



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of July 30, 2012 to August 5, 2012

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 41st STREET-Northwest corner behind the indoor Food Court

OFFICERS' MEETING: 0730hrs

CREW CHIEF MEETING: 800hrs

AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS: 0815hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

CREW MEETING: 0830hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule and assignments, information from Crew Chief)

GENERAL MEETING: 0845hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: Bethany Beach Ocean Series—Bethany Beach, DE

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 44th / 124th St.

Tides: High: 1804hrs

Low: 1133hrs

Special Events: Beach Safety Seminar—OC Lifesaving Museum—1000hrs

Jesus at the Beach Festival— N. Division St.—1900hrs to 2200hrs

Movies on the Beach—*The Smurfs*—27th St.— 2030hrs

Wear your protective foot covering to the meeting!



TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012

Officer in Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

JBP Academy IV: A.M. Session A —Day 1—0800hrs –1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

P.M. Session B—Day 1—1300hrs –1630hrs

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP Triathlon Club—27th St.—Bike-0700hrs/Run-0800hrs

OCBP Floor Hockey— Northside Park—1900hrs--\$5.00 per person

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 42nd / 122nd St.

Tides: High: 1231hrs

Low: 1858hrs

Special Events: Family Beach Olympics—27th St.—1830hrs to 2030hrs

Jesus at the Beach Festival— N. Division St.—1900hrs to 2200hrs

Beach Fireworks—N. Division St.—2230hrs

OCBP Floor Hockey

Northside Park

1900hrs \$5.00

Wear Your Athletic Shoes.

No Blades

Tuesdays: July 31, Aug. 7,
Aug. 14



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 7/30/2012	Tuesday 7/31/2012	Wednesday 8/1/2012	Thursday 8/2/2012	Friday 8/3/2012	Saturday 8/4/2012	Sunday 8/5/2012	CREW
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012

JBP Academy IV: A.M. Session A—Day 2—0800hrs –1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

P.M. Session B—Day 2—1300hrs –1630hrs

Camp Horizon: N. Division St.—1000hrs to 1515hrs—(Note: All Day Beach Day! This is the last camp for the season).

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 40th / 120th St.

Tides: High: 0715hrs

Low: 1326hrs

Special Events: Jesus at the Beach Festival— N. Division St.—1900hrs to 2200hrs

Movies on the Beach—*Soul Surfer*—Carousel Hotel—2030hrs

Beach Weddings—112th St.—1730hrs & 6th St.—1930hrs

OCBP Triathlon Club

This week's workouts

Tuesday, July 31st will be a bike ride at 0700hrs from 27th St., followed by a run at 0800hrs.

Thursday, Aug. 2nd will be a bike ride from 27th St. at 0600hrs.



OCBP TRIATHLON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

JBP Academy IV: A.M. Session A—Day 3—0800hrs –1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

P.M. Session B—Day 3—1300hrs –1630hrs

JBP One-Day Clinic: 1300hrs-1700hrs

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP Triathlon Club—27th St.—at 0600hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 38th / Carousel

Tides: High: 0807hrs

Low: 1417hrs

Special Events: Sunset Park Party Night—*Semibind*—S. Division St.—1900hrs

Movies on the Beach—*The Muppets*—Princess Royale—92nd St.—2030hrs

JBP One Day Clinic

Thursday afternoons

August 2, 9, 16

1300hrs to 1700hrs

Spread the word to kids 10-17 who hang around the stand. This weekly one-day activity is perfect for kids who are interested in lifeguarding.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012—Pay Day

JBP Academy IV: A.M. Session A—Day 4—0800hrs –1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

P.M. Session B—Day 4—1300hrs –1630hrs

OCBPSRA: 1 Mile Swim on Wednesday, Aug. 9

Opportunity to Compete: N. Bethany Beach Iron Man Relays

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 36th / Sea Watch

Tides: High: 0856hrs

Low: 1505hrs

Special Events: Movies on the Beach—*Winnie the Pooh*—27th St.—2030hrs

Beach Weddings—32nd St.—1700hrs

Recruiting Opportunities

Our 1st Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Saturday, August 11. Remember to mention this testing opportunity to potential candidates that you know or meet on the beach. Registration begins at 1000 hrs; testing begins at 1100hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012

