

Remembering

Memorial Day

**OCEAN CITY
Beach Patrol**

WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK OF MAY 27, 2013 to JUNE 2, 2013



MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013—Memorial Day!

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET-Southwest corner on steps

AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS: 800hrs

CREW CHIEF MEETING: 0815hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 0830hrs

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 0845hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 0850hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation-Week 1-PSRTs Assigned to Crews

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Run Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 11th St. / 79th St.

Tides: High: 0955hrs
Low: 1559hrs



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 5/27/2013	Tuesday 5/28/2013	Wednesday 5/29/2013	Thursday 5/30/2013	Friday 5/31/2013	Saturday 6/1/2013	Sunday 6/2/2013	Crew
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								



TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013

Officer in Charge-Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Swim Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 9th St. / 77th St.

Tides: High: 1049hrs
Low: 1655hrs

Special Events: Summer of Thanks: Fireworks—N. Division St. —2200hrs

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Run Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 7th St. / 75th St.

Tides: High: 1145hrs
Low: 1755hrs

Special Events: None

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Swim Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 5^h St. / 73rd St.

Tides: High: 1244hrs
Low: 1857hrs

Special Events: Ravens Roost Convention—Castle in the Sand
Play It Safe Splash Mountain Water Park—Jolly Roger—30th St.—1600hrs to 1800hrs
Play It Safe Dodgeball—Northside Park—125th St.—2000hrs to 2200hrs
Play It Safe Laser Tag/Mini Golf/Rock Climbing—Planet Maze—33rd St.—2300hrs to 0100hrs

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Run Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 3rd St. / 71st St.

Tides: High: 1346hrs
Low: 0741hrs

Special Events: Ravens Roost Convention—Castle in the Sand
Play It Safe Tennis Tournament—OC Tennis Center—61st St.—1300hrs to 1500hrs
Play It Safe Buccaneer's Booty Miniature Golf—146th St.—1300hrs to 1500hrs
Play It Safe Paintball-Rte 50—2000hrs to 2200hrs

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013

Surf Rescue Academy I Supper Seminar - 1830hrs—HQ Training Room--(MANDATORY)

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Quad Certification & Quad Recertification—HQ—1815hrs

Work-out: Swim Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 1st St. / 69th St.

Tides: High: 1451hrs
Low: 0835hrs

Special Events: Ravens Roosts Annual Parade- Balto. Ave. from 19th St. to 26th St.—1000hrs
Ravens Beach Bash—Clarion Resort Fountainbleau—Dawn to Dusk
Play It Safe Pizza Tugos Pizza Eating Contest--Rte. 50--1400hrs
Play It Safe-Tie-Dye T-Shirt Design-OC Art league--94th St.—1000hrs to 1200hrs

2013 Officers

- Unit 2- Captain Butch Arbin
- Unit 3- Lt. Mike Stone
- Unit 5- 1st Lt. Skip Lee
- Unit 6- Lt. Ward Kovacs
- Unit 7- Sgt. Ryan Cowder
- Unit 8- Sgt. Tim Uebel
- Unit 10- Sgt. Rick Cawthern
- Unit 11- Sgt. James McVey
- Unit 12- Sgt. Brent Weingard
- Unit 13- Sgt. Jamie Falcon
- Unit 14- Sgt. Mark Muller
- Unit 15- Sgt. Colby Phillips
- Unit 16-Sgt. Steve Fowler
- Unit 17- Sgt. Jeff Brabitz
- Unit 18- Sgt. Ben Davis
- Unit 19- Sgt. Mat Postell
- Unit 20- Sgt. Jason Konyar

OCBP Office Assistants

- Debi Tyler
- Stella Malone

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Kristin Joson

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Tax and Data Form Changes

If you would like to make any changes to either of your tax forms, please go to the "Employee Forms" tab on the OCBP web page, to download, fill-out, and print another form. Bring or send the form to Headquarters.

If you need to update your personal data information, including any changes in your local address, please see Secretary Tyler.

Equipment Needs

Please contact Sgt. Phillips at Headquarters to make arrangements to discuss any equipment concerns.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013—End of Pay Period

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OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / Caroline St. / 67th St.

Tides: High: 1553hrs

Low: 0929hrs

Special Events: OC Beach Lights Spectacular—Inlet & Boardwalk—2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

Play It Safe Karaoke—Dorchester St. Boardwalk—1700hrs to 1900hrs

Play It Safe Trimper's Roller Coaster—2000hrs to 2200hrs

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT CONVENTION CENTER MEETINGS

1. Do not park on Convention Center Drive
2. Do not park in the rear of Convention Center
3. Meetings begin promptly at 0830hrs
4. Always be in uniform
5. Clean up your trash before leaving
6. Drive carefully to your assignment

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 66th St. / 146th St.

