



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 3, 2012 to September 9, 2012

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012—Labor Day!

**WEEKLY MEETING:** CONVENTION CENTER - 40TH STREET

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0730hrs

**CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 0800hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE—**LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR 2012!**

**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 / 41<sup>st</sup> / 121<sup>st</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0956hrs

Low: 1612hrs

**Special Events:** None

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

**FALL PATROL MEETING—HQ Training Room—0830hrs**

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2013

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 39<sup>th</sup> / 119<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1037hrs

Low: 1656hr

Notice: Today, Monday, September 3, 2012

**Last Opportunity To Take the Semaphore  
Test for 2012**

Wear your protective foot covering to the meeting!



### 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. 24 and continues through Monday, Oct. 8, 2012**

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/3/2012	Tuesday 9/4/2012	Wednesday 9/5/2012	Thursday 9/6/2012	Friday 9/7/2012	Saturday 9/8/2012	Sunday 9/9/2012	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
								Totals

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2013

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 37<sup>th</sup> / Fountainhead

**Tides:** High: 1120hrs  
Low: 1742hrs

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2013

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 35<sup>th</sup> / High Point North

**Tides:** High: 1205hrs  
Low: 1831hrs

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2013

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 33<sup>rd</sup> / Capri

**Tides:** High: 1254hrs  
Low: 0631hrs

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

**Officer in Charge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Skip Lee

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2013

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** 31<sup>st</sup> / Quay

**Tides:** High: 1349hrs  
Low: 0722hrs

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

Beach Weddings—98<sup>th</sup> St.—1300hrs / 15<sup>th</sup> St.—1500hrs / 48<sup>th</sup> St.—1500hrs / 21<sup>st</sup> St.—1700hrs / 28<sup>th</sup> St.—1800hrs / 45<sup>th</sup> St.—1900hrs

M.O.O.D Charity Boardwalk Parade—27<sup>th</sup> St. to N. Division St.—1700hrs

Beach Fireworks—Dorchester St.—2230hrs

### Important Notice

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

Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)  
Convention Center—0800hrs

Tuesday, September 4 (Start of Fall Patrol)  
HQ Training Room—0830hrs

Beginning on September 9, the weekly meetings will move to City Hall on Sundays.

Sunday, September 9  
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 16  
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 23  
City Hall—0830hrs



### A Day of Remembrance Celebration

**MD 3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial**  
1100hrs—Motorcycle Parade—27<sup>th</sup> 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.



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



# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

**Officer in Charge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Skip Lee

**GENERAL MEETING:** City Hall Council Chambers—3<sup>rd</sup> St —1<sup>st</sup> Floor-0830hrs

Parking is available in the City Hall lot; enter through rear of the building.

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2013

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** 29<sup>th</sup> / English Towers

**Tides:** High: 1448hrs

Low: 0816hrs

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

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

Beach Wedding—109<sup>th</sup> St.—1500hrs & 2<sup>nd</sup> St.—1800hrs

## UPCOMING 2012 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Sept. 4	Fall Patrol Meeting-Training Room—0830hrs
Sept. 23	Last Day of 2012 Season
Sept. 24	First Day of Extended Patrol
May 27	Memorial Day—1 <sup>st</sup> Day of 2013 Summer Season

## Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

9/11 Parade of Brothers	Sept. 11	27 <sup>th</sup> St. Boards to N. Division	0830hrs to 1300hrs
OC Bike Fest	Sept. 13-16	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 1900hrs
Sunfest	Sept. 20-23	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 2200hrs
Fireworks on the Beach	Sept. 21	Dorchester St.	2230hrs
Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show	Sept. 28-30	Convention Center	1000hrs to 1800hrs
Winefest	Sept. 28-30	Inlet Lot	1100hrs to 1900hrs
Harbor Day at the Docks	Oct. 6	West OC Harbor	1000hrs to 1600hrs
Endless Summer Cruisin'	Oct. 4-7	Inlet	1000hrs to 1600hrs
Oktoberfest	Oct. 20	N. Division St.	1100hrs to 2300hrs
Making Strides against Breast Cancer 10/5k	Oct. 20	Inlet	Reg. @ 0730hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 14</u> 8/20/12 to 8/26/12	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2012	<u>Week 14</u> 8/22/11 to 8/28/11	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2011	<u>Week 14</u> 8/23/10 to 8/29/10	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2010
<b>Action</b>						
Preventions	5253	58664	1052	79739	8653	71591
Rescues	233	2539	7	1594	652	3045
Minor First Aid	97	1338	47	1954	118	1906
Ambulance Calls	18	205	11	298	15	210
Police Calls	6	116	5	75	6	66
USCG/MDNRP	0	6	0	8	0	10
Lost/Found Persons	26	493	24	555	41	560
N. Surf Beach Population	58	530	1	811	8	1183
S. Surf Beach Population	121	3556	37	2598	0	3100
Inlet Surf Beach Population	28	961	NA	726	40	1936
Beach Wheelchair Usage	28	417	27	452	30	420

## OBBP DIVE TEAM

### Tentative Winter Schedule

October 13, 14	Lake Rawlings, VA	Checkout Dives-Open Water, Adv., Rescue
October...	Eastern Bay	Oyster Dive
November 3	OCBP HQ	MARP Training (first timers)
January...	Marathon, FL	5 Days; Maybe over New Year's
TBD	National Aquarium	TBD
April, 2013	Calvert Cliffs	Fossil Dive
May 3-6	Fort Lauderdale	Air Show, Three Dives

SERGEANT FALCON SENT AN EMAIL TO THE DIVE TEAM LIST ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT AND YOU WANT TO BE ON THAT LIST, YOU MUST SEND HIM AN EMAIL: [falcon465@yahoo.com](mailto:falcon465@yahoo.com) or [falcon@umbc.edu](mailto:falcon@umbc.edu).

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

***This Week's Question:*** *I stayed in Ocean City past Labor Day thinking I could finally take my dog on the beach. The lifeguard informed me that I could not. I was surprised that the lifeguards were still even on duty. I thought they ended on Labor Day. How much longer will there be lifeguards on the beach and when do the rules change?*

Although the Beach Patrol has never gone off duty following Labor Day (at least for the past 40 years) many people assume this to be our schedule. In reality the earliest the Beach Patrol has gone off duty for the season has been the Sunday of Sunfest weekend (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend following Labor Day). This year the Patrol will end the regular guarding of the beach on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. During this period following Labor Day, as Ocean City Beach Patrol personnel return to other obligations we are in a reduced coverage scheme, and the number of Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) available to staff the stands along the 10 miles of beach decreases. The Ocean City Beach Patrol is committed to provide Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) along the entire beach for all visitors and residents so rather than have unguarded areas the number of available lifeguard towers are equally distributed along the beach front. As this redistribution occurs the location and distance between stands changes (sometimes on a daily basis).

This reduction in personnel is an annual occurrence but is complicated by the earlier start of college classes and the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the United States. However, as a direct result of our recruiting and staffing the number of stands we have been able to deploy on a daily basis has been higher than in many previous years. We will have additional returning Surf Rescue Technicians to allow us to increase the total number of stands ( and decrease the distance between stands) on weekends

Because of the dedication and commitment of these public servants, we will continue to provide daily coverage between 10:00 and 5:30 for all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 23, 2012. Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers (than during the summer), we will supplement this coverage by increasing the number of Mobil Rescue Units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first-aid and AED equipped with one SRT (rider) acting as the primary rescue swimmer while the other SRT (driver) maintains radio communication and backup during an emergency. Both are qualified as surf rescue technicians, medical first responders and are quad (ATV) certified.

As far as the rules go (Town of Ocean City Ordinances) most remain in effect until September 30<sup>th</sup>. The specific ordinance regarding dogs states that dogs are not permitted on the beach or boardwalk from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Other ordinances and laws such as public drinking, vehicles on beach, and fires on beach, remain in effect throughout the year.

