



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of August 20, 2012 to August 26, 2012

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 0730hrs

CREW CHIEF MEETING: 800hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS: 0825hrs

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

GENERAL MEETING: 0845hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

OCBPSRA: Finished for the Season

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 2nd / 71st St.

Tides: High: 1003hrs

Low: 1616hrs

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

Wear your protective foot covering to the meeting!



TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / N. Division / 69th St.

Tides: High: 1050hrs

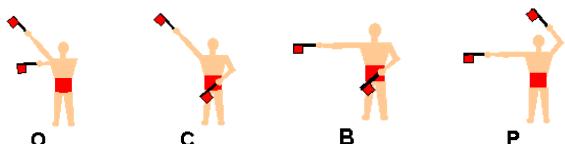
Low: 1709hrs

Special Events: Beach Fireworks—N. Division St.—2230hrs

Last Opportunity To Take the Semaphore

Test for 2012!

Monday, September 3rd



SUMMER *of* THANKS
OCEAN CITY, MD

Our way of saying thanks — with sweet beach savings!

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 8/20/2012	Tuesday 8/21/2012	Wednesday 8/22/2012	Thursday 8/23/2012	Friday 8/24/2012	Saturday 8/25/2012	Sunday 8/26/2012	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
								Totals

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 65th / 145th St.

Tides: High: 1141hrs
Low: 1805hrs

Special Events: Concerts on the Beach—*Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys*—2000hrs—N. Division St.

Movies on the Beach—*Hugo*—Carousel Hotel—2030hrs

Equipment Turn in Procedure for Full Time

Changing to Part-Time

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 63rd / 143rd St.

Tides: High: 1235hrs
Low: 1906hrs

Special Events: Sunset Park Party Night—*Rob Fahey & the Pieces*—S. Division St.—1900hrs—Last Show of the Season

Movies on the Beach—*The Adventures of Tin Tin*—Princess Royale—92nd St.—2030hrs

Beach Weddings—121st St.—1900hrs

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 61st / 141st St.

Tides: High: 1336hrs
Low: 0712hrs

Special Events: OC Jeep Week Parade—30th St. to Inlet—0800hrs to 1000hrs—**Special duty personnel report to 30th St. beach with quad at 0730hrs (See list with assignments below)**

Jeep Parade Friday, August 24th

Special Duty Personnel Assignments

Name	Duty	Location
Fisher, Harrison	Quad Driver	66th
Guiton, Emma	Quad Driver	HQ
Johnson, Kevin	Quad Driver	HQ
Konyar, Jason	Quad Driver	66th
Kovacs, Ward	SUV	
Linnell, Kalani	Quad Driver	HQ
McGrath, Kelly	Quad Driver	27th
Posner, Max	Quad Driver	130th
Postell, Mat	Quad Driver	27th
Uebel, Tim	Quad Driver	HQ
Vander Clute, Liz	Quad Driver	HQ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 59th / 139th St.

Tides: High: 1443hrs
Low: 0812hrs

Special Events: Bikini Parade—91st St. to 118th St.—1500hrs—1700hrs

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2012—End of Pay Period

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day—Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 57th / 137th St.

Tides: High: 1552hrs

Low: 0916hrs

Special Events: Sundaes in the Park—*Mary Lou & the Untouchables*—Northside Park—1900hrs
Beach Lights Spectacular—N. Division St.—2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: Cancelled

OCBPSRA: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day—Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 55th / 135th St.

Tides: High: 1656hrs

Low: 1021hrs

Special Events: None

Wear your protective foot covering to the meeting!



UPCOMING 2012 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Sept. 1

OCBPSRA 2013 Pre-Employment Ocean Test

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

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	Aug. 29 & 30	2030hrs	The Carousel & Princess Royale
Beach Lights Spectacular	Aug. 26 & Sept. 2	2130, 2200, & 2230hrs	N. Division St
Beach Fireworks	Aug. 28 & Sept. 3	2230hrs	N. Division St
OC Sunfest	Sept. 20-23	Day/Night	Inlet Parking Lot