OCBPSRA: 1 Mile Swim on Wednesday, Aug. 9

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP Triathlon—142nd St.—1830hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 34th / Rainbow

Tides: High: 0942hrs

Low: 1552hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings—59th St.—1600hrs

Special Duty Assignment

We are looking for several SRT's who are not going to the banquet for a special duty on Saturday, August 18th from 6:00 PM – Midnight. We need only SRTs or ACCs.

Please give your name to Secretary Tyler.



Keep your feet in the sand,
until the lifeguard's in the stand!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012

OCBPSRA: 1 Mile Swim on Wednesday, Aug. 9

Opportunity to Compete: None

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 32nd / Golden Sands

Tides: High: 1027hrs
Low: 1640hrs

Special Events: Beach Safety Seminar—Children's Day at Sunset Park
Sundaes in the Park—*Jesse Garron's Tribute to Elvis*— Northside Park—1900hrs to 2100hrs

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012

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Opportunity to Compete: Bethany Beach Ocean Series—Bethany Beach, DE

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 30th / Clarion

Tides: High: 1112hrs
Low: 1728hrs

Special Events: Beach Safety Seminar—OC Lifesaving Museum—1000hrs
Movies on the Beach—*The Smurfs*—27th St.— 2030hrs

Wear your protective foot covering to the meeting!



UPCOMING 2012 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

July 31-Aug. 3	JBP Academy IV—AM & PM Sessions
Aug. 4	OCBP Triathlon
Aug. 7-10	JBP Academy V—AM & PM Sessions
Aug. 8	OCBPSRA One Mile Swim—Dorchester St.—0830hrs
Aug. 11	OCBPSRA 2013 Pre-Employment Ocean Test
Aug. 14-17	JBP Academy VI
Aug. 16-19	Dew Tour-Pier—N. Division-OC, MD
Aug. 18	OCBP Annual Awards Dinner
Sept. 1	OCBPSRA 2013 Pre-Employment Ocean Test

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Sunset Park Party Night	Aug 2	1900hrs	S. DivisionSt. — <i>Semibland</i>
Sundaes in the Park	Aug. 5	1900hrs	Northside Park— <i>Jesse Garron</i>
White Marlin Open	Aug. 6-10	Daily	Weigh-ins at The Reel Inn—14 th St.
Concerts on the Beach	Aug 8	2000hrs	N. Division St.- <i>Captain Quint</i>
Sunset Park Party Night	Aug 9	1900hrs	S. DivisionSt. — <i>Allyson Taylor</i>
Sundaes in the Park	Aug. 12	1900hrs	Northside Park— <i>Regal Beagles</i>
Blessing of the Waters	Aug. 15	1100hrs	17 th St. Boardwalk & Beach
Surfers Healing	Aug. 16	0900hrs	37 th St. beach
Dew Tour-Pier-N. Division-OC, MD	Aug. 16-19	Various Times and Places	
ESA Surfing Competition	Aug. 18	0700hrs	40 th St.
OC Jeep Week Parade	Aug. 24	0800hrs	Beach from 30 th St. to the Inlet
Bikini Parade	Aug. 25	1500hrs	91 st to 118 th St.
Movies on the Beach	June-Aug.	2030hrs	27 th St. & The Carousel
Family Beach Olympics	June-Aug.	1830hrs	27 th St.
OC Lifesaving Museum Summer Programs	July-Aug.	1000hrs	OC Lifesaving Museum
Beach Lights Spectacular	Sundays	2130, 2200, & 2230hrs	N. Division St
Beach Fireworks	Tuesdays	2230hrs	N. Division St

