

## Ocean City Fire Department

### Hurricane Irene Update 8.28.2011 0800 hours,

Overnight winds reached sustained 50 mph, with gusts up to 80 mph. Total rainfall over the 24 hour period was 12.09 inches, with 4.11 inches after midnight.

One medical emergency was handled, and transported safely, during the early AM hours. Fire crews are now clearing the held AFAs, single bells activations, while handling current calls for service. Single resource response, under the direction of the respective chief, is continuing. Medical is still under a "Blue Alert" status throughout Worcester County, and will continue until sustained wind speeds diminish.

Town of Ocean City water and sewer service is still shut down, with an anticipated return to service later today. Power is being restored to areas by Delmarva Power.

Duty crews are continuing in place, however the respective chiefs may begin to release personnel and supplement the crews with Strike Team personnel. Career personnel for "B" Shift have been notified, and will arrive for duty earlier than the initially announced 1500 hours. Emergency personnel may enter the town with their personal vehicle upon presentation of Departmental ID.

US Coast Guard operations will not be restored until at least 1900 hours, so Surf Rescue operations by our department are still suspended.

There will be a city update at 1300 hours.