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 12 8/6/12 to 8/13/12</u>	<u>Week 12 Year-To- Date 2012</u>	<u>Week 12 8/8/11 to 8/14/11</u>	<u>Week 12 Year-To- Date 2011</u>	<u>Week 12 8/9/10 to 8/15/10</u>	<u>Week 12 Year-To- Date 2010</u>
Action						
Preventions	3218	50944	4568	73195	13759	56293
Rescues	46	2282	95	1389	697	2238
Minor First Aid	128	1137	204	1691	179	1537
Ambulance Calls	18	171	49	256	19	181
Police Calls	11	104	5	61	4	59
USCG/MDNRP	0	5	3	8	0	10
Lost/Found Persons	34	417	43	469	54	495
N. Surf Beach Population	7	417	124	515	197	1041
S. Surf Beach Population	494	3393	151	2132	294	2941
Inlet Surf Beach Population	15	907	91	708	74	1895
Beach Wheelchair Usage	48	351	57	356	45	358



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



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

Ripley's Still Wants Your Believe It or Nots!

The due date for submissions to the contest has been extended. 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!



Please note the important end of the season information in the boxes below.

Important Notice Regarding Leaving Early

As Captain informed you at the Monday meeting on 8/6/12, anyone who leaves earlier than the date which he/she originally provided will be considered as quitting without notice and will be required to return ALL OCBP issued uniform and equipment items, including bathing suits, hats, whistles, and ID cards. Any items not returned will be deducted from your final paycheck, and your direct deposit will be cancelled until we have verified that you have satisfied all debts with the OCBP and the Town of O.C.

Equipment Turn in Procedure for Full Time Changing to Part-Time

If you live more than 30 miles away, you are required to turn in all equipment once you end your full-time position (available 7 days a week). If you are working part-time after this time, you will pick up equipment before you are scheduled for duty.

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.

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 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.

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).

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



OCBP License Plates
Listed below are the guidelines for receiving these special logo plates

Your vehicle must be registered in Maryland.
Pick up the MVA form VR-124 from Captain Arbin.

Fill out form completely.

Attach a check made payable to the Ocean City Beach Patrol Surf Rescue Association (OCBPSRA) for \$50.00. This is a one-time fee and will not be charged again.

If you are requesting a specific number, make sure it is still available.

Return form to Beach Patrol Headquarters. Do not send or take to MVA—the form needs an authorizing signature to process.

Once the VR-124 form and check have been received, it takes 4-6 weeks to receive the tags. They will be mailed to the address on your registration.

In the future, you will receive the regular tag renewal application directly from the MVA every 2 years.

Results for Crew Comps 2012

Event	Place	Crew
Run-Swim-Run Relay	1 st	Crew 12
	2 nd	Crew 17
	3 rd	Crew 10
Rescue Board Relay	1 st	Crew 7
	2 nd	Crew 17
	3 rd	Crew 6
Land Line	1 st	Crew 4
	2 nd	Crew 1
	3 rd	Crew 12
Soft Sand Relay	1 st	Crew 12
	2 nd	Crew 1
	3 rd	Crew 17
Tug-of-War	1 st	Crew 2
	2 nd	Crew 4
	3 rd	Crew 5

Overall Overall Place	Results for Crew	Crew Comps 2012 Total Points
1 st	Crew 12	39
2 nd	Crew 17	29
3 rd	Crew 1	26
4 th	Crew 4	24
5 th	Crew 2	20
6 th	Crew 7	19
7 th	Crew 6	18
8 th	Crew 3	15
9 th	Crew 5	12
9 th	Crew 10	12
9 th	Crew 14	12
12 th	Crew 8	9
13 th	Crew 15	8
14 th	Crew 13	5
15 th	Crew 9	4
15 th	Crew 11	4
17 th	Crew 16	3

From: John Sullivan

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:08 AM

To: Butch Arbin

Cc: Edward Kovacs

Subject: Beach Patrol

Butch: Each year my wife's family rents 6 condos in the same building on 35th Street for a week. We have 35 to 50 family members present on any one day. For the 6+ days we were on the beach, your staff made our experience not only safe but very enjoyable. Mitch Masser was the SRT assigned to "our" area of 35th Street and he was excellent. We had to attend his class on the back of his chair every afternoon. He has a great way with people and does exactly what you have taught him. His replacements were also excellent. We also experienced the surfing beach when it moved to the north side of 35th Street. Your Surfing Beach Coordinator was Caitlin Whalan. She met me and everyone else when we first arrive on the beach to explain what was happening and the impact on us. She was charming, used common sense and was very proactive. Before she left for the day, she made sure to visit us and thanked us for visiting OC and for working with her. She also thanked us for being so nice to her. Needless to say, she made this work for everyone. Well done, Butch.