Stats.	Week 9 7/16/12 to 7/22/12	Week 9 Year-To- Date 2012	Week 9 7/18/11 to 7/24/11	Week 9 Year-To- Date 2011	Week 9 7/19/10 to 7/25/10	Week 9 Year-To- Date 2010
Action						
Preventions	11434	38699	8220	53837	4476	32116
Rescues	810	1968	24	881	74	1280
Minor First Aid	157	734	164	1122	196	920
Ambulance Calls	43	121	19	153	25	124
Police Calls	12	66	12	46	10	48
USCG/MDNRP	0	4	0	2	1	7
Lost/Found Persons	24	271	46	349	70	340
N. Surf Beach Population	95	375	12	330	13	602
S. Surf Beach Population	272	2157	103	1757	565	2428
Inlet Surf Beach Population	244	671	15	548	272	1474
Beach Wheelchair Usage	21	216	44	203	50	215

- 2012 Competition Schedule**
- July**
30—Bethany Beach (Ocean Series)
- August**
3—N. Bethany Beach Iron man Relays
4—OCBP Triathlon
6—Rehoboth Junior Lifeguard
9, 10, 11—USLA Nationals—Cape May, NJ
15—Middlesex BP Invitational

Registration Information for the OCBP Triathlon



OCBP TRIATHLON

You should have gotten an email with the link to register for the triathlon. If you didn't, send an email to Sgt Postell at mpostell@oceancitymd.gov. He will email you the link so you can sign up.

Please register today so we can get an accurate t-shirt count. If you do not have access to the Internet please see an Area Sergeant to arrange signing up at a beach house.

The Annual OCBP Awards Ceremony

Saturday, August 18, 2012
The Stowaway Grand Hotel
21st St. 1900hrs



\$16.00 for current working OCBP members.
Guests: \$32.00 each
See the form on p. 10
RSVP to Lt. Stone by Friday, Aug. 10th

USLA All- Women's Competition Results—7/25/12

Team OCBP

Name	Event	Place
Liz Vander Clute	2K Run	2 nd
Karlee Zywasco		3 rd
Kari Sheahan		5 th
Jenelle Irwin	Kayak Race	3 rd
Samm McElvaney	Beach Flags	1 st
Lucie Lagace	Run-Paddle-Run Race	2 nd
Marie-Annick Beliveau		4 th
Samm McElvaney, Karlee Zywasco, Kelly McGrath, Liz Vander Clute	Run Relay	1 st
Marcela Rojas	Iron Woman	8 th
Annick Berard	Surf Boat	6 th
Marie-Annick Beliveau		
Karen Hessler	Surf Rescue	8 th
Emmanuelle Ouellet		
Emmanuelle Ouellet, Marcela Rojas, Karen Hessler	Swim Run Relay	7 th



Photo: NY Daily News via Getty Images

Do you have any remarkable stories that are almost too unbelievable to be true?

Ripley's wants your Believe it or Nots!

The contest runs from June 25 to August 13. Every submission in the Exhibit Quest Contest and every submission of a local rescue survival story guarantees you one entry in a drawing for the chance to win an iPad 3! There are also unique prizes for the most submissions and the best exhibit. Jot down your story, and Stella can help you make it Believe It or Not ready!



OCBP Question-of-the-Week for The Worcester County Times

This Week's Question: I heard a lifeguard telling a friend that the OCBP has already started to test for lifeguards for next summer (2013) on Saturday, August 11, 2012. Why are you testing now for next year? What does testing mean and what can I expect if I pass the test?

Because of the unique demands of the job, the Beach Patrol does not require or recognize certification or past experience with other agencies. All individuals seeking employment with the Ocean City Beach Patrol must successfully complete all aspects of a 10 phase pre-employment physical skills evaluation. Testing for the OCBP is offered in Ocean City and occasionally at select off-site locations if needed. Once a candidate passes the physical skills test and a personal interview, he/she is appointed to a Surf Rescue Academy (67 hours of physical skills and classroom instruction) to be trained in all aspects of surf rescue and first responder skills. After successfully completing Surf Rescue Academy and passing a mandatory drug test, rookie Surf Rescue Technicians are assigned 3 weeks of supervised probation where additional training will take place.

