



THE OCPD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Your Police, Your Community, Our Commitment

October 1, 2010

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Ocean City
Police Department
Contact Information:

**Office of the
Chief of Police:**

410.723.6633

OCPD Police Front Desk:

410.723.6610

**Ocean City Police
Public Affairs:**

410.520.5395

If you are experiencing an
emergency please call:

911

Or

410.723.6611



THE "BE SAFE" BEAT:

A MESSAGE FROM THE OCEAN CITY CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear community members,
Ocean City residents, families
and friends,

Summer has officially
ended, and we can finally see
the sights of fall as the weather
cools and the leaves change
color. Not only will this month
bring changes in forecasts, but
a new change in legislation
which took effect on October 1,
2010.

I would like to remind
citizens in Ocean City that
Maryland Senate Bill 321 and
House Bill 934 were signed into
law by Governor O'Malley and
will prohibit all drivers in
Maryland from using a hand-
held cell phone while operating
a motor vehicle on a street or
highway.

The fine for a first of-
fense is \$40 and subsequent of-
fenses are \$100. While points are
not assessed to first-time viola-
tors, there is a three point assess-
ment if the violation contributes
to a crash. In addition, if a viola-
tor has a second or subsequent
offense, he or she is eligible to
receive a point plus the fine.

The Ocean City Police
Department hopes this new law
will decrease the number of dis-
tracted drivers on Ocean City
roadways. Studies have shown
that mobile phone conversations
distract drivers and delay reac-
tion time, which can cause or
increase the severity of a crash.
According to the National Safety
Council, cell phone use is respon-
sible for 1.6 million crashes a
year, nationally-about 28 percent
of all crashes.

Maryland now joins
seven other states who have
banned hand-held cell phone
use. Remember, there are cer-
tain exceptions, including calls
to 911, ambulance, hospital, fire
or law enforcement personnel.
In addition, drivers are permit-
ted to turn a hand-held phone
on or off and may initiate or
terminate a call.

For additional infor-
mation about the new law,
please visit:
www.ChooseSafetyForLife.com

Be Safe,

Chief
Bernadette
DiPino



OCPD'S "COPS ON ROOFTOPS" RAISES NEARLY \$9,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On both Saturday and
Sunday, September 25 and 26,
the Ocean City Police Depart-
ment was able to raise over
\$9,000 in only a 24-hour time
period.

The "Cops on Roof-
tops" event was part of a na-
tional fundraising effort for
Special Olympics. Several offi-
cers from the Ocean City Police
Department, including the Chief
Bernadette DiPino, volunteered
to spend the day on the roof of
Dunkin' Donuts. In addition to
the OCPD, several noteworthy
community members partici-
pated in the event, including:
Ocean City Mayor and City



Council,
Fraternal
Order of
Police
Lodge 10
President
Glen
McIntyre,
the Ocean City Fire Depart-
ment, Ocean City Today's Chris-
tine Cullen, MD Delegate Jim
Mathias, candidate Michael
James, Froggy 99.9's John
Trout, OC 104's Bill Baker "The
Rumpshaker" and Jessica, Great
Scott Broadcasting's Mitch
Scott, The Greene Turtle,
WBOC's Lacey Griffith and Scott
Abraham, Ocean 98.1's Bulldog
and Hooter's Restaurant.

"The Ocean City Police
Department is thrilled with the
success of the Cops on Rooftops
event," said Chief DiPino. "Not
only did we have the support of
Ocean City police officers as well
as the Worcester County Sheriff's
Department and Maryland State
Police but we had an overwhelm-
ing support of the businesses, resi-
dents, civic organizations, our
local television and radio stations,
Town of Ocean City employees
and neighboring law enforcement
agencies. This extraordinary event
was another example of how the
Ocean City community works to-
gether to focus on what is truly
important in life - helping others
and supporting our community."

OPCD'S TOP FIVE

Ocean City Police Department Crime Analyst
Brandon Reim compares the Top 5 calls for service in
September 1-September 29 2010.

	SELF INITIATED	CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL
TRAFFIC STOP	1638	5	1643
BUSINESS CHECK	1073	8	1081
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	225	231	456
ASSIST CITIZEN	298	100	398
911 HANG-UP	0	305	305

OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS



OCTOBER 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 SEAGULL CENTURY
				13TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN OCTOBER 7-10TH		
10	11 PLAY IT SAFE ITALIAN FEAST @ HALL'S 4PM-7PM	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 SEASIDE 10
31 SPOOK OUT HAPPY HALLOWEEN						

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT A SAFE NIGHT OF TRICKS & TREATS

While Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, parents often find trick-or-treat time can be a little scary because concerns about children's safety, whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies, can cast a spell on the evening's festivities. But not to worry! Following a few safety tips will ensure that Halloween will be a "howling" good time for all.

Preparing Ghosts and Goblins for Their Tricks and Treats:

- Make sure older kids go out with friends. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Together, map out a safe route so you know where they'll be. Remind them not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or playing fields.
- Remind kids not to enter a strange house or car.
- Try to get kids to trick-or-treat while

it is still light out. If it is dark, make sure the children are carrying flashlights that work.

Eating the Treats:

- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or substantial snack beforehand.
- Check out all treats at home in a well lighted place. What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't

forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for a while.

Unhaunting" Your House and Neighborhood:

- Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by turning on your exterior lights.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors.