

OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



2013 YEAR END REPORT

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The Ocean City Police Department Year End Report is produced by the Office of the Chief, Crime Analysis Section and Records Section.



MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

MISSION

The Ocean City Police Department, as part of and empowered by the community, is committed to a safe and peaceful environment, rendering aid to those in need and protecting the lives, property and rights of visitors. We shall provide the highest degree of ethical behavior, professional conduct and quality police services. We shall actively seek to identify community problems and their solutions, enhancing the quality of life in our community.

OBJECTIVES

The Ocean City Police Department is determined to maintain its core objectives: *Professionalism, High Visibility, and Strict Enforcement of the Law*. The Ocean City Police Department consistently keeps ten goals in mind to ensure that we are providing citizens a safe and peaceful community:

1. Provide the highest quality police services to our community.
2. Use high visibility, strict enforcement and professional principles that have shown success in the past.
3. Reduce officer injuries and implement officer safety strategies to allow our officers to go home to their families safely each and every day.
4. Maintain and develop community partnerships.
5. Recruit, select and retain the highest caliber police officers and civilian personnel.
6. Promote the most qualified, highly motivated personnel within the Ocean City Police Department to foster leadership, as well as cultivate and train officers for future supervisory positions.
7. Continue cost savings measures and use our resources efficiently and responsibly.
8. Adoption of policies and procedures consistent with best law enforcement practices.
9. Seek out non-conventional funding sources to augment, train and supply our officers and Department.
10. Use advanced analysis techniques to practice smarter and safer policing. Identify public safety trends, crime trends and develop and deploy resources to address emerging issues.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



CITIZENS OF OCEAN CITY, COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS,

I am pleased to present to you the 2013 Year End Report. In this report, you will find comprehensive information and statistics of the Ocean City Police Department. It is no secret that there were a small number of criminal incidents uncommon to the Ocean City area that occurred during the summer months; however, we saw a significant decrease of overall crime in 2013 of 13%. I would like to thank each and every member of the Ocean City Police Department and the citizens of Ocean City for working cooperatively to achieve this success.

I assumed command of this great agency July 2, 2013, shortly after it was announced that we had lost two of our own, Pfc. Joshua Adickes and Ofc. Thomas Geoghegan, in the plane crash that occurred on June 30, 2013 just off our coast. The remainder of our year was very mournful as we also grieved the loss of Animal Control Officer Donald Spence who passed away on December 23, 2013. But our officers were strong; doing their job to keep the citizens of Ocean City safe while remembering their lost brothers.

As we move forward into 2014, we remember our successes from the previous year. The "Walk Smart" Campaign was a remarkable success which, in part, decreased pedestrian collisions by 41% from 2012. This campaign was initiated by the Ocean City Pedestrian Safety Committee comprised of members of our department in addition to the Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Highway Safety Office and numerous Ocean City community members. This campaign and each aspect of the "Walk Smart" initiative made Ocean City's Coastal Highway much safer for pedestrians and the initiative will continue into 2014 to make even more improvements to our roadways.

Our agency also introduced a new unit to our Criminal Investigation Division: the Special Enforcement Unit. This new unit is an investigative unit that proactively fights growing crime trends in areas of Ocean City. The detectives assigned to the Special Enforcement Unit focus on working closely with the community to identify problems and solve crime. Already, this unit has proven to be a great asset to our agency.

On December 16, four of our Public Safety Aides graduated from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy's jail and corrections officer academy. These were the first four OCPD employees to ever attend the jail and corrections academy. Their new training will be a great benefit to our detention facility. Also, the Ocean City Police Department hired six new officers throughout 2013 and currently have six additional officers attending the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy's police academy.

I would like to close by giving credit where credit is due and thanking the men and women of the Ocean City Police Department for their continued commitment and dedication to our community. It is their sacrifices and hard work that maintain the high quality of life that we enjoy here in Ocean City, MD. We can promise citizens that our high standards for public safety will continue through 2014 and for many years to come.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ross Buzzuro".

Ross Buzzuro
Chief of Police

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 16

The Ocean City Knights of Columbus honored Lieutenant Scott Harner as Officer of the Year. Lt. Harner currently serves as the Special Events and Special Projects commander. This position makes him responsible for a myriad of different tasks including planning special event enforcement and leading special projects such as the boardwalk camera surveillance project and the “Walk Smart” campaign. Lt. Harner is also the commander of the Traffic Safety Unit and Auxiliary Officer Program.



JANUARY 29

The Ocean City Neighborhood Watch Association selected Police Officer First Class Chris Snyder to be the honorable recipient of the 2012 Neighborhood Watch Officer of the Year. Pfc. Snyder was hired full time as an officer in 2004. He is currently assigned to Patrol—Evening Watch. Pfc. Snyder is a domestic violence investigator, patrol crime scene technician and serves as a Neighborhood Watch Liaison for Bayshore Drive.



FEBRUARY 26

The Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Regional Association honored Narcotics Detective Police Officer First Class Kyle Murray. Each year, the Elks present the Enrique S. Camarena Award to a member of law enforcement who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life.

APRIL 5

The Ocean City Police Department acknowledges the dedication and citizenship of the Auxiliary Unit. Auxiliary Officer's Wanda Olson and Reid Gay were recognized as the 2012 Auxiliary Officers of the Year. Each has served for ten years. The Auxiliary Unit is made up of community members who donate their time to support and assist the Ocean City Police Department.

APRIL 23

The Ocean City Auxiliary Unit and Detective Sergeant Jeff Smith are honored by the Worcester County Drug and Alcohol Council at the 22nd Annual Drug and Alcohol Awards reception for their outstanding achievement in drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The Ocean City Auxiliary Unit has volunteered hundreds of hours over the years at “Play It Safe” events. Detective Sgt. Jeff Smith is honored for his superior commitment to drug enforcement in Ocean City and Worcester County.



2013 HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 1

At approximately 1:45 p.m., Ocean City Police and EMS responded to 19th Street and Baltimore Avenue in reference to a hit and run pedestrian collision involving a 6-year-old child. Officers were quickly able to locate and apprehend the suspect who later pled guilty to felony charges in court.

JUNE 3

Law enforcement officers representing agencies throughout Worcester County participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay for Special Olympics Maryland. Officers ran the length of the boardwalk then continued to the second leg of the race through downtown Berlin.

