



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL NEWS RELEASE

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NEVER, NEVER SWIM ALONE!!!

SWIMMING NEAR A LIFEGUARD COULD SAVE A LIFE! YOURS!!

Ocean City Beach Patrol urges beach patrons to swim in front of lifeguards

Although the Ocean City Beach Patrol will continue to provide coverage of all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 25, (the Sunday of Sunfest weekend), this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers. Surf rescue technicians (SRTs) will be on duty daily between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Due to the dedication and commitment of the beach patrol staff, many SRTs will travel back to Ocean City to supplement coverage for these last three weekends. OCBP will also supplement this coverage by increasing the number of mobile rescue units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first aid and AED equipped with one SRT (rider) acting as the primary rescue swimmer while the other SRT (driver) maintains radio communication and backup during an emergency. Both are qualified as surf rescue technicians, medical first responders and are quad (ATV) certified.

The beach patrol will officially end the traditional guarding of the beach Sunday, September 25. To aid your SRT these last couple of weeks, during this time of reduced coverage, the beach patrol suggests taking extra precaution by walking the short distance to swim in the vicinity of a lifeguard stand.

The first priority of the Ocean City Beach Patrol continues to be public safety. OCBP strongly encourages all beach patrons to restrict any beach or water-related activities to times when beach patrol personnel are on duty, never swim alone, always stay within the limits of their ability and never rely on a flotation device.

For information about daily locations of SRTs call Beach Patrol Headquarters at 410-289-7556. Always remember: "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!" and for your safety, take the extra precaution and walk the distance to the nearest surf rescue technician on a stand. Following this advice may save a life..... YOURS!

"Anyone can get a "JOB".... But YOU can make a difference!"

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KEEP YOUR FEET IN THE SAND..... UNTIL THE LIFEGUARD'S IN THE STAND!