The next two on-site tests in Ocean City will be August 11th and September 1st. Registration starts at 11 A.M. at Dorchester Street on the Boardwalk. Because we have such a high return rate from one season to the next, it is important that anyone hoping to secure a position for 2013 test as soon as possible. Although we have scheduled testing through June 2013, recent experience has been that we might not need to hold any testing after our June test. Therefore, testing maybe suspended at anytime.

The reason we begin testing now is to take advantage of the great ocean conditions (warmer water) while recruiting those individuals who have spent a summer living and working in Ocean City but were under a misconception that they did not have the necessary credentials to seek employment as an ocean lifeguard. As these individuals have met Surf Rescue Technicians who are currently working for us over the summer, they come to realize that we provide paid training(\$12.99 per hour and \$14.07 after probation 2012 pay rates) and certifications in Surf Rescue Academy; all that is required is the physical ability to pass the test and receive an appointment to a Surf Rescue Academy. These potential recruits have already spent one summer in Ocean City and are familiar with the area and have already solved the problem of securing seasonal housing. Therefore, when they accept an appointment to a Surf Rescue Academy they are most likely to follow through and actually accept the position the following season (we loose a few recruits each year to personal logistical concerns). A major reason that we also start testing a year ahead is that we want to have the opportunity to attract and hire the best. With a national lifeguard shortage, we work year round to assure that we have 100% of our positions filled each year, while many other local governments and beach patrols have to close pools, close beaches or reduce coverage.

We encourage anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard to speak to the lifeguard on your beach, go to our website or contact Beach Patrol Head Quarters (410- 289-7556). For specifics on requirements, test locations, dates, and times, please refer to our website www.ococean.com/ocbp. Click on the JOBS button or email ocbp@ococean.com.

CC Kelly McGrath has been with the Beach Patrol for 4 years. She was recently promoted to Crew Chief for Crew 6 and she supervises the guards and beaches in the Middle South area from 26th St. to 34th St. Kelly is an active member of the OCBP competition team, the OCBP women's team, the Junior Beach Patrol program, and is a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) member. Last year she won 1st place for the 4x100 soft sand sprint relay at the USLA Nationals competition. For recreation Kelly likes to work out, run, watch and attend Ravens, Orioles, and Capitals games. She also enjoys spending time with her niece Abby.

In the off-season CC McGrath coaches lacrosse at Stevenson University in Owings Mills, MD. She is also the coach for the 2014 HERO's lacrosse club team. In the off-season, Kelly resides in Howard County; she is currently obtaining her degree and plans to teach at Towson University.

The lifeguard's of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions.



OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Price List

- Whistles \$5.00
- Lanyards \$6.00
- Buoy Key Chains \$4.00
- Car window sticker Ocean City Beach Patrol \$2.00
- Beach Patrol Logo Tattoos \$.25
- Grey or White Ringer T-Shirts \$10.00
- Sweatshirts Adult \$30.00
- Child \$25.00
- Captain Craig T-Shirts \$10.00
- Long-sleeved T-shirts \$15.00
- Tye-Dyed T-shirts \$15.00
- Hats – 1 for \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00
- Swim Caps \$5.00
- OCBP Big White Towels \$15.00
- BP Bumper Stickers 3:00 / \$2 for 5.00
- New OCBP Oval Sticker \$2.00 / 3 for \$5.00
- NEW! Mesh Tank Tops-\$20.00**



ATTABOYS

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July 23, 2012

Captain Butch Arbin
Town of Ocean City
Beach Patrol
109 Dorchester Street
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Dear Captain Arbin:

On Sunday, July 23, 2012, my family was enjoying a day on the 8th Street beach in front of Malibus' Surf Shop. My sons and I were actually competing in the Malibus' Summer Classic surfing competition. Upon the conclusion of the last heat of the competition, one of the competitors collapsed on the judge's stage. He was unconscious, he had no pulse and he was not breathing. After he collapsed there were many people crowded around the victim. People seemed to be everywhere--some concerned, some curious, and some in shock-- all of them crowded in and around the stage where the victim was laying unconscious and not breathing. The situation, as it initially unfolded, could only be characterized as chaotic.