JUNE 17

The Ocean City Police Department proudly graduated four new officers from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy's 70th police academy class. Each of the four OCPD officers finished in the top four performance standings of the class as follows: Ofc. Adam Lapinski-Pistol Expert; Ofc. Joseph Laughlin-Pistol Expert; Ofc. Xeniya Patterson-Physical Fitness Award; Ofc. Matthew Zimmerman-Academy Class Leader, Leadership Award, Pistol Expert and Physical Fitness Award.



JUNE 25

OCPD's newest K9 team graduated from a six-week training program at Shallow Creek Kennels training facility in Sharpsville, PA. Ofc. Nicholas Forsyth and his K9 partner, Goro, were certified by the North American Police Work Dog Association as a patrol and drug detection police K9 team. Goro began his career at 18-months-old and is a Belgian Malinois from Holland.



JUNE 30

A small two-seater plane crashed into the water off of Ocean City's coastline taking the lives of two Ocean City officers, Pfc. Joshua Adickes and Ofc. Thomas Geoghegan. Both officers were dedicated and courageous both on and off duty. They had a true love of life, which was demonstrated in their professional and personal pursuits.



JULY 2

The Ocean City Police Department welcomes Chief Ross Buzzuro as the new police chief. Chief Buzzuro began his career in law enforcement in 1985 in Baltimore City. He came into the department being known for improving operations, effectively managing and strengthening resources.



2013 HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 6

The Ocean City Police Department, in cooperation with two of our Neighborhood Watch groups, celebrated the 30th Annual National Night Out in the Caine Woods and Bayshore Drive communities. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

AUGUST 14

Ocean City announced a dramatic decrease in motor vehicle collisions for the summer of 2013. Police saw a significant decrease in pedestrian collisions, bicycle collisions and scooter collisions and gives credit to the success of the “Walk Smart” campaign (see page 30 for details).

SEPTEMBER 5

Chief Buzzuro announced establishment of a new unit in the department: the Special Enforcement Unit. The Special Enforcement Unit is a proactive criminal investigative unit which focuses on working closely with the community to identify problems and solve crime. Officers assigned to this unit primarily work in a plain clothes capacity much like the department’s Narcotics & Vice Unit.



SEPTEMBER 11

The Ocean City Police Department and Lieutenant Scott Harner earned awards from the Maryland Highway Safety Office for participation in the “Walk Smart” campaign and the strong enforcement efforts against traffic safety violations. OCPD worked very closely with the Highway Safety Office and the Maryland State Highway Administration to create and promote the “Walk Smart” campaign.

SEPTEMBER 20

Ocean City Police Lieutenant Ray Austin graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. This program consisted of ten weeks of training, including topics on health and fitness, advanced criminal investigation and leadership development. Lt. Austin is the assistant commander of the Criminal Investigation Division.

DECEMBER 16

For the first time, three Ocean City Public Safety Aides graduated from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy’s jail and corrections officer academy. Ashley Clark, Michael Newcomb and Damian Priznar received this training in an effort to improve our detention facility and properly train our employees that staff it. Ashley Clark was recognized for completing the Academy at the top of her class.



2013 HIGHLIGHTS



DECEMBER 17

Two new Ocean City Police Department officers graduated from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy's 71st police academy class. Officer Erica Specht earned both the Physical Fitness Award and Pistol Expert Award. Officer Jacob Fetterolf also earned the Pistol Expert Award and graduated with an overall 100% for pistol proficiency during the course.

DECEMBER 17

The Ocean City Police Department's Holiday Food and Toy Drive distribution day proves to be a blessing to over 50 Ocean City families. This year, OCPD partnered with the Santa House and our department served as a drop off and distribution point. The Santa House distributed food and toys to over 500 families throughout Worcester County.

DECEMBER 23

Ocean City police share the news of the passing of Animal Control Officer Donald Spence. ACO Spence suddenly passed away on Monday, December 23. He was truly loved by everyone at the OCPD and throughout the town of Ocean City. ACO Spence loved his work and it was evident throughout his professional life.



JANUARY 7, 2014

The Ocean City Neighborhood Watch Association selects Cpl. James Runkles as the 2013 Neighborhood Watch Officer of the Year. Cpl. Runkles began his career at OCPD in 2007 and has been assigned to the Patrol Division since his start. Cpl. Runkles became a K-9 officer in March 2011. He and his K-9 partner "Brecki," have been instrumental in the seizure of narcotics, weapons and suspects.

COMMENDATIONS & PROMOTIONS

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

Lt. Scott Harner
Lt. Elton Harmon
D/Sgt. Shawn Jones
Cpl. Allen Hawk
Dfc. Gregory Eastman
Pfc. Ryan Flanagan
Pfc. Kevin Flower
Pfc. Daniel Jacobs
Pfc. Michael Kelly
Pfc. Michael Karsnitz
R/Pfc. Vicki Martin
Dfc. Carl Perry
Pfc. Christopher Wrench
Ofc. Jennifer Smithhart
Seasonal Ofc. Josiah Fry
PSA Michael Short
FM Cliff Christello

UNIT CITATION

Honor Guard for Pfc. Adickes and Ofc. Geoghegan
Casket and Vigil Teams for Pfc. Adickes and Ofc. Geoghegan
Narcotics Unit

CERTIFICATE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Steven Sanders, Waynesboro, NJ
James Donahue, II, Prince Frederick, MD
Eric Morris, Ocean City, MD

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Pfc. Lee Arlington
Ofc. Trevor Greenawalt
Ofc. Jennifer Smithhart