Sully Sullivan, Special Events Director

Discover an ocean of fun!
Ocean City Recreation & Parks

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



OCBPSRA 1 Mile Run 8/15/12

Name	Crew	Time
Travis Sevier	10	7:07
Tucker Lurie	6	6:30

The OCBP Question of the Week

This Week's Question: Last year around this time Hurricane Irene passed through Ocean City. I went to the beach the day after Irene and there were no lifeguards or stands but the Beach Patrol on the 4 wheelers were not allowing any swimmers in the ocean at all yet I saw surfers out in the ocean. The weather seemed like it was a great beach day and I was surprised I wasn't even allowed to go wading. Why did this happen ?

After Hurricane Irene passed, the ocean was not as dangerous as we would typically expect following a tropical storm (hurricane) event and the beach was left in unbelievably great condition with a gradual slope and plenty of beach still remaining. With 85% of our 200 personnel living over 100 miles away and being evacuated along with all others including many lifeguards (this evacuation was a very rare event and was based on the best NWS predictions) that had already returned to school, we were unable to provide adequate protection to safeguard swimmers or others wishing to venture into the ocean. As the town went into a reentry mode after Irene, it took most of the day to get the lifeguards back into town and the stands back on the beach. All available staff members were placed on mobile vehicles to replace the stands that had been moved away and to assist with informing the public to remain out of the ocean. In this case we did not have enough SRTs (lifeguards) to adequately protect the public on Sunday afternoon, when the weather broke, to safely guard all 10 miles of beach. We returned to normal operation for this time of year by 10:00 the very next day which was Monday morning.

We allowed surfers in the ocean on that day because a surfboard gives flotation and the people who usually have this type of equipment are generally far more experienced than the average beach vacationer. The extra flotation makes it safer for these individuals to enjoy their sport while providing additional assistance should a beach patrol disregard the warnings of the beach patrol and find themselves being pulled away from the beach in a rip current. Typically surfers have the experience and skills to keep themselves out of danger compared to the typical tourist who buys a boogie board at a sundry shop and has little to no knowledge of the ocean.

This is typically the time of year that Ocean City experiences an increase in the volume and size of waves due to tropical activity in the Atlantic. August and September are traditionally our large surf months, producing larger waves, dangerous rip currents and hazardous shorebreak. Larger waves bring more water into shore which has to escape out through the rips, meaning that rip currents become larger, longer, faster moving, and deadlier. This is exactly what happens this time of the year as hurricanes pass through the mid Atlantic region as more tropical systems develop in the Atlantic (although this year we have not seen the traditional large surf..YET). As these systems move closer to our coast, the impact becomes greater and the potential for dangerous conditions becomes more likely. On an occasion we will have a high tide which occurs with a 4-6 foot wave height and occasional 8 foot swells that will break right on the beach. This is the wave's impact zone and when the waves break on the beach we call it shore break. As a result it can become unsafe for anyone to be in the impact zone (wading to waist deep). Additionally as the tide recedes going to low this is the perfect recipe for the most dangerous rip activity. For this reason when there is no safe area for the general public to enjoy the ocean the OCBP will limit water activity, rather than risk harm to our visitors.

Although we have not seen these tropical conditions and large surf this August we did clear the water and beach several times these past few weeks. The reason was dangerous thunder storms that impacted the Ocean City area. Not only do our Surf Rescue Technicians watch for changes in water and weather conditions but are also being updated constantly by our dispatch center with input from the NWS. Often we are made aware of an incoming storm and are preparing to assist 1,000s of beach patrons off the beach with as much warning as possible. Once the SRT on your beach hears thunder they will direct everyone out of the water. Not because it is more dangerous to be in the water, but to give those people the extra time to start preparing their belongings should we spot lightning. At the first visual of lightning in the area the SRT will quickly alert everyone on the beach to leave for their safety and will quickly leave the beach themselves and seek cover off the beach. However, your SRT will remain on duty until the end of the day which is 5:30 PM. If we do not spot lightning for 30 minutes then the SRTs will return to their stands and at that time you may return to the beach, however if the SRTs are not on the beach it is illegal for anyone to be on the beach or in the ocean once you have been asked to leave.

