



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 5, 2011 to September 11, 2011

Notice: Today, Monday, September 5, 2011
Last Opportunity To Take the Semaphore Test for 2011

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2011—Labor Day!

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER - 40TH STREET

CREW CHIEF MEETING: 0800hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE-LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR 2011!

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 0830hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 0845hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet /60th /140th St.

Tides: High: 0144hrs and 1433hrs

Low: 0800hrs and 2111hrs

Special Events: None

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

FALL PATROL MEETING—HQ Training Room—0830hrs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet /58th /138th St.

Tides: High: 0254hrs and 1545hrs

Low: 0904hrs and 2219hrs

Reminder

If you are not returning to work after Labor Day, all equipment must be returned after work Monday, or it will be deducted from your last paycheck. Once deducted, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take an additional four weeks.

A Note on Fall Guarding: If you plan to work past Labor Day, you will need to complete a Fall Agreement form for full or part time. You must also indicate on the Fall agreement if you are interested in extended patrol, which begins on Sept. 26 and continues through Monday, Oct. 10, 2011.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/5/2011	Tuesday 9/6/2011	Wednesday 9/7/2011	Thursday 9/8/2011	Friday 9/9/2011	Saturday 9/10/2011	Sunday 9/11/2011	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2011

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet /56th /136th St.

Tides: High: 0405hrs and 1649hrs
Low: 1009hrs and 2321hrs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2011

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet /54th /134th St.

Tides: High: 0507hrs and 1743hrs
Low: 1111hrs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2011

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet /52nd /132nd St.

Tides: High: 0557hrs and 1827hrs
Low: 2411hrs and 1206hrs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2011

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 50th /130th St.

Tides: High: 0641hrs and 1907hrs
Low: 2452hrs and 1253hrs

Special Events: **ESA MD States Surfing Championship—Inlet or 48th—0700hrs**

Beach Wedding—112th St.—1800hrs

Beach Wedding—91st St.—1930hrs

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

GENERAL MEETING: **City Hall Council Chambers—3rd St —1st Floor-0830hrs**
Parking is available in the City Hall lot; enter through rear of the building.

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2011

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 48th /128th St.

Tides: High: 0721hrs and 1944hrs
Low: 0128hrs and 1335hrs

Special Events: **ESA MD States Surfing Championship—Inlet or 48th—0700hrs**

MD 3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial—21st & Boardwalk—0930hrs to 1230hrs

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A Day of Remembrance Celebration

MD 3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial
1100hrs—Motorcycle Parade—27th St./Boardwalk to N. Division St.
1200hrs (Approximately)—Memorial Service—N. Division St.



On This Day, Please Remember All the Public Safety Personnel Who Have Risked Their Lives for Others.



Follow the OCBP on Twitter!

If you send a text message saying "Follow OCBP_HQ" to 40404, the tweets will appear as text messages on your cell phone. Tides & surf beaches go out prior to 1000hrs daily. You can also tell beach patrons. Even if they don't really use Twitter, they can still get the messages on their cell (TXT rates apply).



Follow the Beach Patrol on Facebook
Go to www.ococean.com/ocbp
Click on



See daily updates, safety tips, and photos.

UPCOMING 2011 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Sept. 6	Fall Patrol Meeting-Training Room—0830hrs
Sept. 18	MSP Helicopter Training with USCG and OCFD/EMS,
Sept. 25	Last Day of 2011 Season
Sept. 26	First Day of Extended Patrol
October	Dive Team—Eastern Bay
TBD	National Aquarium Fish Feeding Dive—Baltimore
April 21-22	Two-Day Guarding Weekend/Evening Dives—Ft. Lauderdale, FL
May 28	Memorial Day—1 st Day of 2012 Summer Season

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

OC Bike Fest	Sept. 15-18	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 1900hrs
Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show	Sept. 16-18	Convention Center	1000hrs to 1800hrs
Sunfest	Sept. 22-25	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 2200hrs
Park Place Jewelers Beach Treasure Hunt			
Winefest	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Inlet Lot	1100hrs to 1900hrs
Harbor Day at the Docks	Oct. 1	Sunset Ave.	1000hrs to 1700hrs
OC Coin & Currency Show	Oct. 1-2	Convention Center	1000hrs to 1700hrs
Oktoberfest	Oct. 14-15	40 th St.	1100hrs to 2300hrs
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer	Oct. 15	5 th St & Boardwalk	0900hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 14</u> 8/22/11 to 8/28/11	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 201	<u>Week 15</u> 8/23/10 to 8/29/10	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2010	<u>Week 15</u> 8/24/09 to 8/30/09	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2009
Action						
Preventions	965	77595	8653	71591	5575	68642
Rescues	7	1427	652	3045	430	3328
Minor First Aid	39	1920	118	1906	70	1441
Ambulance Calls	11	292	15	210	7	258
Police Calls	5	72	6	66	9	77
USCG/MDNRP	0	8	0	10	1	5
Lost/Found Persons	24	531	41	560	24	669
N. Surf Beach Population	1	518	8	1183	40	629
S. Surf Beach Population	37	2347	0	3100	500	4414
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NA	726	40	1936	204	1046
Beach Wheelchair Usage	27	427	30	420	34	403