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Dfc. David Whitmer

POLICE OFFICER FIRST CLASS PROMOTIONS



Pfc. Joshua Adickes



Pfc. Amy Gutowski



Pfc. Richard Gutowski



Pfc. Christopher Wrench

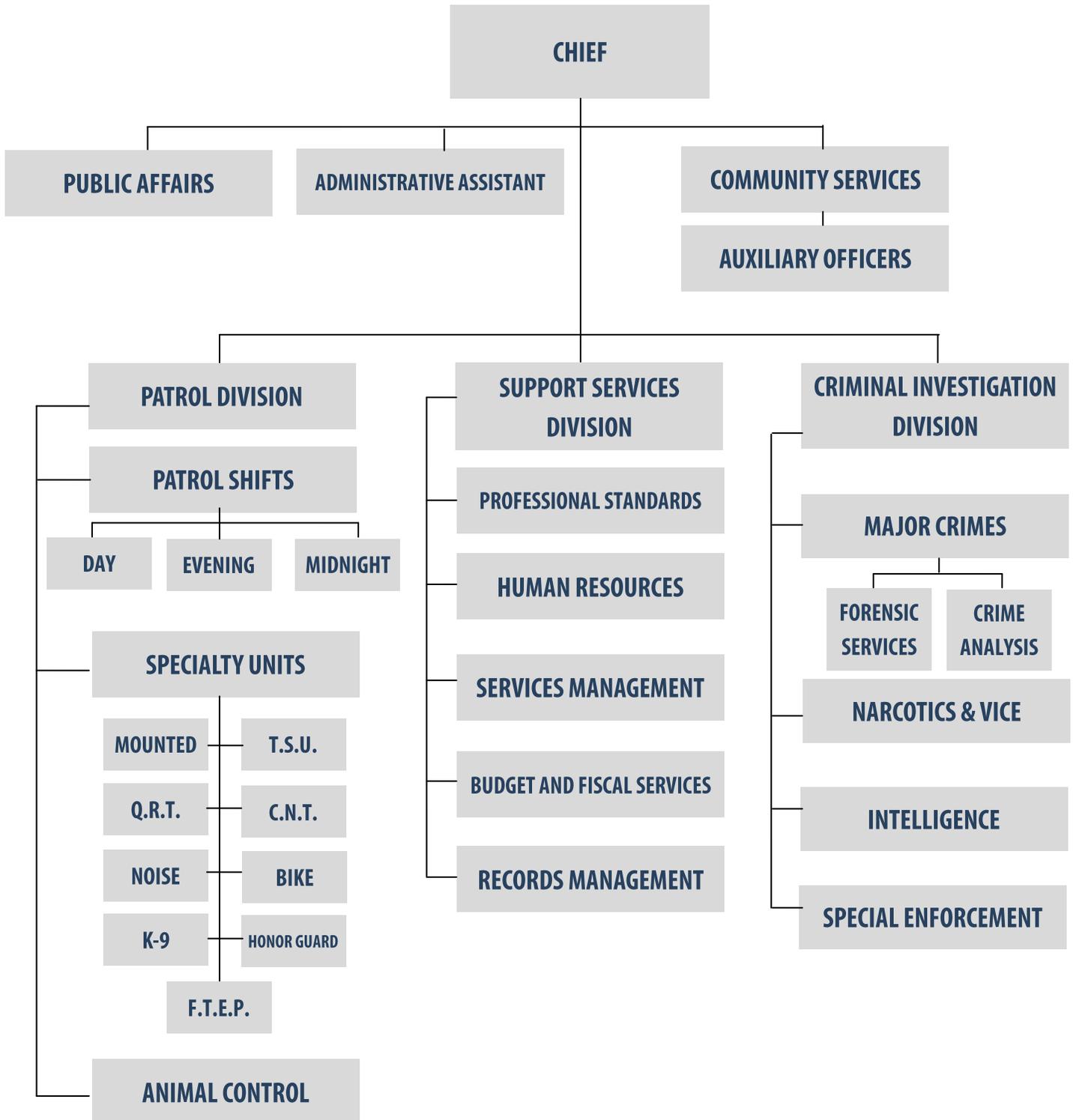
SERGEANT PROMOTION



Sgt. Charles Kelley

DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is commanded by Captain Kevin Kirstein. He is assisted by Lieutenant Scott Kirkpatrick. Patrol provides the initial response to all calls for police service and works around the clock, 365 days per year, to prevent crime in Ocean City. The Patrol Division is the largest division in the Ocean City Police Department and nearly two-thirds of our officers are currently assigned to this Division. The Patrol Division consisted of 196 personnel during the summer of 2013. This division is very diverse and consists of several specialty groups and enforcement details.

Patrol Specialty Groups

- ◆ Mounted Unit
- ◆ Traffic Safety Unit
- ◆ Quick Response Team (Q.R.T.)
- ◆ Crisis Negotiation Team (C.N.T.)
- ◆ Noise Unit
- ◆ Bike Unit
- ◆ K-9 Unit
- ◆ Honor Guard
- ◆ Field Training & Evaluation Program (F.T.E.P.)
- ◆ Animal Control

Specialty Enforcement Details

- ◆ DUI Enforcement
- ◆ Pedestrian Enforcement Detail
- ◆ Plain Clothes Patrol
- ◆ School Bus Detail
- ◆ Transit Bus Detail
- ◆ Violence Against Women
- ◆ Reducing the Availability of Alcohol to Minors (R.A.A.M.) Program
- ◆ Aggressive Driving/Smooth Operator



Capt. Kevin Kirstein



Lt. Scott Kirkpatrick

2013 Division Highlights:

- ◆ The "Walk Smart" campaign showed successful results including zero pedestrian fatalities in 2013 and a 41% reduction in pedestrian collisions.
- ◆ Vehicle collisions reduced by 13.7%.
- ◆ Officers made 429 Driving Under the Influence arrests.
- ◆ \$17,264 in drug money was seized by the K-9 Unit.
- ◆ Officers conducted more than one million miles of patrol in Ocean City.
- ◆ Almost 200,000 regular hours were worked by full-time patrol officers throughout the year. This number does not include overtime hours, which result from court appearances, special events, being held over to the next shift and call-ins.
- ◆ 4,925 field contacts were made by patrol.
 - ◇ Disorderly: 1,429
 - ◇ Suspect: 1,390
 - ◇ Suspicious person: 822
 - ◇ Occupant of motor vehicle: 426
 - ◇ Associate: 437
 - ◇ Driver: 39
- ◆ 2,921 arrests made by patrol officers.
- ◆ 1,164 criminal citations written by patrol officers.
- ◆ 9,382 traffic citations written by patrol officers.
- ◆ 11,356 parking tickets written.
- ◆ Officers responded to 21,904 calls for service at the request of citizens. Officers proactively self-initiated 69,743 calls for service.

DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division is commanded by Captain Michael Colbert and his Assistant Commander is Lieutenant Ray Austin. Together, Capt. Colbert and Lt. Austin are responsible for the following Units:

- ◆ Major Crimes Unit
- ◆ Forensic Services Unit
- ◆ Crime Analysis Unit
- ◆ Narcotics Unit
- ◆ Intelligence Unit
- ◆ Special Enforcement Unit

Major Crimes Unit

The Major Crimes Unit, formerly known as the General Assignment Section is comprised of a Sergeant, Corporal and four Detectives. The mission of the Major Crimes Unit is to investigate the most serious crimes and incidents that occur in Ocean City. The Major Crimes Unit has the investigative responsibility for all Part I felony offenses as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniformed Crime Report, other than arson, burglary and theft unless the loss value exceeds \$3,000. In addition the Major Crimes Unit investigates all deaths other than attended deaths; all reported child abuse, extortion, kidnapping or abduction, counterfeiting and felony sex offenses. The Major Crimes Unit also investigates criminal events that reflect a pattern, crimes that would require significant resources or would require specialized investigative techniques.

2013 Unit Highlights:

- ◆ Assigned cases: 163
- ◆ Initial reports: 58
- ◆ Supplements: 1,599
- ◆ Arrests: 21
- ◆ Cases cleared by arrest: 40
- ◆ Arrest warrants drafted: 8
- ◆ Search warrants drafted: 29
- ◆ Criminal summons: 19
- ◆ Subpoena requests: 29
- ◆ Assists to Patrol Division: 62

Notable felony cases investigated by the Major Crimes Unit:

- ◆ *Homicide*
On January 26, 2013, Ocean City police responded to the area of Somerset Street for a report of an unconscious male subject lying on the ground. Ocean City EMS transported the victim to Atlantic General Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. Ocean City police detectives investigated this incident and learned that a male, George Daron Nottingham, 39, of Ocean City, had assaulted the victim causing him to fall on the ice and receive significant injury to the back of his head. At the conclusion of their investigation, detectives charged Nottingham with second degree assault and manslaughter.
- ◆ *Attempted murder (stabbing)*
Patrol officers responded to Robin Drive for a reported stabbing in the early morning hours of May 9, 2013. Officers located the female victim who had been stabbed in the neck multiple times by her girlfriend during a domestic argument. Through their investigation, detectives were able to disprove that this stabbing was done in self-defense. The suspect was charged and convicted of attempted second degree murder.



Capt. Michael Colbert



Lt. Ray Austin

DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (cont.)

◆ *Attempted murder (shooting)*

On June 29, 2013, Ocean City police in the area of 18th Street and Coastal Highway heard what seemed to be gunshots in the area. Officers located one victim of a gunshot wound and another whose pant leg had been grazed by a bullet without injury. After a short verbal altercation, the suspect brandished a handgun and fired several rounds striking the two victims. On January 7, 2014, the shooter accepted an Alford Plea and was found guilty of attempted murder in the second degree, two counts of first degree assault and use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence.

◆ *Armed bank robbery*

On July 24, 2013, patrol officers and detectives responded to the Susquehanna Bank at 9405 Coastal Highway in reference to a bank robbery. The suspect entered the bank and presented a note demanding money and stating that he was in possession of an explosive device. The suspect fled on foot into the Little Salisbury neighborhood then entered a vehicle to complete his escape. After an extensive investigation in conjunction with the FBI, detectives learned that this suspect was a multi-state bank robber dubbed the "I-55 Bandit" after committing at least 10 bank robberies in Maryland, West Virginia, Missouri and Illinois. The suspect ultimately turned himself into the FBI Field Office in St. Louis, MO. Ocean City Major Crimes detectives played an integral role in linking this bank robbery along with other Maryland bank robberies to this suspect. The suspect was charged federally and pled guilty in Federal Court.

◆ *Homicide/suicide (fatal fire)*

On November, 26, 2013, officers responded to a reported fire at St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church located at 302 Baltimore Avenue. The Fire Marshal's office were the first to arrive and reported at least one fatality. Detectives responded and assisted with the death investigation. Upon the detectives arrival, they learned a second victim, the church Pastor, was in critical condition at Atlantic General Hospital and later succumbed to the injuries sustained during the fire. A third victim was also transported to Atlantic General Hospital then later to a burn center in Baltimore, MD where she survived and is currently recovering from her injuries. Detectives worked through the night and learned the first deceased subject had purchased a gas can and gas from a nearby station; poured the gas onto his body and ignited himself. He then entered the rectory of the church. The suspects death was ruled a suicide as a result of thermal injuries. The death of the pastor was a result of inhalation and was ruled a homicide.

Narcotics & Vice Unit

There are currently seven detectives assigned to the Narcotics Unit, in which one detective is detailed to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Criminal Enforcement Team (C.E.T.). Narcotics detectives are responsible for investigating major drug and vice related crimes within the Ocean City community. Additionally, detectives work in partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies to enforce the laws related to the distribution and use of illegal drugs in the greater Ocean City area.

OCPD Narcotics detectives also hold executive board positions as President and Vice President of the Maryland Chapter for the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators.

2013 Unit Highlights:

- ◆ Drug buys: 148
- ◆ Arrests: 159
- ◆ Search warrants: 53
- ◆ Assists to Patrol Division: 82
- ◆ Buy-Bust Operations: 45
- ◆ Cash seizures: \$74,551

DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (cont.)

Notable felony cases completed by the Narcotics Unit:

Operation Circle of Trust

Late in the summer of 2013, the OCPD Narcotics Unit and Worcester County C.E.T. started an extensive investigation into heroin distribution in Ocean City, West Ocean City and Ocean Pines. After a three month investigation using confidential informants and undercover detectives, the OCPD Narcotics Unit arrested 16 people for various drug charges including: distribution of heroin, distribution of cocaine, distribution of crack cocaine and distribution of prescription pills. C.E.T. also arrested a total of 10 people for various drug distribution offenses.

Forensic Services Unit

The Forensic Services Unit is staffed by three civilian crime scene technicians. This section is responsible for many duties including processing crime scenes and collecting evidence.

