this time period. These vacancies included:
  - Seven (7) Public Safety Aides (PSA)
  - Four (4) Police Records Technicians
  - Two (2) Office Associate III
  - One (1) Executive Office Associate I
- Conducted two seasonal officer academies for sixty six (66) new officers
- Conducted annual firearms qualifications for over 100 officers—twice during the calendar year
- In-service training for thirty-eight (38) returning seasonal police officers
- Initial training for twenty-eight (28) PSAs assigned to Arrest and Detention
- Initial training for twelve (12) PSAs assigned to Patrol
- In-service training (mandated) for eighty-two (82) full-time police officers
- Co-host/co-sponsor eight (8) specialized training curriculums taught at the P.S.B.
- Bi-annual firearms qualifications and training for all full-time police personnel
- Coordinated all personnel issues in conjunction with the Office of Professional Standards

## Desk and Detention Section

The processing and security of all prisoners, phone and walk-in reports, tow releases, taxi driver applicant photographs and fingerprinting, and facilities maintenance.

- A total of 4,310 prisoners were processed in 2012.
- There were 117 District Court committals/detainers, which were transferred to the Worcester County Jail.

## Records Section Highlights:

- 9,184 police reports
- 9,247 traffic citations and emergency repair orders
  - 1,904 municipal citations
- 1,609 vehicle impounds processed
- 5,705 field contacts processed
- 585 motor vehicle accidents processed
- 781 expungements completed
- Monthly Uniform Crime Report prepared and submitted
- Managed the taxi cab program
  - 216 drivers processed
  - 1,649 inspections recorded



Michelle Montez  
Records Supervisor

## Property Section:

- Retention and storage of all case evidence, including narcotics, which are transported (by Ocean City Police Department personnel) to and from the Maryland State Police lab in Berlin, MD.
- Quarter Master of all uniforms and equipment for the agency.
- Ordering and dispersal of all agency office supplies.

## New Fleet:

- The Department has moved toward the purchase of pursuit rated SUVs rather than sedans. This addresses comfort as well as durability.

## Facility Maintenance:

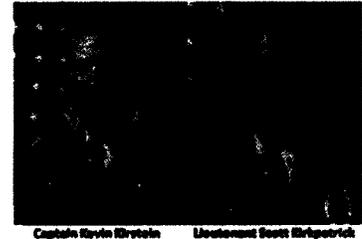
- The Department has begun to address major structural issues with the building to include roof and plumbing.



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## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is commanded by Captain Kevin Kirstein. He is assisted by Lieutenant Scott Kirkpatrick. Patrol provides the initial response to calls for service and works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to prevent crime. This division is the largest group of the Ocean City Police Department, having almost two-thirds of the officers assigned to it. The Patrol Division also consists of several specialty groups and enforcement details.



Captain Kevin Kirstein Lieutenant Scott Kirkpatrick

### Patrol Specialty Groups

- Bike Patrol
- K-9
- Mounted Patrol
- Quick Response Team
- Traffic Safety Unit
- Animal Control
- Honor Guard

### Specialty Enforcement Details

- DUI Enforcement
- Pedestrian Safety Detail
- Plain Clothes Patrol
- School Bus Detail
- Transit/Bus Detail
- Violence Against Women
- RAAM Program
- Aggressive Driving /Smooth Operator

### Highlights from 2012:

- Officers conducted more than one million miles of patrol in Ocean City
- Almost 200,000 regular hours were worked by full-time patrol officers
  - This number does not include overtime hours, which result from court appearances, special events, being held over to the next shift, and call-ins
- 5,705 field contacts were made by patrol
  - Disorderly – 1,579
  - Suspect – 1,563
  - Suspicious Person – 1,103
  - Occupant of Motor Vehicle – 729
  - Associate – 523
  - Open Container Warning – 151
  - Driver – 57
- 4,327 arrests made by patrol officers
- Officers made over 64,000 officer-initiated calls for service
  - Officers responded to over 24,000 additional calls for service, called in by citizens



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## Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division is commanded by Captain Michael Colbert. Colbert is assisted by Lieutenant Ray Austin. The following operations fall under this division:



Captain Michael Colbert

Lieutenant Ray Austin

## General Assignment Section

The General Assignment Section is staffed by five sworn detectives. Detectives are responsible for interviewing suspects, drafting warrants, and investigating crimes. General Assignment detectives work with other law enforcement agencies to assist with solving various cases.