Crew Chief Equipment

All issued equipment must be returned on your last day. Equipment that is given to you does not need to be returned: collared shirt, jacket, bathing suits, whistle, and hats. Once all equipment is accounted for, you will be immediately reissued equipment that is necessary for participation in the winter testing program. If you do not plan on becoming involved in the off-site tests, then you will not need to be issued any additional equipment. As with all employees, a crew chief who leaves without completing his/her commitment will be required to return ALL equipment that was given to them by the Beach Patrol. The purpose of this policy is to have an accurate inventory and to minimize the loss of equipment should a Crew Chief decide not to return in subsequent years. Any and all equipment not returned will be deducted from your final paycheck.

Important Notice

Please note the dates and times of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)
Convention Center—0800hrs

Tuesday, September 6 (Start of Fall Patrol)
HQ Training Room—0830hrs

Beginning on September 11, the weekly meetings will move to City Hall on Sundays.

Sunday, September 11
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 18
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 25
City Hall—0830hrs



F.Y.I

Sea foam, ocean foam, beach foam, or spume is a type of foam created by the agitation of seawater, particularly when it contains higher concentrations of dissolved organic matter (including proteins, lignins, and lipids) derived from sources such as the offshore breakdown of algal blooms. These compounds can act as surfactants or foaming agents. As the seawater is churned by breaking waves in the surf zone adjacent to the shore, the presence of these surfactants under these turbulent conditions traps air, forming persistent bubbles which stick to each other through surface tension. Due to its low density and persistence, foam can be blown by strong on-shore winds from the beachface inland onto sidewalks and streets.

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

Last Week's Question: I was on the beach the other day and noticed water almost like a swimming pool behind the guard stand. I have never seen this before but my kids sure loved playing in it. Does this happen often and what causes it?

We commonly refer to these as tide pools. However, they are not only formed by the outgoing tide but are also formed when large waves are driven further onto the beach by wind or during storms. Tropical activity in the Atlantic over the past several weeks has caused larger than usual waves and surf conditions. These waves bring more water onto the beach and if it becomes trapped in a low area a "tide pool" may form. These low areas on the beach are formed as waves push sand into large mounds running parallel to the shore with the area behind the mound (to the west) being lower than this newly formed retaining mound. As water is pushed over this mound, it cannot make its way back into the ocean as runoff and becomes trapped in the low lying area. Although the amount of water, the size of the low lying area and the depth of low lying area, may vary from a few inches to a few feet deep and the size may be as small as a backyard pool or as large as several city blocks, most tide pools are only a few inches deep and less than a block long. Because of the relatively small quantity of water, the sun heats it and it is much warmer than the ocean and it usually has no wave action making it very inviting. When a child comes to the beach and finds a tide pool, they become very excited. It is like having a backyard pool on the beach. However, tide pools pose their own dangers. Because a tide pool seems like the perfect place for small children to play, parents often do not give the same attention to their children as they would if they were playing in the ocean. Further complicating this is the fact that most often the tide pool ends up forming behind the guard stands. This means that the SRT (lifeguard) is only scanning this area as part of their secondary scan giving much less attention to this water hazard than the large body of water directly in front of them. Parents often have a false sense of security due to the shallow depth of most of these tide pools but those of us in water safety realize it only takes 1 inch of water to drown a toddler. A second hazard associated with this phenomenon is the risk of injuries from running and jumping into such a shallow area. Although not a safety concern another potential issue has to do with this trapped water becoming stagnant, dirty, and smelly. Therefore, the Public Works Maintenance Department sculpts the beach to facilitate the drainage of these tide pools after they have remained for a couple of days.

Sometimes you might find a tide pool that behaves more like a waterslide than a pool. In this instance wave action is bringing more water into the low area while breaks in the retaining mound allow water to flow back into the ocean resulting in strong currents being formed in the tide pool. When this happens the tide pool becomes far more dangerous as people playing in the tide pool might find themselves washed into the ocean. Tide pools can be fun when enjoyed safely.