Another difference in the beach during the fall season is surfing. Captain Arbin of the Beach Patrol will allow modified surfing along the entire beach, except where guards are posted. The Beach Patrol keeps the swimmers in front or near their stand and the surfers are encouraged to congregate away from the swimmers. This is a time of the year the surfers enjoy. They can surf while the patrol is on duty and not be confined to designated surfing beaches like they are during the summer. Surfers must still utilize an ankle leash and remain 50 yards from the nearest swimmer. Having surfers in the vicinity often proves valuable in saving lives. It is helpful to have the extra floatation devices in the water at this time of year when the coverage is spread over larger spans of beach. It is not unusual for surfers to aid a distressed swimmer and keep them afloat until a Surf Rescue Technician can reach them and take them safely back to shore. Although surfing is modified, the Beach Patrol still reserves the right to prohibit surfing in certain areas or under certain conditions. The use of skim boards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, paddle boards, etc) is still prohibited.

SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. To aide your SRT, the beach patrol suggests taking extra precaution and make sure to walk the short distance to swim in the vicinity of a lifeguard stand. The first priority of the Ocean City Beach Patrol continues to be public safety. We strongly encourage all beach patrons to restrict any beach or water related activities to times when Beach Patrol personnel are on duty, never swim alone, always stay with the limits of their ability and never rely on a flotation device.

### S.R.T. of the Week

Sgt. James McVey has been with the Beach Patrol for 10 years. His area of supervision is the south end of Ocean City. In addition to his area of supervision, Sgt. McVey is responsible for running the Ocean City Beach Patrol Surf Rescue Association (OCBPSRA) events. He also participates in the Beach Patrol Triathlon Club and the Beach Patrol floor hockey team. In the off-season, McVey is a U.S. History teacher in Howard County. He is married and is currently finishing his Master's degree.

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



**SUMMER**  **THANKS**  
OCEAN CITY, MD

Our way of saying thanks – with sweet beach savings!

**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).

**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. 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.

**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
- Grey or White Ringer T-Shirts \$10.00
- Sweatshirts Adult \$30.00
- Child \$25.00
- Long-sleeved T-shirts \$15.00
- Tie-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**



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**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.

**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

**Please read for an important community service opportunity:**

Hi, Mr. Arbin:

My name is Crystal Leedy and I am the Community Programs Coordinator at the National MS Society – Maryland Chapter. The weekend of October 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> we are holding a program called Discovery Weekend at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, MD. This program allows families that are affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS) to come out for a fun and relaxing weekend, meet other in similar situations, attend workshops and participate in activities.

The hotel is allowing us to have use of the pool in the morning for the children and teens as an activity option while their parents/family members are in the morning workshops. Unfortunately, they do not have a lifeguard on duty.

I am contacting you in hopes that you may be able to refer me to someone that is a certified lifeguard that may be willing to donate their time on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the morning from approx. 9am – 12:30pm. In return, we would like to offer them breakfast (8-9am) and lunch (12:30-1:30pm) on Saturday.

I look forward to hearing from you!  
Thank you!

Crystal Leedy  
Community Programs Coordinator  
National MS Society - Maryland Chapter

2219 York Road, Suite 302  
Timonium, MD 21093  
Phone (443) 641-1224  
Fax (443) 641-1201

**From:** Judy Martino  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2012 11:29 PM  
**To:** Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** Re:

Mr. Arbin,  
Just an update - we went to OC, NJ the other day, just for the day.  
wow,

NJ lifeguards:  
it took two guys to move the stand

MD lifeguards:  
it took one female to move the stand

NJ had three lifeguards per one stand  
MD had one lifeguard per stand

NJ had a cover over the stand  
MD had no cover over the stand

NJ had three life guards sitting in the stand, covered with towels and eating almost the whole time we were sitting there with a radio on, not impressed

