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For Immediate Release:

OCPD URGES CITIZENS TO USE CROSSWALKS & DRIVERS TO BE ALERT OF PEDESTRIANS

On July 25, 2010, at approximately 1:23 am, Ocean City Police responded to a pedestrian involved crash at 21st Street and Philadelphia Avenue. The pedestrian failed to cross at a crosswalk and was struck by a vehicle traveling southbound. The pedestrian was flown to PRMC for treatment of his injuries. The investigation is on-going, and it is unknown whether alcohol was a factor.

The OCPD continues to urge citizens to use extra caution while crossing streets, as well as advises drivers to be alert for pedestrians crossing the roadways. For persons who are traveling on foot, bicycle, moped, scooter or cars, here are some important safety tips to remember:

- Cross the street at a marked crosswalk or intersection.
- Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy intersections.
- Continue to watch for traffic the entire time you are in the crosswalk.
- It is illegal to wear headphones in both ears at the same time while operating any vehicle.
- Vehicle operators need to be extremely vigilant while driving keeping consistently aware of pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, mopeds and other cars.
- Allow plenty of time to stop or proceed through intersections.
- Pedestrians should only use crosswalks and not take unnecessary risks crossing busy streets against traffic lights.
- Parents are reminded to pay extra attention to children when crossing busy roads. Keep hold of children's hands while waiting for traffic lights to change and while crossing.

The OCPD reminds visitors to ***BE SAFE, BEACH SMART.***
WALK WITH WISDOM AND BIKE WITH BRAINS.

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail. OCPD@oceancitymd.gov
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