- ◆ Scenes processed: 135
 - ◇ Residential breaking & entering: 57
 - ◇ Thefts: 9
 - ◇ Miscellaneous: 15
 - ◇ Vehicles: 13
 - ◇ Assaults: 6
 - ◇ Deaths: 13
 - ◇ Robberies: 3
 - ◇ Rapes: 7
 - ◇ Commercial breaking & entering: 2
 - ◇ Malicious destruction of property: 6
 - ◇ Arson/Fire: 2
 - ◇ CDS: 2
- ◆ Collect and submit digital evidence
 - ◇ Pieces of digital evidence submitted to FSU: 2,019
 - ◇ CD/Photo/Video requests: 990
 - ◇ In-Car camera analysis: 260
 - ◇ Video analysis: 110
- ◆ Document evidence
 - ◇ Supplements to incident reports: 1,004
 - ◇ Latent fingerprints submitted to FSU: 523
 - ◇ Latent fingerprints processed: 654
 - * Latent fingerprint hits: 30
 - ◇ Report attachments: 239
 - ◇ Lab requests: 143
 - ◇ DNA hits: 9
 - ◇ Guns submitted: 33
 - * ATF trace: 27

Notable cases solved in 2013 because of fingerprint and DNA hits:

- ◆ Multiple latent fingerprint hits on thefts of vehicles and burglaries including two vending machine theft cases.
- ◆ DNA hit identifying suspect involved in a church burglary.
- ◆ DNA hit identifying suspect involved in a sexual offense.
- ◆ Latent fingerprint hit identifying suspect involved in a bank robbery.
- ◆ DNA hit identifying suspect involved in a controlled dangerous substance case involving a handgun.
- ◆ Latent fingerprint hit identifying a suspect involved in a controlled dangerous substance case which resulted in an eight year prison term.

DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (cont.)

Special Enforcement Unit (S.E.U.)

The Special Enforcement Unit is a proactive, highly flexible, street level criminal investigative unit comprised of detectives who work closely with the community to identify problems and solve crimes. The Unit's focus includes the following:

- A. Identify and address neighborhood quality of life concerns with an emphasis on reducing crime.
- B. Monitor repeat and violent offenders within our community.
- C. Rapidly deploy to public safety concerns.

Criminal Intelligence Unit (C.I.U.)

The mission of the Criminal Intelligence Unit (C.I.U.) is to support the Ocean City Police Department's law enforcement and crime prevention objectives by providing tactical and strategic intelligence on the existence, identities, activities, and capabilities of criminal suspects and enterprises that pose a threat to the quality of life in Ocean City.

C.I.U. focus includes, but is not limited to, crime analysis, allied agency intelligence sharing, terrorism, organized crime, narcotics and vice activity, criminal street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, threat assessments, and special investigations.

DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is commanded by Captain Gregory Guiton. This Division is split into five sections: Professional Standards, Human Resources, Services Management, Budget and Fiscal Service and Records Management.

Professional Standards Section

The Professional Standards Section, led by Lt. Brian Cardamone, is comprised of the following functions: internal affairs, planning and research, quality assurance and policy development. Personnel assigned to this section are responsible for ensuring the integrity of the Department by objectively investigating complaints of employee misconduct and implementing and coordinating all disciplinary actions. This section is also responsible for strategic planning and program development, inspections and audits of departmental components and coordination of policy development.

Human Resources (Training and Recruiting) Section

The Human Resources Section is led by Lt. Richard Moreck. The primary functions of this section include recruiting, training, personnel management and the Reserve Police Officer Program. The Ocean City Police Department prides itself on having some of the best and brightest police officers in the nation and our recruiting team works very hard to ensure that standard is met for both full time and seasonal police officers. This includes recruiting trips, physical and written examinations and numerous background checks. The Human Resources Section is also responsible for ensuring that each employee, both sworn and civilian, are properly trained and compliant with state certification requirements. Personnel assigned to this section serve as liaison's to the Town of Ocean City Human Resource's Office.

2013 Section Highlights:

- ◆ Coordinated and participated in 44 recruiting trips.
- ◆ Tested 707 applicants for police positions and 158 public safety aide (P.S.A.) positions for a total of 865 applicants.
- ◆ Processed and conducted 326 seasonal police officer and 76 P.S.A. background investigations.
- ◆ Hired 104 seasonal police officers who were assigned to the Patrol Division.
- ◆ Hired 32 returning seasonal police officers for the 2013 summer season.
- ◆ Hired six full time police officers who attended and graduated from the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission (M.P.C.T.C.) approved police officer certification course held at the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy (E.S.C.J.A.) on the campus of Wor-Wic Community College.
- ◆ Three civilian employees were hired to fill vacancies.
- ◆ Hosted 10 specialized training courses ranging from traffic related matters to criminal investigations.
- ◆ Conducted four police in-service training courses.

Services Management Section

The Services Management Section, led by Lt. Elton Harmon, is responsible for the arrest and detention section, property and evidence section, facility and fleet maintenance and serves as a liaison to the Town of Ocean City's Information Technology Department. The primary responsibilities of Arrest and Detention section personnel include systematic processing and proper care of all prisoners, fingerprinting citizens for background checks and taxi license permits, security of the P.S.B. and surrounding grounds, and providing professional assistance to the public during walk-in or telephone inquiries. Personnel assigned to the Property and Evidence Section are responsible for acquisition, maintenance, issuance and tracking of all uniforms, equipment and supplies, in addition to the receipt, maintenance and storage of all case evidence.

2013 Section highlights:

- ◆ Three Public Safety Aide's assigned to the Detention Section graduated from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy's jail and corrections academy. This was the first time any OCPD employee has ever attended this academy.
- ◆ A total of 2,947 prisoners were processed.
- ◆ There were 106 District Court committals/detainers, which were transferred to Worcester County Jail.



Capt. Gregory Guiton



Lt. Brian Cardamone



Lt. Richard Moreck



Lt. Elton Harmon

DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (cont.)

Budget and Fiscal Services Section

The Budget and Fiscal Services Section is managed by Karin Scott. Personnel assigned to this section prepare and manage all departmental budgets, process requisitions, purchase orders, check requests and invoices, maintain escrow accounts dedicated to seized assets, preparation and distribution of budget related management reports and research, reserve and prepare travel and per diem requests for training and other work related travel.

Public safety will always be our number one priority while recognizing our responsibility to be fiscally responsible and prudent. The below table clearly demonstrates this ongoing commitment.