MD had one life guard no towels, no eating or drinking, and no radio, and looking the whole time at the ocean....very impressed

I couldn't believe my eyes, I was so p>>>>>>>ed. I have never seen this before, of all the years we visited NJ....very unprofessional

Judy Martino

**From:** Craig Southard (Past OCBP Sergeant)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2012 2:29 PM  
**To:** Butch Arbin

Captain,  
Thought you would like to know about this. We were emailing back and forth about JBP, and she said this about the guards where she was staying. Great job once again. Thanks!

thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly. We stayed on 132nd street this year and my sons and my nephew were in awe of the lifeguards. All of the lifeguards were very nice but I just wanted to let you or someone know about 2 particular lifeguards. I only know they are Chad and Bryan and were lifeguarding on 132nd during the weeks of Aug 12 - Aug 25. They were incredible to the boys. They were so patient and informative. They interacted with the boys and didn't seem bothered by their constant questions even while they were watching the ocean. They showed them how the flags and buoys were and explained to them when it wasn't safe to boogie board based on the size of the waves. They gathered everyone on the beach quite a few times to point out safety concerns. I have coming to the beach for 39 years and I can honestly say I am truly impressed with these 2 lifeguards. There were truly wonderful role models for my boys and gave them a wonderful experience.

I hope this compliment makes it to the right people because they definitely need to be commended for doing an outstanding job.

We will see you in camp next summer.

Take care  
Jackie Ricker

**From:** Howard  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2012 6:53 PM  
**To:** Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** Beach Patrol

Captain Arbin,

We recently visited OC MD for a quick 4 night holiday returning home last Friday. Naturally each day we went to the beach and had a great time in the sun - or occasional semi sun as it was overcast in the mornings.

I am writing to commend your staff for their coverage of the beach activities and their overall professionalism. Three of the four days were on the beach, 'Mike' or Michael was our 'Technician' at the 33rd Street area. He finished on Fri to go back to college somewhere in PA.

Although we and some others showered him with questions... from time to time, he was able to satisfy our curiosity re his job and the actions of him and his coworkers, semaphore, the features of the beach - 'rip-currents' etc., and goofy stuff about his college etc. We were aware that he probably shouldn't be chatting much, so tried to keep it brief, **but not once** did he stop looking around, up and down the beach or out to sea where people were enjoying the waves. A perfect multi tasker!

We even witnessed him give a 'swimmers talk', calling everyone in ear shot and beyond over to him, to learn about the rip tides he was concerned about. As young as he was - (compared to us that is!) he managed to engage the assembled audience and control those that 'had heard it before' or who 'didn't want to be dragged from their fun'. It wasn't a lecture but a brief, succinct notification/QnA session, giving adequate warning and pointing out actual 'rips' right in front of the gathered people. He actually got a quick 'thank you' applause from most there.

Even as we said goodbye on the Thursday afternoon, he actually thanked us for interacting with him. I'm sure it is a tough job to stay focused when not much is going on.

In light of our experience at Ocean City's beach, namely the 33rd Street area, we would like to make a small donation towards the Beach Patrol staff who are struggling with college debt etc., yet they make life at the coast safe and interesting for us visitors.

Please advise as appropriate.

Howard, Martie and Owen.  
Nr Cooperstown NY.

**From:** Lani Rochin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2012 10:32 PM  
**To:** Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** Lifeguard Georgia Speier

Dear Mr. Arbin,  
My family has owned a condo in the Pyramid on 95th since 1975 and we have had many great guards on our beach. This summer, however, we had the most exceptional lifeguard, Georgia! There are many of us that return every year, my family for 7 weeks, and we were all in agreement that she is, by far, the most exceptional! She made an effort to get to know my daughter, Ashley (7), took her lunch break time to take her into the ocean so she would feel comfortable and had an all around wonderful personality and happy attitude. Watching her interact with other families, handling rescue emergencies and taking pride in her job made it obvious she loves being a member of the OCBP. We are SO thankful to have had her at the Pyramid this summer, please bring her back to 95th Street next year for us!

