



Ocean City Fire Department

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A Message From The Chief's Department

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Each year during the holidays, many of you will leave your home— either for your scheduled work shift or your response from home and sacrifice your time with your family to respond to emergencies. Regardless of call nature, time of day, weather conditions, or home responsibilities, you do not think twice but, rather, respond to assist our citizens and visitors. What you do is vital, and we thank you!

Chief Larmore *Asst. Chief Duke*
Deputy Chief Cropper *Asst. Chief Kirstein*
Deputy Chief Barton *Asst. Chief Hartley*
Deputy Chief Villani *Asst. Chief Bunting*
Asst. Chief Shaffer



EMS Training



We will be hosting the *Geriatric Education for EMS* Program in Ocean City during the month of January.

The dates are as follows: January 12 and 13 *or* January 19 and 20 *or* January 26 and 27 *or* February 2 and 3

Contact Captain Peterson— Training & Safety Section @ 443-365-7064

The class will begin at 0800 each day and end at 1700 on Day 1 and 1200 on Day 2.

Gold Badge Dinner

On Thursday, December 10, 2009 twenty four of the current 30 Gold Badge Life Members and their guests were present at the annual dinner held in their honor.

These 24 men represent a combined 750 Years of Active Service for the citizens and visitors of Ocean City, Maryland.



Group photograph members follow: Back Row: James Baker, Skip Bunting, John Guntow, Ron Phillips, William Steger, Bill Todd, Ben Lewis, Cliff Dypsky, Nelson Wright, Steve Hales, John VanFossen, Larry Lewis, Jack Hastings, Sam Villani, Steve Price. Front Row: Charlie Bunting, Harold Vickers, Marvin Timmons, Donald Fisher, Jake Shaffer, Ed Hudson, Fish Powell, J.D. Quillen, Al Berger Not present: Bill Savage, Jay Bunting, Steve Cropper, Jack Fisher, Frank Christopher, Tim Price.

REMINDER: Response Procedures for Fire Calls

This is just a reminder for procedures that are already in place.

If you are at Headquarters or Station 4 and you have a staffing of 3 firefighters for the engine, please acknowledge on Channel 2 and advise that you will be responding to the call with your engine.

This will help the engine crew at Station 3 with deciding if they need to respond or not. This is the same theory we use on EMS calls when we acknowledge by saying "Paramedic 4 is direct".

Remember if there is only one engine due, the closest staffed engine should respond and any other responding apparatus may place their unit in service.

Also, all medic units responding to fire calls should give their staffing (1 person is understaffed and a staffing of 2 is considered an in service unit).

Above memo was released by Captain Guy Rickards



BOAT FIRE- 12/14/09

Story By: Ryan Whittington, OCFD PIO

Photos By: Mike Powell



On Monday, December 14, 2009 at 0750 hours, Ocean City Fire Department was dispatched to 118th Street to assist the United States Coast Guard with a boat fire. The boat pictured was underway from Ocean City to Indian River. The known fuel load on board was approximately 100 gallons. There were two souls on board at the time of the fire which were pulled to safety by another private vessel.

Assistant Chief Shaffer had command of the incident. Crews were utilized to remove the debris from the beach to ensure public safety. No injuries were reported.

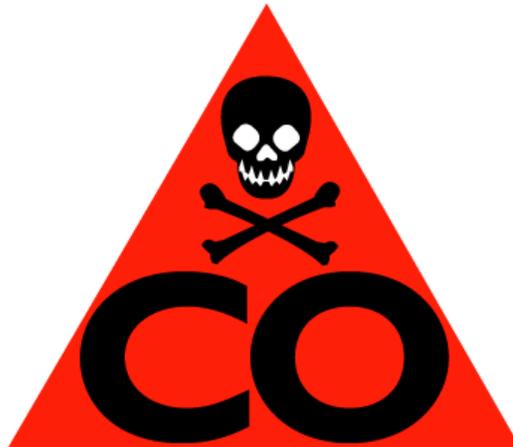


Carbon Monoxide Update– By: Deputy Fire Marshal Sexauer

As of 30 November, the Career Division has visited almost 1,850 one and two family dwellings. Though statistics are not available, the number of units with operational smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms has been above expectations. Additionally, all of the information gathered, based on the exterior inspections of the unoccupied dwellings, has been forwarded to the Building Inspector's Office.

Multi - family dwelling inspections by the Office of the Fire Marshal are proceeding well. Approximately 60% of multi-family dwelling units in town have been checked. Since the multi-family dwelling inspections have begun, compliance rates have fluctuated between 70%-75%.

Additionally, the Ocean City Fire Department has recently increased our supply of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for the less fortunate. Furthermore, 9-volt batteries are now available for any homeowner. A grant application has been submitted to purchase additional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Members in EMT-I & Paramedic School

Currently there are several members of the department that are in ALS school. Majority of the students are attending Chesapeake Community College, while one of the members is attending Wor-Wic Community College. The students include:

Emergency Medical Technician– Intermediate Students:

Tyler Fritz; Volunteer Division, Chesapeake College
Jeff Aperance; Volunteer Division, Chesapeake College
J.T. Tyler; Career Division, P/T, Wor-Wic College
Beth Huovinen; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Patrick Herrman; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Ryan Whittington; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Heath Burkey; Volunteer Division, Chesapeake College

Paramedic Students:

Maria Berdan; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Logan Helmuth; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Chris Gee; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Zack Tyndall; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College
Cory Polidore; Career Division, P/T, Chesapeake College



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Photos of Fire Scenes

Authority Deputy Chief Villani, pictures or digital images taken of any fire under investigation by this department shall not be released for public view or released to unauthorized personnel without the explicit approval from the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Pictures or digital images taken of fires under investigation are deemed Ocean City Fire Department confidential information until declassified by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

By: Asst. Chief Hartley

Fire Officer II

The OCFD Training & Safety Section is offering: FIRE OFFICER II. This class is a total of 45 hours.

Date: Monday, January 11, 2010

Time: 1900

Location: Public Safety Building

Instructor: Eric Peterson



- This class will be moved to Thursday nights beginning with the second class.

Please sign up at Fire HQ or contact Captain Peterson: epeterson@ocean.com

Maryland Weekend @ The National Fire Academy

February 27 & 28

Cut of Registration is January 01, 2010

Sign up at Fire HQ

To submit photos or stories to this newsletter, please contact a member of the Public Information Office.

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