FISCAL YEAR	ADOPTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	SAVINGS
FY 2011	\$19,512,788	\$19,380,752	\$132,036
FY 2012	\$21,208,789	\$21,057,409	\$151,380
FY 2013	\$19,977,799	\$19,611,112	\$366,687



Karin Scott

The Ocean City Police Department continually applies for grants that are available to supplement the Department's budget. In 2013, OCPD received nine grants, to include one for highway safety programs which incorporated six separate safety initiatives. Total grant funding received in 2013 was \$403,137, \$40,430 of which was dedicated to highway safety.

Records Management Section

The Records Management Section is managed by Michelle Monico. This Section serves as the central repository for police records storage. Other functions include entering incident-generated information into the Records Management System (R.M.S.), disseminating reports internally and to the public as required and compiling statistics in accordance with the national Uniform Crime Reporting (U.C.R.) procedures.



Michelle Monico

2013 Section highlights:

- ◆ Police reports: 8,575
- ◆ Criminal citations: 1,161
- ◆ Traffic citations: 9,393
- ◆ Traffic warnings: 14,653
- ◆ Municipal citations: 270
- ◆ Vehicle impounds: 1,571
- ◆ Field contacts processed: 4,925
- ◆ Expungements completed: 1,071
- ◆ Taxi cab program drivers processed: 211
- ◆ Taxi cab program inspections recorded: 1,746

AUXILIARY OFFICER PROGRAM

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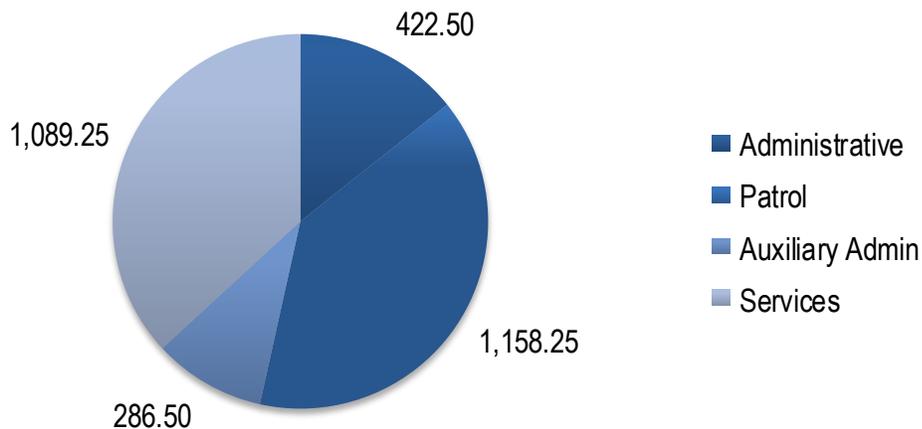
Since 1999, the Ocean City Police Department has trained volunteer civilians to support the police department and serve the citizens of Ocean City. These citizens provide volunteer services to supplement regular law enforcement personnel in the performance of specific duties in important operational areas, such as:

1. Public Safety Building administrative support at the front desk, Records Section, Property Section, community services, Mayor's Open House and as Domestic Violence Court Advocates
2. Reducing the Availability of Alcohol to Minors (R.A.A.M.) program
3. Citizen's Police Academy
4. Training and Recruiting
5. Worcester Street sub-station information officer
6. Special call-outs



In 2013, Auxiliary Officers contributed a total of 2,956.50 hours of service, resulting in an estimated cost savings of \$93,450.

2013 Hours of Service by Category



Since 1999, Auxiliary Officers have worked a total of 51,379.75 hours, generating an overall savings to the taxpayers of Ocean City of approximately \$1,685,110. These hours are broken down into the following categories:

1. Administration: 9,663.75
2. Patrol: 24,395.50
3. Auxiliary Admin: 3,233.50
4. Services: 12,973.25
5. Training: 1,113.50

C.E.W. USE

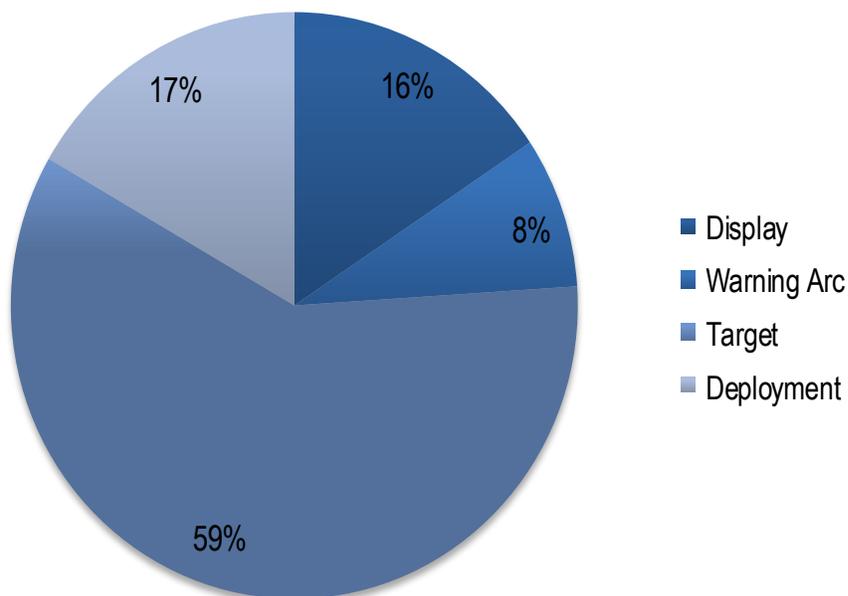
C.E.W. USE

The Ocean City Police Department began operational deployment of Conducted Electrical Weapons (C.E.W.), or TASER equipment, in February of 2012. In 2013, there were 70 C.E.W. uses, which involved at least one of the four possible applications of a C.E.W. in order to gain compliance from the suspect(s).

Those four possible applications include:

- ◆ *Display*: C.E.W. is removed from the holster, not aimed at the suspect, but simply to make the device visible to the suspect.
- ◆ *Warning Arc*: C.E.W. is removed from the holster and the officer engages the noise of the electrical charge to get the suspect's attention.
- ◆ *Target*: C.E.W. is aimed at the suspect, with the lasers clearly indicating where probes will hit the suspect if the officer were to activate the device.
- ◆ *Deployment*: C.E.W. was deployed in order to bring the suspect to the ground and get him/her under control. Deployment includes incidents involving probes entering the suspect's body, as well as drive stuns.