As you can see we may need to clear the water and beach or limit activities in the ocean, but it is only because of our concern for your safety and the safety of the other beach patrons. So please give your SRT your cooperation and understanding when they are trying to do their jobs and keep everyone safe.



SRT A.J. Smith has been a member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol for six years. He currently sits the stand at the Clarion in Crew 13. In addition to his daily SRT duties, A. J. is a member of the local United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) and is very involved in training for lifeguard competitions. He competed in the USLA Nationals Competition last year, as well as the various OCBP events, such as the recent OCBP Triathlon. A.J. graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College where he played lacrosse. This past year he coached lacrosse at Wicomico High School. He plans to move to Florida and work for the Ft. Lauderdale Beach Patrol this coming winter.

SRT A.J. Smith the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions.

During the Ocean City Air Show the Beach Patrol assisted the USCG with maintaining a safe fly area, and A.J. patrolled the 14th St. area.

From: Shannon Valentine
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 1:34 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Rescues at 139th Street

Hello Butch,

I just wished to send a note about your staff at 139th, namely Justyn & Patrick. They deserve some recognition for a job well done. We have a home in North Ocean City and spend our time at the 139th beach. We were witness to 3 rescues by your staff.

I publish a blog on my vacation rental website, ShoreThingVR.com. My recent entry features pictures, video and a story about those rescues. You can read the blog at Shore Thing Vacation Rentals. (If you are hesitant to open a link from an unknown source, you can search for ShoreThingVR.com and go to our Blog section.) I would hope that you could pass this information along to your staff, particularly Justyn & Patrick.

Please feel free to post a link to the blog (<http://www.shorethingvr.com/our-blog/46-lifeguard-rescue-in-ocean-city>) on your website as well.

Many thanks from a local beach-goer!

The following is Ms. Valentine's blog post



Lifeguard Rescues 3 in Ocean City

Details Written by Shannon Valentine on Monday, July 30th 2012

I've had the pleasure of spending most of July in Ocean City, MD. (A mobile office has its advantages!) As anyone in the Northeast knows, the weather has been, for lack of a better word: extreme. In a few short weeks, we've experienced temperatures in the 90's, torrential downpours, window-rattling thunder and even hail. I overheard one restaurant patron compare Ocean City to Africa and was "waiting for a zebra to cross Coastal Highway."

Well, this weather has produced some strong waves and currents. Okay, not exactly Hawaii 5-0 waves, but enough to knock you for a loop and keep the Ocean City Beach Patrol on alert. The lifeguards at 139th Street did far more than sit in their chairs and attract teenage girls. I witnessed three rescues in less than an hour

3 rescues—all by the same lifeguard!

This is Justyn, here, after bringing his third person to safety. Justyn (with a "Y") at 139th Beach fearlessly braved the waves to bring in a gentleman that was floundering. Once closer, the rescued man was able to walk out of the water—exhausted and thankful. Little time passed before Justyn was called to duty again to bring in another swimmer in distress. Justyn returned to an applauding crowd. Then, again he was off to rescue a child.

I was tired just watching!

Kudos to the Ocean City Beach Patrol!



Even when Justyn was swimming, another lifeguard was present to keep watch and to help with the rescue. Patrick King of the OCBP was there to assist. I watched as he ran into the surf as well for what could have been yet another rescue.

After the rescues, the lifeguards communicated with fellow guards using semaphore, which is a series of flags representing the alphabet. After swimming in heavy surf, was he signaling about a safe rescue or that he needs a day off?

While I am always vigilant at the beach, it's comforting to know that the members of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are trained and ready should I need them. Ocean City, MD has some great waves--fortunately, not quite like these everyday. For more on their training, history, and beach safety tips, you can visit their website-- Ocean City Beach Patrol. They even have a link showing the semaphore alphabet—maybe you can figure out the lifeguard's messages!

If you should need a place to stay along the Eastern Shore, please check out Shore Thing Vacation Rentals.

Stay safe!