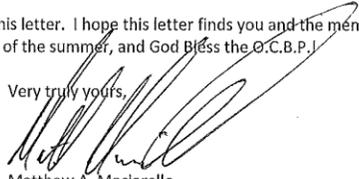
All of the guards who responded to the collapsed competitor should be commended for all of their hard work in saving a fellow surfer's life. Their efforts were nothing short of amazing. They demonstrated both physical and technical skill as they gave chest compressions, and employed the portable defibrillator. As you can imagine, the crowd was so relieved when one of the guards, in relaying information to another responder shouted after several minutes of chest compressions, "he's got a weak radial pulse!" Then more relief came for the crowd when next he shouted "he's got a strong pulse!" And then more when the report given was that "he's breathing again!" Again, the response by the guards was amazing-- It was exactly what you would expect when O.C.B.P guards encounter such an emergency on the beach.

I am writing you, however, because I thought the actions of the Surf Beach Facilitator, Diane Theobald, were extraordinary. When she arrived on the scene she immediately took action to clear the stage and the immediate area around the victim so that lifeguards and EMS could have ease of access to the victim. She had complete command and control of the scene and the situation and I was able to observe how she was able to assist the guards who were responding to the victim. Her grace under pressure, her control of the crowd and her professionalism are to be commended. In fact, her role in facilitating the response was a great topic of conversation on the beach immediately following the incident.

I would also like to give thanks to those who may have had a hand in training her. Long ago, it seemed as if the SBF was hired to just blow a whistle and to keep surfers between the flags. Now it is clear that the SBFs are a well-trained and integrated part of a professional patrol. In this instance, the training that Ms. Theobald demonstrated helped to facilitate the quick response which saved a man's life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope this letter finds you and the members of the patrol well. I hope you all have a great rest of the summer, and God Bless the O.C.B.P.

Very truly yours,


Matthew A. Maciarelo
Wicomico County State's Attorney
O.C.B.P. Guard/Crew-Chief, Crews 1 & 7 (1993-1997)



From: Snell Kern, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 8:30 AM
To: Butch Arbin
Cc: Richard Meehan; James S. Hall
Subject: Our favorite lifeguard

Mr. Arbin,

We'd like to say thanks for the dedication and skills that the lifeguards continually display in Ocean City. We have a small condo and try to get down from Pennsylvania as often as we can, but of course it is never enough!

Our family is particularly endeared to Lucie, who often oversees "our" section of the beach at 91st Street. Lucie does a great job each day and is reflective of the quality of the lifeguards that we are lucky to have manning the beach. I expect that there aren't many shore destinations where a family can go year after year and find the same person in the lifeguard chair. It is appreciated more than you realize!

We met Lucie a few years ago after an article in one of the weekly papers indicated that we should get to know our lifeguards, so we did! Our routine at the beach is to drop our things where we'd like to sit, then my son and I race to the lifeguard chair to check the tides and temperatures to make sure that we weren't sitting too far or too close from the expected waves. We like to check in with Lucie to say "hi" and she, in turn, lets us know if there is anything additional for which we should be alert. As CJ is getting older, he is starting to head right for the ocean and our routine is changing a bit, but I always head over to the woman wearing the white sunglasses in the chair to say hello. Lucie always asks me to point out my son, which I appreciate, because I know that she is looking out for him as well as the many others who like to brave the waves.