APPLICATIONS	NUMBER
Display	15
Warning Arc	8
Target	57
Deployment	16



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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AS REPORTED IN THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR)

The following information refers to the Uniform Crime Report, which is submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation each year by the Ocean City Police Department for serious crimes that occurred in Ocean City. It is considered a resource for determining a community's crime rate.

Ocean City experienced a 13% decrease in overall offenses in 2013. Crimes against persons decreased 14%, while crimes against property decreased 13% in 2013.

CATEGORY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Forcible Rape	15	3	2	2	4	10	12
Robbery	43	37	23	27	21	22	20
Aggravated Assault	84	47	61	94	69	52	39
Breaking / Entering	188	236	216	292	189	210	156
Larceny / Theft	1,067	1,183	1,057	1,133	1,135	1,180	1,041
Motor Vehicle Theft	39	34	28	16	7	23	32
Total Offenses	1,436	1,540	1,387	1,564	1,425	1,497	1,302

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Criminal Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	1	1	0	0	1
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	13	4	2	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	2	0	1	6	5	11	8	3	1	0	2
Breaking / Entering	9	5	8	4	11	39	24	11	18	11	12	4
Larceny / Theft	29	12	28	49	83	272	211	170	107	37	23	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	1	0	0	5	9	1	1	4	0	2	1
Total Offenses	47	20	36	54	107	344	252	193	132	49	38	28

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

The section refers to the total number of calls for service (CFS) generated by both officers and citizens. A call for service is generated for everything from a traffic stop, residential security check, lost child or major criminal event. Criminal and non-criminal incidents alike are documented.

* Total calls for service lists all calls for service less business checks.

YEAR	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	% CHANGE
2007	65,902	N/A
2008	66,380	+0.7%
2009	62,066	-6.5%
2010	71,576	+15.3%
2011	72,500	+1.3%
2012	77,978	+7.6%
Average CFS 2007-2012	69,400	
2013	78,414	+13% from average

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	OFFICER-INITIATED		CITIZEN-INITIATED		TOTAL	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
January	1,883	2,067	892	787	2,775	2,854
February	2,001	1,805	687	660	2,688	2,465
March	1,901	2,263	959	915	2,860	3,178
April	1,877	2,108	1,128	999	3,005	3,107
May	5,003	5,629	2,679	2,304	7,682	7,933
June	11,350	10,933	4,889	4,357	16,239	15,290
July	10,372	10,240	4,209	3,871	14,581	14,111
August	8,462	8,564	3,615	3,559	12,077	12,123
September	5,122	6,334	2,066	2,105	7,188	8,439
October	2,750	3,166	1,239	1,003	3,989	4,169
November	1,641	1,674	825	724	2,466	2,398
December	1,759	1,753	669	594	2,428	2,347
TOTAL	54,121	56,536	23,857	21,878	77,978	78,414

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CALLS FOR SERVICE (cont.)

The Ocean City Police Department consistently tracks the Top Ten calls for service. Tracking the Top Ten calls for service categories allows for proper strategy and enforcement to occur.

TOP TEN CALLS FOR SERVICE	NUMBER OF CFS IN 2013
Traffic Stops	20,844
City Ordinance Violation	4,773
Disorderly	4,340
Suspicious Person or Activity	2,176
Alcohol Violation	1,677
Collisions	1,536
Parking Complaint or Violation	1,530
Theft Already Occurred	1,162
CDS Violation	1,081
Noise Complaint or Violation	818



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TOTAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Total enforcement actions refers to all arrests, citations, warnings and equipment repair orders made by the Department, regardless of the crime. This includes municipal ordinance violations as well as actions taken on serious crime offenders.

** The statistics below do not include alcohol enforcement.*

YEAR	TOTAL ARRESTS	ALL CITATIONS, WARNINGS AND REPAIR ORDERS	TOTAL
2007	3,983	18,300	22,283
2008	3,503	19,508	23,011
2009	3,571	15,926	19,497
2010	3,534	14,592	18,126
2011	3,829	17,083	20,912
2012	4,355	20,124	24,479
2013	3,021	26,314	29,335

MONTH	ARRESTS	CITATIONS	TOTAL
January	131	378	509
February	102	406	508
March	134	463	597
April	99	392	491
May	266	1,681	1,947
June	777	2,271	3,048
July	475	1,434	1,909
August	400	1,468	1,868
September	290	1,837	2,127
October	162	697	859
November	105	364	469
December	80	312	392

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ASSISTING OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Ocean City Police Department is committed to ongoing partnerships with other allied agencies. We take pride in our commitment to neighboring jurisdictions, as well as other state, local, and federal agencies who have relied on the Ocean City Police Department to provide support when needed. In turn, we thank these agencies and organizations for their support during special events such as: Car-Cruise, Delmarva Bike Fest, the Ocean City Air Show and major weather events.

The type of support includes the use of our police K-9 group, mounted patrol officers and Quick Response Team. The Ocean City Police Department Traffic Safety Unit has provided accident reconstructionists to assist other agencies with serious automobile collision investigations.

Our Criminal Investigators, both Major Crimes and Narcotics personnel, have been instrumental in assisting other agencies with a variety of investigations, which ultimately result in a safer community.

No matter what the task, our personnel have a proven reputation of reliability, professionalism, and dedication.

YEAR	NUMBER OF ASSIST CALLS
2007	339
2008	379
2009	400
2010	353
2011	304
2012	322
2013	462

MONTH	ASSIST CALLS	MONTH	ASSIST CALLS
January	26	July	51
February	37	August	39
March	38	September	47
April	33	October	33
May	43	November	28
June	54	December	33

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TOTAL ALCOHOL-RELATED CITATIONS

The Ocean City Police Department has a zero tolerance policy regarding underage drinking. Our officers strictly enforce all alcohol offenses no matter the age throughout the year.