## General Assignment Section Highlights:

- Initial Reports – 71
- Supplements – 1,736
- Arrests – 18
- Cases Cleared by Arrest – 52
- Arrest Warrants Drafted – 20
- Criminal Summons – 12
- Search Warrants Drafted – 28
- Assigned Cases – 228
- Report Attachments – 499
- Subpoena Requests – 31
- Assists to Patrol Division – 146

## Notable 2012 felony cases investigated by General Assignment Detectives included:

### ➤ Armed Robbery

- On November 26, 2012, Ocean City Police Detectives received confidential information that a male, later identified as Hector Aaron Torres, 25, of Ocean City, Maryland was planning an armed robbery of the O.C. Dollar Store, located at 203 Philadelphia Avenue to feed his heroin addiction. The information provided was corroborated by police detectives.

Based upon the detailed information developed, officers immediately removed the employees from the business. Ocean City Police concealed tactical officers inside and outside of the business and began surveillance.

At approximately 8:20 P.M., Torres entered the O.C. Dollar Store wearing a hooded sweat shirt, with the hood pulled over his head concealing his face. Torres was holding a razor knife in one hand and a kitchen knife in his other hand. During the attempted Armed Robbery, Torres was walking through the store aisles attempting to locate a store employee. Torres was apprehended and placed under arrest while attempting to commit an Armed Robbery.

- Torres was charged with the following:
  - Armed Robbery (Felony)
  - Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery (Misdemeanor)
  - Robbery (Felony)
  - Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (Misdemeanor)
  - Resisting Arrest (Misdemeanor)
  - Possession of a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Misdemeanor)
  - Possession of a Deadly Weapon With Intent to Injure (Misdemeanor)
  - Possession of CDS (Heroin) (Misdemeanor)



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## ➤ Theft/Fraud Vulnerable Adult

- Victim's bank reported several large withdraws totaling approximately \$220,000. The victim was an elderly male who had a care taker. The care taker frequently and under false pretenses had the deed to the lien free \$565,000 condo owned by the victim signed over to the care taker.

Detectives served a search and seizure warrant on care taker's residence whereupon \$51,900 in U.S. Currency of the victim's money was recovered. Additionally, detectives served three seizure warrants, whereupon approximately \$180,000 was seized from bank accounts and the deed to the victim's lien free condo was seized pending court proceedings. Detectives received Grand Jury Indictments on care taker for eleven felony criminal charges. Total amount stolen from the elderly victim in this case was \$912,928.03. Detectives were able to seize and recover \$796,900 (seized deed to condo \$565,000, seized \$180,000 from bank accounts, seized \$51,900 in U.S. Currency) of victim's money/assets.

## ➤ First Degree Burglaries (Montego Bay)

- During the 2012 year, detectives developed and identified suspects that had committed seven First Degree Burglaries in the residential area of Montego Bay. O.C.P.D. detectives worked in conjunction with Montgomery County P.D. detectives and the Ocean City Police Department Forensics Unit in identifying the suspects. Fingerprints and D.N.A. evidence were recovered at the scene of some of the Montego Bay Burglaries, which later assisted detectives in identifying and charging a second suspect. Search and Seizure Warrants were executed on the residence of one suspect, who resided in Montego Bay, and stolen property from the Burglaries was recovered.
- Two suspects were charged with the seven felony First Degree Burglaries.