In Ocean City, we are always confident in our day at the ocean because of the quality of the lifeguards. We'd like to express our thanks that Lucie and many others are willing to serve in this underappreciated role. Hope to see you this weekend, Lucie!

Sincerely,
The Kern Family- Carl, Lisa, & CJ

From: Karen Christopher
Sent: Saturday, July 21, 2012 11:48 AM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Dustin Stokes

I wanted to take the time to thank you and your team for the outstanding service to the safety of the swimmers and beach lovers in Ocean City that was provided to us. I wanted to give special recognition to Dustin Stokes on 59th street. He was the first to address the dog issue on 7-20-2012, which as you know ended in that mans arrest. He was also instrumental in clearing the beach the day before (7-19-2012) during a bad lighting storm. I wanted to return to get my umbrella and chairs and he advised me not to due to the chance of a lighting strike. He and his team stationed themselves on a porch and continued warning people to stay off the beach during the storm. Mr. Stokes is a true professional and an asset to your team. Thank you for your leadership and training of these young men and women, who make the beach a safe place for family vacations.
James Christopher



Andrey Hetmansky
2861 Lady Annes Way
Huntingtown, MD 20639
8 July 2012

Thru: Office the Mayor of Ocean City
301 Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City, MD 21842

To: Captain Butch Arbin
Ocean City Beach Patrol
109 Dorchester Street
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

SUBJECT: Letter of Recognition and Commendation for Lifesaving Action

CPT Arbin,

I want to take this opportunity to send this thank you letter through the Office of the Ocean City Mayor and formally recognize and praise the outstanding performance of two of your Surf Rescue Technicians, Joe Stedman and Tyler Baxter for their actions on the 19 June 2012.

That afternoon my family and I were swimming at public beach (142nd street beach area) when my youngest daughter was pulled out by a strong current. My other daughter and I tried to rescue her and get her back in. As a middle aged Dad who thought that he could still physically perform the as a thirty year old, I rapidly became fatigued and overwhelmed. I quickly realized that we were all in difficulty and would need assistance to get out of this dilemma. I then called out for help and within seconds, one and then the other lifeguard were at our side bringing us back in to shore. If it wasn't for these two outstanding young men, we could have easily been listed in the next day Ocean City obituaries. Please recognize and commend these outstanding individuals and pass on to them my deepest gratitude and appreciation for what they did for my family today.

Sincerely

CF CPT Arbin

From: jenheffloa
Sent: Saturday, July 21, 2012 12:57 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject:

We wanted to express our appreciation and thanks to Joe, lifeguard at 142nd Street Beach. We were vacationing there last week, and went to his beach with three kids aged 12, 9, and 8 each day. Never have we experienced such an attentive, informative, and safety conscious lifeguard! We were amazed that he remembered the kids every day when they showed up, and were impressed by his knowledge and dedication to the job. Overall great guy and fantastic at what he does! He helped make our week a safe and fun time! Thanks again!



From: CLARENCE A NICHOLS
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:01 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Re: Robert Leszczynski 1 of 5

Good Morning Mr Arbin,

My name is Clarence A Nichols and I am 67 ½ years old from Cumberland, Maryland. On Friday July 13, 2012 at 11:26 am, while I was on vacation with my family in Ocean City, MD., my life was saved by one your Life Guards Robert Leszczynski! He was stationed on the left side on 139th street as you enter the beach. While enjoying the waves with my grandson, Jordan T Nichols who is 17 years old, I was caught in the rip tide and was being dragged out to sea. My grandson tried to reach my hand to pull me back, however, I was being pulled out very fast, so he swam out and tried to help me. I tried to swim back in to shore but the tide was too strong. So as my grandson Jordan was pushing me up to keep me a float, he saw the Life Guard coming to help and tried to keep me calm. When Robert arrived it was a very welcome sight. I think if he was one more minute arriving I probably would have drown and maybe causing my grandson to drown too.