Request for Recommendations

Between seasons, I am often asked to complete references and recommendations. If you need me to provide something like this for you, I ask that you make the request in writing. In that request you should give me any information that will help me in giving you the best possible recommendation. I will need to know whom it goes to and if there is a particular format or form that is required. It will also be helpful to remind me of some of the Beach Patrol activities that you have been involved in, such as JBP, Camps, special duties, etc. I also will need a fair amount of lead-time since personnel files are secured in Ocean City while I am in La Plata. You may send your request by e-mail or if you are required to mail to a physical address, you may use:

Captain Butch Arbin
134 West Quail Lane
La Plata, Maryland 20646

Employee Evaluations – Not the Entire Picture

Although having satisfactory evaluations is very important, they are only one aspect of each person's summative performance rating. Employee commendations, incidents, responsibility for equipment, amount of time worked, amount of time taken off, fulfilling work agreement, and last day worked are all considered by the review panel. Only once a full and complete assessment is made will a final recommendation be made to the Captain, regarding an employee's status for the next season.

OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Price List

Classic Grey or White Ringer T-Shirts-navy collar \$10.00
Grey T-shirts-\$10.00
Tie Dye T-shirts-L/XL-\$15.00
Adult Sweatshirts-with OCBP on front & logo on back-\$30.00
Adult Sweatshirts with-logo on back only-\$25.00
Sweatpants \$20.00
Captain Craig T-Shirts \$10.00
Beige Long-sleeved T-shirts \$15.00
Whistles \$5.00
Lanyards \$6.00
Red SRT Lanyards-\$5.00
Buoy Key Chains \$4.00
"Only God Saves More Lives"-\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
OCBP stickers-\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
Ocean City Beach Patrol car window sticker \$2.00
Beach Patrol Logo Tattoos \$.25
Hats – 1 for \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00
Swim Caps \$5.00
CDs-\$5.00



DO NOT FORGET THE BEACH PATROL WHEN YOU MAKE CHANGES

If you make any changes in the contact information that you have on file with us, it is your responsibility to let us know. If this coming season is as we predict, we will not be allowing personnel to return who have missed deadlines. Having mail returned or lost in forwarding may cause you to miss an important deadline.

E-mail – With free accounts and school accounts that are often changed you need to let us know immediately. We use e-mail to keep everyone informed of events and activities as well as confirming information and to get out quick updates.

Winter address – This is used to send U.S. mail such as newsletters, incentive checks, invitations to return, and other paperwork.

Permanent address – This address is not used by the Beach Patrol but is used by the Town of Ocean City to send tax information (W-2).

2011-2012 Off-Season Contact Information

The following numbers and addresses will ensure that you have all available means to communicate with the OCBP.

Keep this page available for future reference.

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	barbin@ococean.com

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Lt. Wes Smith:	wsmith@oceancitymd.gov	wes@miami.edu
Lt. Mike Stone:	mstone@oceancitymd.gov	mkstone13@hotmail.com
Lt. Ward Kovacs:	wkovacs@oceancitymd.gov	
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Sgt. Rick Cawthern:	rcawthern@oceancitymd.gov	surfrac@comcast.com
Sgt. Marc Bouloucon:	mbouloucon@oceancitymd.gov	mbouloucon@hotmail.com
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Sgt. Mat Postell	mpostell@oceancitymd.gov	gpostell@aacps.org
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Kristin Joson	kjoson@oceancitymd.gov	kjoson@ccboe.com

As most of you know, I was recently admitted to PRMC with failure to my liver and kidneys due to a reaction to an antibiotic. There were a lot of you who dropped what you were doing to show your support for Regina and I. I missed seeing some of you because of being unconscious for the first few days. I had no idea just how serious my condition was at the time. The ICU doctors told me I was very lucky to have survived. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE.

There have been Town employees we have lost over the years who left this "family" too suddenly. But I feel assured that they felt just as I did, supported and loved by the employees of the Town of Ocean City. I am still in recovery now, but things are looking very positive at this point. I just wanted to send a note to each and every one of you to "Thank You" for everything you do, and to thank you for being a part of my family.

Al Custer
OCPD

From
Joan
Holthaus
who
helps
with the
OCBPSR
A store
during
events
and is a
51st
beach
patron

Mr. Arbin:

I just wanted to say that I was VERY impressed with your beach patrol gentleman on 25th street area. I was staying at the Crystal Beach Motel during Thursday Aug. 18 thru Saturday Aug. 20. Your beach patrol on our beach was superb.

Not sure what you teach these guys and what your academy does to prepare them, but you guys do an awesome job. The sempro sign language was an highlight to my family. Good Job and we plan on seeing your beach patrol again next year.

Thanks for the comfort you bring. It definitely brings confidence and added security when visiting the Ocean City beaches.