Tides: High: 1648hrs

Low: 1020hrs

Special Events: *Play It Safe Stand-up Paddle Boarding—48th St. Water Sports Center—1000hrs to 1200hrs*

Play It Safe Kayak Relays—48th St. Bayside Water Sports Center—1600hrs

Play It Safe Moonlight Bowling—Ocean Lanes—72nd St.—2100hrs

Play It Safe Miniature Golf—Old Pro Golf—68th St—2200hrs



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



UPCOMING 2013 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

June 1	SRA 1 Supper Seminar--Training Room--1830hrs
June 1	OCBPSRA Events Begin-Check Schedule for Specific Dates
June 2	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 7	Pay Day
June 8	OCBPSRA Pre-Employment Ocean Test
June 9	Captain Schoepf Relay Swim
June 10	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 16-23	Surf Rescue Academy II
June 17	Weekly Meeting Moves to Mondays--Convention Center
June 20-23	OC Dew Tour-Pier to N. Division-OC, MD
June 20 & 26	JBP Instructor Training--HQ--1830hrs
June 21	Pay Day
June 22	CC Requalification-Run & Swim-0830hrs
June 24 thru July 2 & 13	Veteran Re-certification
June 25	Women's Dinner
June 27	Open Water Scuba Certification—HQ—1830hrs
June 29	SRA 2 Supper Seminar--Training Room--1830hrs
July 5	Rookie Graduation—0730hrs
July 10	USLA Mid-Atlantics-Rehoboth
July 13	OCBP Group Picture Day
July 13	Captain Craig Swim
July 27	Crew Comps

Annual Captain George A. Schoepf
Memorial Relay
Sunday, June 9, 2013
Run-Swim-Run
Begins at 7th St.—1000hrs
Run South to Inlet Rockpile
Swim North to 146th St.
Run South to 7th St.



OCBPSRA Events



- June 1—Quad Certification-Dorchester St.-1815hrs
- June 1— Quad Recertification-Dorchester St.-1815hrs
- June 7—200M Sprint-Dorchester St.-0800hrs
- June 7—Paddleboard-Dorchester St.-0830hrs
- June 13—Beach Safety Seminar Training-Dorchester St.-1815hrs
- June 14—Run-Swim-Run-130th St.-1815hrs
- June 18—1 Mile Run-130th St.-1815 hrs.
- June 18—Landline-130th St.-1830 hrs.
- June 20—JBP Instructor Training-HQ-1830hrs
- June 21—1 Mile Swim-130th St.-1815hrs
- June 22—Jet Drive Certification-HQ-1815hrs
- June 22—Jet Drive Recertification-HQ-1815hrs
- June 24—2 Mile Run-130th St.-1815hrs
- June 24—2 Person Rescue-130th St.-1840hrs
- June 26—JBP Instructor Training-HQ-1830hrs
- June 28—Quad Recertification-HQ -1815hrs



Congratulations

On May 21, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems in Annapolis recognized Joe Keefe, James McVey, Jake Ritter, and Diana Theobald for their performance in the AED save at Malibu's Classic surfing contest on 7/22/12. They each were presented with the Executive Director's Award for Excellence in EMS at a ceremony in Annapolis.

Thank you for making the Ocean City Beach Patrol look so good and feel so proud!

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Play It Safe Events	May 30-June 14	Various Times and Places	www.playitsafeoceancity.com
Baltimore Ravens Roost Parade	June 1	1000 hrs	19 th to 26 th St.
O.C. Car & Truck Show	June 8-9	1000hrs to 1800hrs	Convention Center
OC Air Show	June 8-9	1200hrs	
Flag Day Ceremony	June 8-9	1200hrs	16 th St & Boardwalk
MD Firemen's Parade	June 19	1300hrs	Inlet to 9 th St.
Dew Tour-Pier-N. Division-OC, MD	June 20-23		Pier to N. Division St.



OCBP Question of the Week for The Worcester County Times

The Ocean City Beach Patrol is a division of the Department of Recreation and Parks in Ocean City, MD. The OCBP consists of over 200 men and women dedicated to ocean rescue and maintaining a safe and orderly environment along 10 miles of Ocean City's beautiful beaches. The Surf Rescue Technicians (SRTs) guard the beach seven days a week from 10 a.m. –5:30 p.m. While on duty they often get questions from beach goers. The following is our "Question of the Week." We hope sharing these questions and answers will help make your stay in Ocean City as safe and enjoyable as possible. Always remember, "Keep Your Feet in the Sand until the Lifeguards in the Stand." If you would like to submit a question, simply ask a lifeguard at his or her stand or email your question to ocbp@ococean.com.