There are no words I can say to express my thanks to Robert for saving my life. He really did a great job, to say the least. When he arrived, he calmed me down and explained what he was going to do. He was well trained and professional at his job. It happened so fast we didn't have time to yell for help. However, Robert saw that we were in trouble and acted accordingly. I will be e-mailing 4 photos of the rescue my family took to you in separate e-mails, one at a time. I can also send you a video of the rescue that was taken. I want to also thank the town of Ocean City for having such well trained Life Guards. Please thank Robert for me! Please let me know if you received this e-mail. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Clarence A Nichols

ATTABOYS



From: Gail Merz
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 2:46 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Comment for your consideration

On Friday, 07/13/2012, from approximately noon until 2:00 pm, I was on the beach, by our condo, Golden Surf, 82 St., Ocean City. My husband, and I, (seniors) purchased our condo approximately 10 years ago. And, we enjoy swimming at this beach very much.

Jack, was the Surf Rescue Technician, during this time. I was most impressed with Jack's vigilance. During this beach experience Jack recognized a swimmer in trouble, jumped from his chair, and saved a young boy from drowning. The child had overreached, and ended up further out in the water than most. Jack lost no time in swimming to the child, and bringing him to safety. The child's mother hugged Jack, and many of us stood, and applauded Jack's ability to recognize, and act quickly to bring the swimmer in. Although I was watching, at this time, I failed to even notice the child screaming until Jack reacted.

Frankly, most swimmers have someone accompany them to the beach. I, however, was alone this day. I depend on the SRT to notice if I'm in trouble. Even a seasoned swimmer can fail to recognize the tide, their fatigue, and their ability to swim safely. We can all get caught up in this.

Jack's ability to never lose focus, on the swimmers, gave me the security I depend on. There wasn't a time I looked at Jack that he wasn't 'on the job.' Jack clearly takes a great deal of pride in protecting the swimmers depending on him.

Jack was hired as a Surf Rescue Technician for good reason. I, personally, thank you for providing us with such a quality individual who applies excellence, professionalism, and kindness while working such a difficult, taxing, and frankly scary job.

My deepest appreciation to Jack for giving me the safety I need. Kindly give Jack the recognition that he clearly earns every time he reports for work.

And, thank you for providing me with this opportunity to share my experience with you.

Sincerely,
Gail Merz

From: Laura & Wil Gavin]
Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2012 10:40 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Brian Joiner

Dear Captain Arbin,

During the weekend of July 20th and July 22nd, my husband, son and I visited some friends staying in Ocean City on 130th Street. During our stay, we were grateful to have Brian Joiner close by. On the second day of our visit, the weather was cloudy with sporadic rain. During a brief clearing of the rain, my family along with our friends went to the beach for a swim. My son and his two young friends ran down to the surf and began swimming. The adults sat along the water's edge talking. The waves and surf were rough. It wasn't long before our son screamed out for help. We looked up and he was struggling to get back to shore. The current was pulling him out. Even as I write this, the helpless feeling overcomes me. There isn't a more sickening feeling when your child is in trouble and you can't help him. We ran to the shore's edge and could see our son, who is ten, panicking. My husband yelled out to remain calm. As we were running to the shoreline, I looked over my shoulder back to the life guard's chair and could see that Mr. Joiner had already prepared himself and was quickly on the way. As he passed us, he motioned that we stay put. It was only later that I realized that of course he wouldn't want panicking parents in the water with him. As he headed into the water, a large wave pushed our son closer to the shore to the point where he could touch the sea bottom. Mr. Joiner ran over and helped my son get on his feet. Mr. Joiner kept my son in the water for a few minutes. He asked my son what happened and reviewed with him the proper things to do when stuck in a current. He was encouraging and calming to us all. My family is completely grateful for Mr. Joiner's fast action. I know your training is routine, but nothing was routine to us that day. Mr. Joiner was calm, professional and humble - all the qualities of a true hero.

Please pass along our sincerest appreciation and deepest gratitude to Mr. Joiner. All of his training and hard work made our terrifying situation have a good ending.