Sincerely,  
Lani Rochin

**From:** EM Pardalos  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2012 11:44 AM  
**To:** Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** Ms. Amanda Doane-Johnson (Mandy)

Captain Arbin,  
It's a pleasure to be able to write to you on behalf of Mandy - the lifeguard who was posted last week in front of the Sea Watch building. I imagine folks have no issue voicing complaints so this positive endorsement comes easily.  
We've been coming to OC for many years and have stayed in various places; at the Sea Watch for the last 6 years. This year having Mandy on duty last week and this week (yesterday when she moved 2 blocks away) has been great and worth the mention.

Last week we were a total of 7 families. We were all impressed with her diligence and professional, yet approachable demeanor. We have watched her jump into lifeguard saving action several times in one day, get berated by an understandably stressed out mother of a lost 4 year old, and have numerous people not heed her request to come in from being too far out in the waves. She handled all of this with a pleasant smile and was never rattled.

Although we keep a keen eye on our kids (even the teenagers), we nonetheless are grateful for a lifeguard like Mandy who clearly takes her job seriously. She is interrupted countless times and manages to respond while always keeping watch on the swimmers.

I'd like to think that all lifeguards work in this way but we are avid beach people and don't always see this attention to detail. She is a standout.

Thank you for having someone like Mandy on your team. It's made our weeks here enjoyable, relaxing and safe. We look forward to seeing her on the beach next summer!

**Elaine Pardalos, ABR, Relocation Director, Realtor**

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**From:** Jennifer Ryan  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2012 2:20 PM  
**To:** Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** OCBP 43rd Street

Dear Mr. Arbin: As another beautiful beach season comes to a close, I wanted to take the time to offer my thanks and congratulations to Pat, the 43rd Street life guard, for a job well done! As an owner, I have been here most of the summer with my 7 year old and 2 year old sons. As I am sure you know, the 43rd Street beach has a different feel from the other beaches in that we are mostly private homes with a handful of rentals on the street. From the beginning, Pat introduced himself to my boys and the other children on the street and instantly became their idol. If you ask their moms, all the boys on the street want to work for the OCBP when they grow up!

Pat takes his chair on time every day! He is always wide awake and ready to go! (Over the years I have seen plenty of guards roll on to the beach half-asleep and/or hung over.) Pat takes the time to speak to the children about rip tides and other water conditions and they hang on his every word! If we arrive late to the beach and miss his lecture I admit, I'm a little bummed. He takes his job very seriously but not too seriously. Pat is the perfect combination of professional and personable. Last week, I even observed him rendering first-aid to a gentleman who appeared to be bleeding. He is great!

I hope you will share this note with Pat and thank him for the terrific job he has done and I thank you, Mr. Arbin, for selecting and training this young man and assigning him to our beach! I know the work you do if often thankless but I wanted Pat and you to know I am thankful for the job you have done!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Ryan

**From:** Tony Fanella [<mailto:tonyfanella2@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2012 10:28 PM  
**To:** Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** Help on 8-20-12

My name is Tony Fanella from Shamokin, Pa. On Monday 8-20-12 I was swimming in ocean around 13th st, at least that's where I started, approx around 1 o'clock, I think. Well I got out pretty far and didn't realize it. It seemed when I tried to get back in I just went out further. From what I understand I was in a rip tide or current. I saw the life guard waving me in but I was totally exhausted. Finally I waved for him to come get me.

Once I waved for life guard he got to me very quickly. He helped me in, I shouldn't say helped, he got me in. It must not have been easy for him, I am not a small guy, I am 6'2" 248lbs. I was totally exhausted. I couldn't get a deep breath after I got out. I was always athletic and go to gym but this was as worn out as I ever got. I am 61 yrs old and I think it is time I realize my age.

The life guards name was Joe Kieth. I want to thank him for a job WELL DONE.

Tony Fanella  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of State  
Bureau Of Enforcement and Investigation