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Beach Patrol Hosts Rescue Demonstration

The Ocean City Beach Patrol (OCBP) will present a rescue demonstration in conjunction with Maryland's annual Emergency Medical Services conference, which will be held in Ocean City for the first time on April 2. Plans include a presentation led by OCBP Captain Butch Arbin highlighting the procedure OCBP developed for removing victims of suspected spinal injuries from the surf, which was developed with the help of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

Captain Arbin also will discuss OCBP's mission, the requirements to become a surf rescue technician (SRT), the training each SRT receives and an overview of the types and numbers of incidents that are responded to per season. His presentation will be followed by a live demonstration of the neck/back technique in the ocean in front of the Clarion Hotel. Several OCBP members will brave the cold water to perform the rescue demonstration in heavy wetsuits and will turn their "victim" over to the Ocean City Fire Department for transportation, just like the standard procedure in the summer.

OCBP will then be joined by Fire Department rescue swimmers, the U.S. Coast Guard with a boat, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police, also with a boat, to perform a "rescue medley." There will have five "victims" being rescued by landlines, paddle boards, rescue swimmers deployed from a quad and an OCBP jet ski. The live demonstration in the ocean and on the beach is weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, small group training in the neck/back technique will be offered to interested conference attendees.

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