## **Narcotics Section Highlights:**

The Narcotics Unit participated in numerous major /joint investigations under multijurisdictional authority provided by the Worcester County Sheriff's Department/Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team to include:

### ➤ **Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) TIII Wire Tap Investigation**

- OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT Narcotics Detectives were the primary surveillance teams in this case for over 6 weeks.
- Surveillance was extensive and included extended details through multiple states.
- OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT Narcotics Detectives made numerous undercover hand to hand purchases of significant amounts of cocaine in this case from suspects that has resulted in over 12 State felony charges and will result in numerous federal criminal drug charges.
- This case had direct ties to Mexico and suspected ties to organized drug trafficking organizations (Mexican Cartels).
- More than 6 kilos (13.2 pounds) of cocaine were seized, numerous arrests, numerous search warrants executed numerous vehicles seized, and a significant amount of cash was interdicted in this case.
- This drug trafficking organization was shipping cocaine into the area using Fed Ex and other private shippers and some of the shipments were coming into Ocean City and being delivered to numerous addresses in Ocean City.
- Several of the suspects in this case were residing in Ocean City.

### ➤ **Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) TIII Wire Tap Investigation**

- Task Force Detective participated and assisted in several other Wire Tap cases that involved major organizations shipping cocaine into the Worcester County corridor, in which a substantial amount of that cocaine was being sold in the Ocean City area.
- 73 people were indicted.
- Operation had ties to Los Angeles, California and Atlanta, Georgia.
- Some of the suspects committed homicides related to this organization.



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## ➤ Operation Smackdown

- Heroin distribution ring.
- Ocean City Police Department Narcotics Detectives investigated and made 76 undercover buys and arrested/indicted 23 suspects for distribution of controlled dangerous substances.
- Total of 31 suspects arrested in this operation.

## ➤ Tipsy Taxi – Operation Sand Dollar

- Two year case brought to a close.
- 34-suspects charged with over 100 drug related crimes.

## ➤ Lyons Case

- Joint Ocean City Police Department Narcotics and Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team investigation involving heroin distribution.
- Suspect arrested coming into Worcester County with over 1,700 bags of heroin to sell in the Ocean City and Northern Worcester County areas.

## ➤ Sturgill Case

- Joint Ocean City Police Department Narcotics and Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team investigation involving heroin distribution.
- Suspect was identified in heroin distribution ring and drug related armed robberies that took place in Berlin and Ocean City.
- Suspect was arrested coming back into Worcester County from Baltimore with 146 bags of heroin for sale in the Ocean City and Northern Worcester County areas.

## ➤ Mills Case

- Suspect was a career offender and repeat Ocean City Police Department offender. Suspect was out on parole and selling heroin. Suspect was wanted on parole retake warrants and stated he would not go back to prison. Suspect knew he was wanted and was hiding out and eluding capture.
- Ocean City Police Department Task Force Officer made several undercover buys of CDS from Mills.
- Ocean City Police Department Detectives participated in the operation and were able identify the location where Mills was staying through surveillance.
- Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team and Ocean City Police Department Narcotics detectives arrested suspect.
- Suspect was found to be in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Suspect is a convicted felon.
- Suspect is facing possible Federal charges as well as several state felony charges and his parole has been revoked.

## ➤ Boardwalk Operations

- Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team assisted Ocean City Police Department CID-G and CID-N in boardwalk buy bust operations and rolling buy bust operations in the month of May and June by providing arrest team members and undercover detectives.
- Resulted in 34 arrests, seized 2 vehicles, 7 weapons and over \$600 in cash
- The Narcotics Unit saw a shift in the types of CDS crimes being investigated. Heroin cases handled by the Narcotics Unit are up 550% from 2011. (This does not reflect department wide statistics). This is due to the aggressive enforcement of prescription drug abuse and the education and regulation of these types of violations. Opiate addicts are now switching to heroin because it is available and much cheaper than prescriptions drugs.



