

Ocean City Fire Department

Hurricane Irene Information Update 08/27/2011, 1800 hours

A briefing was held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 1800 hours at Fire Headquarters. Crew members on stand-by were briefed with the latest update from Fire Chief Larmore. Below you will find key points from the meeting.

At this time (1800 27 August 2011)-

Latest Weather Conditions in Ocean City, MD:

- Current wind speed: 42 mph
- Highest recorded gust: 55 mph
- The highest wind speeds from Hurricane Irene should occur near 1 a.m. Sunday, when top sustained winds, from the north, could reach 79 mph with gusts near 99 mph.
- When sustained winds become 50 mph for 10 minutes or longer, emergency response will cease until conditions are deemed safe

Law Enforcement / Strike Teams:

The following agencies will be located throughout the Town of Ocean City in each of our fire stations. These individuals should be made to feel at home as we are one team:

1. Ocean City Police Officers
2. National Guard
3. Maryland State Police
4. Ocean City Beach Patrol
5. Other Town of Ocean City Departments

The State of Maryland has detailed a Maryland Fire Strike Force to support our operations, effective 1200 hours for a 96-hour duration. They are from:

1. Washington County, Maryland
2. Allegany County, Maryland

Hydration and nourishment for crews:

- Meals and bottled water have been placed at Fire HQ, Fire Station 3, Fire Station 4, and Fire Station 5. Reminder that Fire Station 2 is closed.
- Meals are being prepared in each station by an assigned group of firefighters.
- The Ocean City Police Department, Beach Patrol, National Guard, and Maryland State Police should feel at home and are welcome to partake in the meals at each fire station.

BLUE Alert:

- Worcester County, Maryland is under a BLUE alert in coordination with MIEMSS. This means that all medical patients will be taken to Atlantic General Hospital until further notice.

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IMPORTANT:

Sewer---TOC has turned off the sewer system at 1800- DO NOT Flush toilets, use sinks, or take showers until further notice. Port-o-lets are located at HQ, Stations 3, 4, and 5

A few reminders, which were published in the last update:

NO SURF ENTRY AS OF 2000 08/26/2011

Units on the south end of town will fuel at HQ

In the event the antennae are disabled, radio communications will switch to the Direct 1 group. This may require a relay mobile in the area of 40th Street for south end radio traffic.

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This completes the 1800-hour update*