Question Week 2-May 23: I heard that the lifeguards don't go on duty until Saturday, May 25. Why do I see them running up and down the beach with their buoys at various locations in Ocean City before then?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol started recruiting for this summer season last August with a physical skills test. Once a candidate passes the rigorous, all day eight-phase pre- employment physical test to become a surf rescue technician (SRT), the beach patrol provides training for the job during one of two surf rescue academies. The lifeguards you see on the beach during this time are in one of the training academies. They are called PSRTs (probationary surf rescue technicians). They are taught all necessary skills, techniques, procedures and protocols of the beach patrol. This is an eight-day, 65-hour, paid (\$12.99/hr and \$14.07 after probation) training program conducted by beach patrol instructors with support from other public safety agencies, followed by three weeks of supervised, on-the-job probation. All aspects of becoming an SRT are taught during this surf rescue academy. When you see an SRT guarding your beach, you can feel confident that they have been through one of the most rigorous testing and training programs in the nation. Our veteran guards are also required to pass a drug test, re-qualify in physical skills and complete re-certification and update training each season. If you or someone you know would like to work for OCBP as a surf rescue technician, there will be a pre-employment physical skills test on June 8 to fill the few potential openings that may exist for this season (testing for the 2014 season will begin this August). Once a candidate passes the skills test they receive an appointment to a paid surf rescue academy. [Our first training academy began Sunday, May 19, 2013 with an enrollment of 35 new employees, with a second academy beginning, Sunday, June 16, 2013.](#) All training and certification will be provided during these paid academies. For more information, visit the OCBP website at www.ococean.com/ocbp.

Question Week 3-May 30: I saw an advertisement for Ocean City Beach Patrol lifeguard jobs and it said, "No Previous Certification or Experience Required." Does that mean anyone can be a lifeguard? Because of the unique demands of the job, the Ocean City 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 an eight-phase pre-employment physical skills evaluation. Testing for OCBP is offered in Ocean City. Once a candidate passes the physical skills test they are appointed to a 65-hour, paid (\$12.99/hr and \$14.07 after probation) Surf Rescue Academy where they are drug tested before they are trained in all necessary skills, techniques, procedures and protocols of the Beach Patrol. Our veteran guards are also required to pass a drug test, re-qualify in physical skills and complete re-certification and update their training each season.

There will be a pre-employment physical skills test on June 8 to fill the few potential openings that exist. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard to call beach patrol headquarters at 410-289-7556. For specifics on requirements, test locations, dates and times or to register for a test, please refer to OCBP's website at www.ococean.com/ocbp; click on the JOBS button or email ocbp@ococean.com.

Meet the OCBP: Sergeant Ryan Cowder

Sergeant Ryan Cowder has been with the Beach Patrol for 15 years. As an OCBP officer, one of Sgt. Cowder's various duties is to supervise the lifeguards and crew chiefs on the beaches in the North area spanning from 100th St. to 145th St.

Ryan is a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) member and has planned and participated in various competitions throughout the country. He is also a Maryland State Police (MSP) Rescue Swimmer, an American Red Cross First Aid, CPR and Lifeguard instructor, and a Marine Animal Rescue Program (MARP) volunteer.

In his free time he enjoys surfing, golfing, and participating in triathlons, as well as spending as much time as possible with his wife and two children.

Ryan is an assistant principal at Stephen Decatur High School, where he has taught chemistry previously for 12 years.



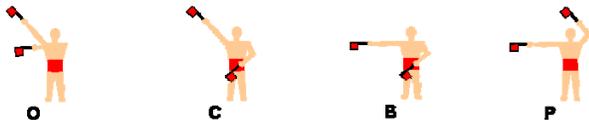
Please review the OCBP policy regarding cell phones:

Ocean City Beach Patrol Policies and Procedures (Effective Date: May 20, 2013)

Your initials 18. Two-Way Communication Devices:

No device that allows two-way communication (transmitter) will be allowed to be used (**or powered on**) on the beach during the hours that you are working, unless issued to you by the Beach Patrol. This includes but is not limited to: walkie-talkies, cellular phones, wireless headsets, cordless phones, etc. **THIS ABSOLUTLY INCLUDES ANY FORM OF TEXT MESSAGING!** Receiving devices such as AM/FM radios, pagers, etc are not prohibited, but must not interfere with the performance of your duties.
NO HEAD PHONES or EAR PHONES!