Sincerely,

Laura Gavin and Family
Baltimore, MD

From: Laney Wyatt
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 1:41 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Beach Patrol

Hello,

We have been coming down to Ocean City, Maryland for vacation for the past few years from Pennsylvania, and having just been down there for the week of July 14th, we wanted to drop a quick note saying how much we were impressed with the professionalism and overall friendly manner of the lifeguard stationed on the 121st Street beach all last week as well as the safety measures taken by him. It made our experience on the beach that much more enjoyable knowing we were safe swimming in the ocean.

Thank you,
the Wyatt family



From: bixbybasford
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 7:06 AM
To: Butch Arbin
Cc: Bixbybasford@aol.com
Subject: LIFEGUARD RYAN MACCUBBIN

OCBP,

I wanted to take the time to acknowledge one of Ocean City's finest Lifeguards Ryan MacCubbin. My family (ages 3 - 80 years old) were vacationing from July 14-20, 2012 on 64 St. We were on the beach every day. Throughout the week several of the adults mentioned how attentive our lifeguard was, who we later found out was Ryan MacCubbin. He seemed to constantly be on the lookout for any potential danger both in the water and on the beach. On a day when the Riptides were particularly strong he called everyone over to explain the situation and urged everyone to exercise extra caution. I noticed that when people came up to him to ask questions, he was always friendly and helpful, but constantly looked up and around at the water and beach.

When anyone in our family was in the water, there was usually a member on the beach keeping a close eye on them to make sure they were not in a dangerous situation, but it was especially comforting to know Ryan's eyes were also on guard to assess the situation. We had confidence that he would react appropriately to whatever situation that was presented to him. We noticed he always reacted quickly to cover and assist the other Lifeguards when needed.

It was a good feeling to have a Lifeguard that we felt was there solely to help and protect everyone on the beach and in the water to the best of his ability.

Please let him know how much he was appreciated. He truly is an asset to the OCBP.

Thanks from the Basford, Davis, and Plummer Families

From: Donna Abbott
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 3:57 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: FW: Contact Us

Hi Butch,

Just passing along this atta boy in case you did not receive it directly. It came through our tourism website.

Thanks,
 Donna

From: Richard Martino
 Comments : To: Butch Arbin, OCBP

I'd like to commend Mandy, the lifeguard on the beach at 119th St. In front of The Carousel hotel. Her vigilance and professionalism as well as her pleasant demeanor is exceptional. We watched today as she made numerous rescues. I realize that is part of the responsibility of her position but she seems to do it in a manner above and beyond the norm! Please let her know how much she's appreciated! Thank you.

Free Car Wash!
New Date: Sunday, Aug. 5th at Station 3

Let Ocean City's finest wash your car for you!
Bayside—74th St. and Coastal Hwy

All donations go to the OCBP Women's Competition Team.

They will be representing Ocean City in an International All-Women's lifeguard competition; they receive no funding from the Town of Ocean City. Come support the team!





OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

Awards Ceremony and Dinner



The 2012 OCBP Awards Ceremony and Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at the Stowaway Grand Hotel on 21st St. Arrival will be from 7:00 to 7:15 pm. The dinner buffet, which will include fish and beef selections, will be served promptly at 7:15 pm in the ballroom located on the 4th floor, overlooking the bay.

You may pay by cash or check. Please specify in the area below the amount, and include payment with this form.

RSVP: Please submit this form to Lt. Mike Stone by Friday, August 10th

I _____ will be attending the 2012 OCBP Awards Ceremony and Dinner. I understand that the cost per employee is \$16.00 and that the cost per guest is \$32.00.

	_____	\$16.00 for self
+	_____	\$32.00 per _____ guest(s)
=	\$ _____	for _____ guest(s) & self

_____ I have included payment (cash/check—please circle).

_____ Check here if you need vegetarian accommodations.

Signature _____

Hope to see you there,

Lt. Stone