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## Forensic Services Section

The Forensic Services Section is staffed by three civilian Crime Scene Technicians. This section is responsible for many duties that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 188 scenes processed in 2012
  - Residential Breaking & Entering – 82
  - Thefts – 27
  - Miscellaneous – 18
  - Vehicles – 19
  - Assaults – 6
  - Deaths – 44
  - Robberies – 4
  - Rapes – 6
  - Commercial Breaking & Entering – 4
  - Malicious Destruction of Property – 6
  - Arson/Fire – 1
  - CDS – 4
- Collect and submit digital evidence
  - 1,828 pieces of digital evidence submitted to the Forensics Section
  - CD/Photo/Video Request – 615
  - In-Car Camera Analysis – 210
  - Video Analysis – 98
  - Computer Analysis – 3
- Document evidence
  - Supplements to incident reports – 1,024
  - Latent fingerprints submitted to Forensic Services – 1,031
  - Latent fingerprints processed by lab – 510
    - Latent hits – 25
  - Report attachments – 196
  - Lab requests – 255
  - Lab processes – 125
  - DNA hits – 9
  - Guns submitted – 44
    - Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms trace – 41
- 2012 Notable Latent Fingerprint / D.N.A. Hits
  - Latent fingerprint hit identifying suspect involved in vending machine thefts at several Ocean City Hotels.
  - Latent fingerprint hit identifying suspect involved in numerous Oasis Car Wash Thefts/Malicious Destruction of Property that occurred in 2010/2011.
  - D.N.A. hit identifying suspect and placing suspect in possession of a handgun and drugs.

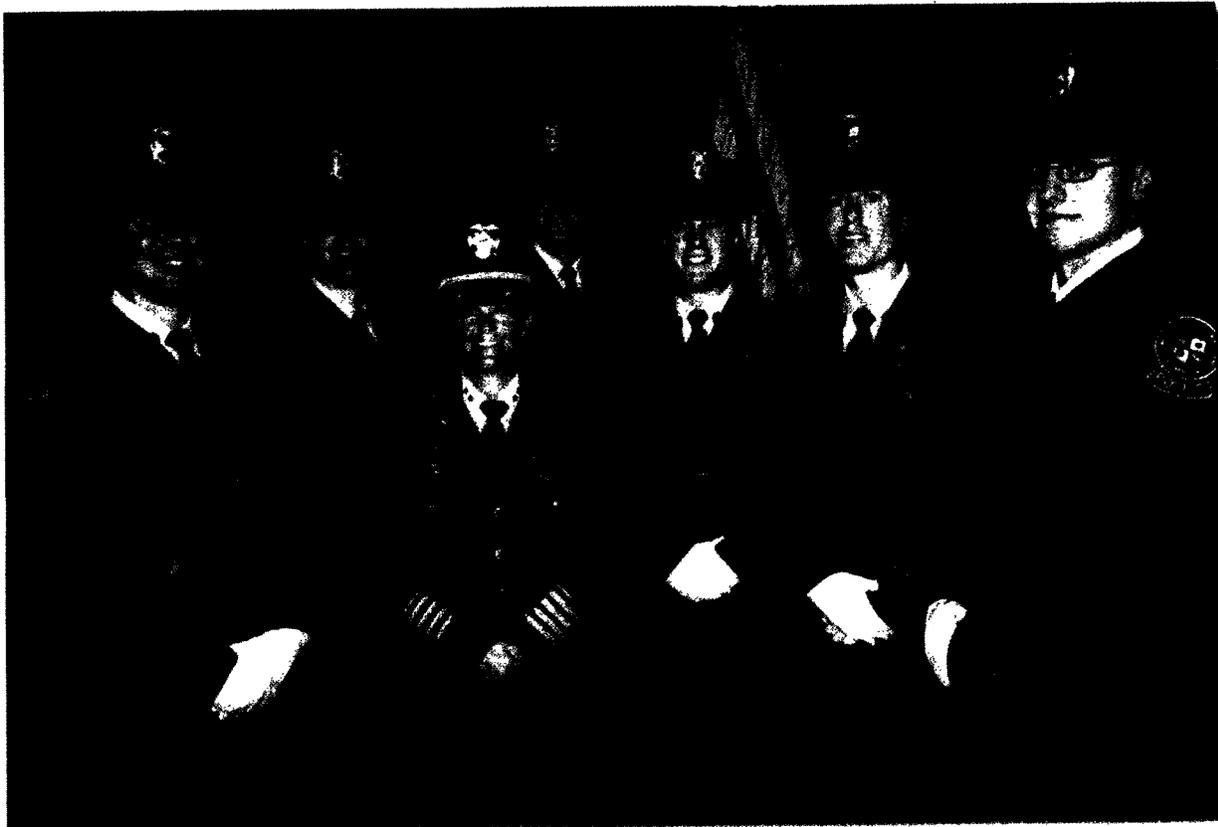


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## Section III: Departmental Highlights from 2012