Wayne Bodzenta
Electrical Project Engineer
Belcan Specialty Equipment Engineering
Division
Solon, Ohio 44139

Captain Arbin,
This is long over due. My family and I vacationed in OC this summer from July 2-9. We stayed on 29th street ocean front. It was a wonderful vacation! One of the reasons was that your staff did an impeccable job! I felt very comfortable that my children were in safe hands. The life guards were extremely watchful and made sure that everyone was safe on a daily basis. They were extremely courteous and friendly and even joked around with the kids on the beach. You should be very proud of the young men that worked in that area while we were there! Please thank them for doing such a great job.

Sincerely,
Pamela K. Key
Lower Burrell, Pa. 15068

From: Colby Kauffman
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Stand Damage - Steve Reddick

Steve Reddick called from the stand damage case. Each person involved got 30 hours of community service and a one time fee of \$450 to replace the stand.

To: All Employees
Subject: Hurricane Irene

To all:

I would like to personally thank each you for the role you filled during our response to Hurricane Irene. No one person does it by his or her self, and no one person is more important than any other member of the Ocean City team. We got lucky on this one! No one got hurt, and damage to the infrastructure of the city, both public and private is considered minimal. We made the right decision to evacuate for the safety of our citizens. We did many things right...and there is always room for improvement to some of our response actions and decisions. Irene simply became an exercise. We did a good job, and because we worked together as an Ocean City team...we are even going to be better the next time!

With all this said, we will be generating an after action report for Irene. I ask all those involved to think about our actions and decisions, both the good and the bad, as well as any concerns regarding your personal role during our response. Please reduce your comments to short statements as bullets so we can gather everyone's information to be included in the after action report. Department Directors, assign someone from your department/division management to be the point of contact to gather the employees' responses. When you have gathered the responses for your department, please send them electronically as one document to Bob Rhode and a copy to me.

I would like all information by the end of the business day Friday, September 9, 2011. Sometime in the near future, upon completion of the after action report we will then have a city-wide meeting to discuss the incident and any recommended changes.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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This was identified as the 9th St. guard

Dear Mr. Barbin,

I was in Ocean City this past summer and I took some photos on the beach. There is one that includes the feet of your life guard on the stand. I want to enter this photo into photo contests. I need permission from the life guard to use his photos (even just his feet) in photo contests.

You can clearly see that it is the 9th Street beach by the life guard stand and we were there the week of July 30th to August 6th.

Would you be able to assist me in getting the release to use this photo?

Thank You,
Coleen McCreca Katz



From: tomalpt@aol.com [mailto:tomalpt@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2011 2:06 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Brigadier General Edward A. Parnell, USMC (Ret)

Dear Captain Arbin,

On Wednesday, August 10 at 1:30 p.m. on 34th Street, your team conducted safety and rescue actions in an effort to save the life of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and truest of friend. Each and every member of your team did their utmost to apply their training and skills at the highest level. They were extraordinary in both action and compassion. Unfortunately, General Parnell's injuries were too severe for him to be saved in the end. However, the service your men did provide to our family was invaluable. Your young men enabled us to have a few precious hours of hope, prayers for his survival, expressions meaningful in love, and finally our goodbyes. According to the doctors at The University of Maryland Medical Center Shock Trauma, it is extremely rare for an individual that has sustained a severed spinal cord, heart attack, and near death drowning to have ever reached the ambulance, or their care, for that matter.

Our family is more grateful than words could ever convey. Not only did your men work to save the life of General Parnell, they also comforted and supported his wife at the time of this crisis, in a manner that was above and beyond. We would like to recognize and extend our personal appreciation to the following young men who acted so courageously. They will be in our hearts forever:

Sgt. Marc Bouloucon
Patrick O'Malley
Trey Krell
Ryan Grantham

Marc, Patrick, Trey and Ryan, in our time of grief and sorrow it is very important to our Mother that our entire family extend to you our most heartfelt thanks for all you did for our irreplaceable loved one. Please, always be proud of what you have done for us and what you did. The General served in Korea and Vietnam in service to his country. He is a decorated veteran of foreign war. He would never be remiss at thanking his own troops for their sacrifice, bravery and conduct in performing their duty. We are certain, had he survived he would have called you to order and personally thanked each and every one of you with gratitude for a job well done.

Most sincerely,

Nancy E. Parnell, his wife

Upcoming Event--Helicopter Training

Tentatively scheduled for Sept 18th. This training will involve USCG and OCFD/EMS and will include litter and basket training in both shallow and deep water. Make sure you are available and have all necessary equipment.



This was sent to me as a complaint about the 146th street guard.. lucky for Phil Fraley they sent a picture...

Butch Arbin

Seems like the lifeguard is not paying attention.