As stated in the PSRT Summer Survival Guide...
“Because of the serious responsibilities of the Surf Rescue Technician position and the service you will be performing, **you will not be allowed to have any two-way communication devices in your possession, unless issued by the Beach Patrol.** This includes but is not limited to cellular devices or combination cell phone media players. Devices of this type may not be powered on (not even to use as a clock), including during the time allowed for workout breaks. No hands-free devices, Bluetooth, headphones, or earphones are allowed. We recommend avoiding the temptation to use these devices by leaving your phone secured in your car. **PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS POLICY PROHIBITS ANY FORM OF TEXT MESSAGING, SENDING OR RECEIVING.** Since you will be living and driving in Maryland this summer it is important to be aware that Maryland law prohibits sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle or in a driving lane (even if stopped at a traffic signal), and requires the use of a hands-free device when using the phone.”



Direct Deposit/Pay Day Procedure

Direct deposit is required of all Beach Patrol employees. Your direct deposit receipt will be given to you at the weekly meeting. If you have not completed all requirements for direct deposit, you must see Secretary Tyler.

If your direct deposit has not been activated, and you are issued a paycheck, the following procedures will be followed:

- ~ If you are scheduled to work on payday, your check will be relayed to you by quad by 12:00hrs out on the beach. You must sign for your check.
- ~If you are scheduled off, your check will be held at Headquarters. You may pick it up after 1300hrs.
- ~If you do not pick up your check in person, it will be relayed to you on the beach the next day.

If there is a problem with your paycheck, fully describe the problem in writing, print your name on your pay stub, and deliver both to Secretary Tyler.

Important Reminder

As representatives of the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Beach Patrol members are committed to upholding the highest standards of employee conduct. Therefore, you are reminded that as a representative of our organization, you must conduct yourself as a model citizen at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, following all ordinances and laws at all times and not taking advantage of your position as a civil servant.

Summer 2013 Medical Center Information

Location	Phone	Insurance	X-Ray	Hours
West OC Injury & Illness Center	410-213-0119	Yes	Yes	Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm Sat 9am – 1 pm
10 th Street (Townsend) Medical Center	410-289-0065	Locals only	Yes	8am – 6pm every day
63 rd Street Medical Center	410-524-9355	No	No	9am – 5pm every day
75 th Street Medical Center	410-524-0075	No	Yes	8am – Midnight every day

2013 OCBP Crew Chiefs

Crew 1	Kevin Johnson
Crew 2	Liz Vander Clute
Crew 3	Jacob Ritter
Crew 4	Phil Fraley
Crew 5	Alex Desy
Crew 6	Kelly McGrath
Crew 7	Jenelle Irwin
Crew 8	Jon Clouser
Crew 9	Dave Cuomo
Crew 10	John Miller
Crew 11	Damien Sanzotti
Crew 12	Steve DeKemper
Crew 13	Dave Haight
Crew 14	Adam Atwood
Crew 15	Travis Wagner
Crew 16	Dan Pogonowski
Crew 17	Jake Foy

2013 OCBP Assistant Crew Chiefs

Crew 1 -	Jon Rothermel
Crew 2 -	Marcela Rojas
Crew 3 -	Josh Wilder
Crew 4 -	Seth Bergman
Crew 5 -	Pat Kearns
Crew 6 -	Paul Vassalotti
Crew 7 -	Pat O'Malley
Crew 8 -	Kari Sheahan
Crew 9 -	Bryan Clark
Crew 10 -	Mitch Masser
Crew 11 -	Tom Mechling
Crew 12 -	Adam Grant
Crew 13 -	Billy Eckert
Crew 14 -	Chris Barton
Crew 15 -	Colin Stang
Crew 16 -	Brian Joiner
Crew 17 -	Joe Stedman



Do You Remember? A Quick Refresher!

What do you do when a parent comes to you saying that his/her child is lost?

Get the child's name, age, trunk color, and tell the parent to stay with you until the child is found.

What do you put on an accident report?

Who? What? Where? When? Witness?

Do you need a leash when surfing is modified?

Yes!

Do we ever sit two guards to a stand?

NO!

Do we ever use our cell phones to make or receive calls on the beach?

Never!

Do we ever use our cell phones to text on the beach?

Never!

What time are we up and ready on the beach each day?

1000hrs!



See daily updates and photos.

Search "Beach Patrol."

Look for the OCBP logo and click on