In 2012 the Ocean City Police Department had an unprecedented ten officers retire with 25 years of service or more: Chief Bernadette DiPino; Captain Robert Bokinsky; Lieutenant Richard Currence; Sergeants' William Bunting, Gary Holtzman and Regina Custer; Police Officers 1<sup>st</sup> Class: Kevin Ortiz and Police Officers Gregory Sobus and Douglas Hunt.

This year the Ocean City Police Department welcomed several new officers:



The Ocean City Police Department proudly graduated six new officers from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy's 68<sup>th</sup> police academy class on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Pictured with Chief DiPino from left to right: Officers Clifford Goggins, Michael Valerio, Michael Dzurnak, Corey Gemerek, Nathan Kutz and Daniel McBride.

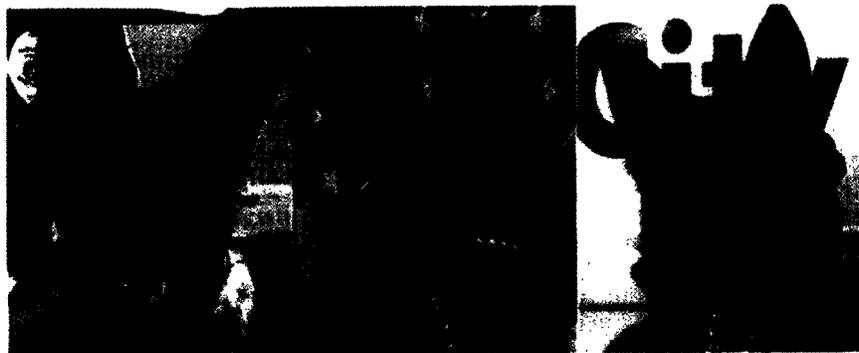


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On December 18, 2012, the Ocean City Police Department proudly graduated five new officers from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy's 69<sup>th</sup> police academy class. New Ocean City Police Department Officers and Chief DiPino pictured from left to right: OFC Neshawn Jubilee, OFC Philip Paterson, Chief DiPino, OFC Michael Kirkland, OFC Benjamin Berry, OFC Kenneth Reed

In 2012, the Ocean City Police Department retired two of its police K9 partners "Charlie" and "Tacko." The department then added two new K9 dog teams PFC Kelly and "Koda", PFC Jacobs and "Jaxx" and replaced PFC Flower's K9 partner "Tacko" with "Uno."



OCPD New K9 Partners: Pictured from left to right: "Koda", "Jaxx" and "Uno"



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Ocean City Police also added new civilian personnel which included a new Executive Administrative Specialist; three Records Specialist; four Public Safety Aids and one new Forensic Services Technician.

## **Annual Awards**

Several of our officers received special awards for outstanding performance:

### **Silver Star:**

SGT Dennis Eade

### **Bronze Star:**

CPL Charles Kelley

DET Thomas Geoghegan

### **Meritorious Service Award:**

LT Mark Pacini

OFC Nickolas Forsyth

PFC Aaron Morgan

PFC Christopher Snyder

CPL Mark Wolinsky

LT Rick Moreck

### **Excellent Police Performance:**

OFC Patrick Flynn

CPL Joseph Bushnell

CPL Allen Hawk

CPL Brett Case

PFC Christopher Snyder

OFC Trevor Greenawalt

PFC James Runkles

OFC Kory Moerschel

OFC Richard Gutowski

### **Special Commendation:**

PFC Vicki Martin

CPL Richard Wawrzeniak

PFC Daniel Jacobs

PFC Shawn Lindsey

PFC Kevin Flower

S/OFC Brian Beegle

Detective Justin Hoban



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**The Following Personnel were promoted in 2012**