YEAR	ALCOHOL CITATIONS
2007	1,488
2008	1,505
2009	1,710
2010	1,655
2011	1,813
2012	1,431
2013	1,015

2013	18-20 YEARS OLD		JUVENILE		ADULT
	MINOR IN POSSESSION	POSSESS FAKE ID	MINOR IN POSSESSION	POSSESS FAKE ID	OPEN CONTAINER
January	3	0	0	0	1
February	2	0	0	0	2
March	8	0	6	0	0
April	1	0	0	0	1
May	42	0	15	0	38
June	420	7	145	0	86
July	25	9	9	0	20
August	21	8	5	1	19
September	3	2	0	0	14
October	3	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	529	26	180	1	182

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DRUNK DRIVING ARRESTS

This section refers to the total number of Driving Under the Influence arrests made in 2013.

YEAR	DUI ARRESTS	% CHANGE
2007	326	N/A
2008	322	-1.2%
2009	368	+14.3%
2010	360	-2.2%
2011	267	-25.8%
2012	445	+66.7%
2013	429	-3.6%

CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE ARRESTS

This section refers to the total number of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) or drug arrests made in 2013. Please note that the "eligible offender" legislation change effective January 1, 2013 is the primary cause for the substantial decrease in drug arrests for 2013.

YEAR	CDS ARRESTS	% CHANGE
2007	755	N/A
2008	777	+2.9%
2009	839	+8.0%
2010	933	+11.2%
2011	1,166	+25.0%
2012	1,351	+15.9%
2013	1,287	-4.7%

CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE ARRESTS BY MONTH

This section refers to the monthly total number of drug arrests made in 2013.

MONTH	CDS ARRESTS	MONTH	CDS ARRESTS
January	14	July	201
February	20	August	188
March	18	September	84
April	28	October	46
May	90	November	25
June	561	December	12

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WEAPONS ARRESTS

This section refers to the total number of arrests made in 2013 for various types of weapons including, but not limited to, guns, knives, bats and other instruments defined as weapons by the State of Maryland.

YEAR	WEAPONS ARRESTS
2007	38
2008	55
2009	73
2010	87
2011	50
2012	112
2013	109

WEAPONS ARRESTS BY MONTH

This section refers to the monthly total number of weapons arrests made in 2013.

MONTH	WEAPONS ARRESTS	MONTH	WEAPONS ARRESTS
January	1	July	15
February	1	August	16
March	6	September	10
April	2	October	9
May	10	November	6
June	33	December	0

TOTAL OFFICERS ASSAULTED

This section refers to police officers who were physically assaulted in the line of duty. Assaults may be in the form of weapons and/or physical violence and may or may not result in injury to the officer(s) involved.

YEAR	OFFICERS ASSAULTED
2007	100
2008	56
2009	62
2010	47
2011	59
2012	46
2013	58

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OFFICERS ASSAULTED BY MONTH

This section refers to the monthly total number of police officers who were physically assaulted in the line of duty in 2013.

MONTH	OFFICERS ASSAULTED	MONTH	OFFICERS ASSAULTED
January	1	July	8
February	2	August	15
March	2	September	6
April	1	October	0
May	4	November	5
June	13	December	1

NOISE COMPLAINTS

This section refers to the total number of noise complaints, both founded and unfounded.

YEAR	NOISE COMPLAINTS
2007	373
2008	538
2009	629
2010	324
2011	366
2012	847
2013	810

NOISE COMPLAINTS BY MONTH

This section refers to the monthly total number of noise complaints, both founded and unfounded, in 2013.

MONTH	NOISE COMPLAINTS	MONTH	NOISE COMPLAINTS
January	5	July	215
February	1	August	130
March	5	September	90
April	14	October	18
May	88	November	12
June	225	December	7

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REPORTABLE TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

This section refers to the total number of traffic accidents, involving property damage and/or personal injury.

YEAR	COLLISIONS	% CHANGE	FATAL
2007	647	N/A	1
2008	552	-14.68%	1
2009	584	+5.80%	2
2010	588	+0.68%	1
2011	494	-16%	0
2012	585	+18.4%	3
2013	504	-13.7%	0

REPORTABLE TRAFFIC COLLISIONS BY MONTH

This section refers to the monthly total number of traffic accidents, both property damage and personal injury, in 2013.

MONTH	COLLISIONS	MONTH	COLLISIONS
January	3	July	93
February	11	August	73
March	7	September	71
April	23	October	11
May	70	November	17
June	115	December	10

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PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS

Pedestrian safety continues to be a priority for the Ocean City Police Department. Due to the increase in number of pedestrian traffic incidents in 2012, the OCPD partnered with the Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Highway Safety Office and numerous other community partners to begin an aggressive pedestrian safety campaign.



This group, known as the Ocean City Pedestrian Safety Committee, came together to develop the “Walk Smart” campaign that focused on the “Three E’s” of pedestrian safety—education, engineering and enforcement. The campaign was driven largely by the popular pedestrian safety crab that could be seen on everything from municipal buses and television commercials to pamphlets and bookmarks promoting the “Walk Smart” message to the citizens of Ocean City. Maryland SHA lowered the speed limit on Coastal Highway from 40 MPH to 35 MPH from 62nd Street to 33rd Street in addition to numerous other engineering changes made throughout the city. Maryland SHA will be completing other projects in 2014 that will make Coastal Highway safer for pedestrians including adding a pedestrian crossing at 54th Street and Coastal Highway. Finally, thanks to a number of grants provided to OCPD by our partners, OCPD officers were able to better enforce pedestrian safety by detailing officers to problem areas. Officers stopped pedestrians committing violations and educated them on the applicable laws.

This is truly a collaborative effort to make Ocean City safer and the results have proven the campaigns’ success. In 2013, pedestrian collisions decreased by 41% and there were no fatalities. The “Walk Smart” campaign has been so successful that other jurisdictions around the region have come to the Committee hoping to implement the campaign into their communities. We plan to keep the same aggressive approach in 2014 and beyond so that we can get closer to our goal of zero pedestrian collisions.

YEAR	PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS	FATAL
2007	47	1
2008	28	2
2009	36	0
2010	35	1
2011	27	0
2012	44	2
2013	26	0

MONTH	PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS	FATAL	MONTH	PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS	FATAL
January	0	0	July	4	0
February	0	0	August	7	0
March	0	0	September	1	0
April	2	0	October	0	0
May	6	0	November	0	0
June	6	0	December	0	0