**Promotion to Captain**

Gregory Guiton

**Promotions to Lieutenant:**

Todd Wood

Howard Whaley

**Promotions to Sergeant:**

Regina Custer

Frank Wrench

Shawn Jones

Ronnie Townsend

**Promotions to Corporal:**

James Runkles

Freddie Howard

Allen Hawk

Vance Row

Todd Speigle

**Promotions to Police Officer First Class:**

Joseph P. Zurla



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## Ocean City Police Remembers

The Ocean City Police Department would like to acknowledge the passing of following personnel during 2012 who served their community with honor and distinction:

- **Sergeant Kathleen Ann “Kathy” Braeuninger: Served 1979-2006**
- **PFC James (Jay) Hancock: Served 1971 - 2002**
- **Auxiliary Officer George Mause: 2005 - 2012**



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## Section III: 2013 Goals and Objectives

### **Mission Statement**

The Ocean City Police Department, as part of and empowered by the community, is committed to a safe and peaceful environment, rendering aid to those in need, and protecting the lives, property and rights of visitors. We shall provide the highest degree of ethical behavior, professional conduct and quality police services. We shall actively seek to identify community problems and their solutions, enhancing the quality of life in our community.

The Ocean City Police Department is determined to maintain its core objectives: *Professionalism, High Visibility, and Strict Enforcement of the Law*. As we approach a new year, the Ocean City Police Department raised the bar higher with new goals for 2013:

- 1) Provide the highest quality effective and efficient police services to our community.
- 2) Use high visibility, strict enforcement, and professional principles that have shown success in the past.
- 3) Reduce officer injuries and implement officer safety strategies to allow our officers to go home to their families safely every day.
- 4) Maintain and develop community partnerships.
- 5) Recruit/Select/Retain the highest caliber police officers and civilian personnel.
- 6) Promote the most qualified, highly motivated personnel within the Ocean City Police Department to foster leadership, as well as cultivate and train officers for future supervisory positions.
- 7) Continue cost saving measures, using our resources efficiently and responsibly.
- 8) Adoption of policies and procedures consistent with best law enforcement practices.
- 9) Seek out non-conventional funding sources to augment, train and supply our officers and Department.
- 10) Use advanced analysis techniques to practice smarter and safer policing. Identify public safety trends, crime and crime trends, and develop and deploy resources to address emerging issues.

2012 Beach Equipment Bid Results

Parcel	Bidder	Old Annual	New Annual
85th,86th and 87th Streets	Charlotte Edmunds	\$698.78	\$700.00
88th,89th,90th Streets and 91st Street end	William Edmunds	\$5,056.47	\$4,000.00
92nd end (north),93rd Streets and 9400 Condo	William Edmunds	\$10,353.85	\$6,400.00
Century I, English Tower and Marigot Beach Condos	Patrice Murrell	\$19,736.07	\$8,200.00
Atlantis,Quay and Golden Sands Condos	Patrick McLaughlin	\$26,769.07	\$20,700.00
Capri,Irene and Rainbow Condos	Amir Kahleel	\$7,623.00	\$11,800.00
Fountainhead,Carousel and 118th Street	Patrick McLaughlin	\$13,131.65	\$26,000.00
119th,120th and 121st Streets	Patrice Murrell	\$10,026.42	\$6,700.00
125th,126th and 127th Streets	Trudy Stock	\$4,711.74	\$4,100.00
128th,129th and 130th Streets	Brock Hite	\$3,094.58	\$3,500.00
134th,135th and 136th Streets	Ron Steen	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
137th,138th and 139th Streets	Ron Steen	\$4,691.78	\$4,500.00
140th,141st,142nd Streets	Patrick McLaughlin	\$1,210.00	\$5,100.00
143rd,144th,145th and 146th Streets to MD/DE Line	Patrick McLaughlin	\$1,397.50	\$7,500.00