



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 7, 2015 to September 13, 2015

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015- LABOR DAY

Officer-in-Charge: Captain Arbin; Available Lieutenants: 1st Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone, Lt. Kovacs

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

CREW CHIEF MEETING: 0800hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE- Last test for 2015!

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: Will resume in June 2016

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 32nd St. / Quay (108th St.)

Tides: High: 1607hrs

Low: 0931hrs

Special Events: None

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2016

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 30th St. / Marigot Beach (101st St.)

Tides: High: 1705hrs

Low: 1032hrs

Special Events: None

Equipment Turn in Reminder

If you are not returning to work after Labor Day, (or live over 30 miles from OC and working weekends), all equipment must be returned after work Monday, September 7, 2015, (before 1900hrs), or the value of all missing equipment will be deducted from your last paycheck. Your direct deposit will be cancelled and your final paycheck will be mailed to your permanent address on file by certified mail once we can confirm that the equipment deduction was taken out of your pay. Once deducted, if you return any missing equipment at a later date, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take an additional four weeks.



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/7/2015	Tuesday 9/8/2015	Wednesday 9/9/2015	Thursday 9/10/2015	Friday 9/11/2015	Saturday 9/12/2015	Sunday 9/13/2015	CREW
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Ordinance Enforcements								

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

Officer-in-Charge: *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2016

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 28th St. / Mid-Plaza (97th St.)

Tides: High: 1754hrs
Low: 1129hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 21st St.- 1700hrs
Beach Wedding- 54th St.- 1800hrs



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

Officer-in-Charge: *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2016

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 26th St. / 94th St.

Tides: High: 1835hrs
Low: 1218hrs

Special Events: None

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015- Pay Day

Officer-in-Charge: *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2016

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 24th / 92nd St.

Tides: High: 0649hrs
Low: 1302hrs

Special Events: MD3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial—27th St. to N. Division St.- 1130hrs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

Officer-in-Charge: *Captain Arbin; Available Lieutenants: 1st Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2016

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 22nd St. / 90th St.

Tides: High: 0729hrs
Low: 1342hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 10th St.- 0630hrs; 145th St. & 19th St.- 1500hrs; 10th St.- 1700hrs; Inlet- 1800hrs

A Day of Remembrance Celebration

MD 3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial
0830hrs- Motorcycle Parade
27th St. Boards to N. Division St.
Memorial Service- N. Division St.

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



Employee Evaluations – Not the Entire Picture

Although having satisfactory evaluations is very important, they are only one aspect of each employee'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 to whom it goes 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Officer-in-Charge: Captain Arbin; **Available Lieutenants:** 1st Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone

GENERAL MEETING: City Hall Council Chambers - 3rd St. - 1st Floor- 0830hrs

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

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2016

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 20th St. / 88th St.

Tides: High: 0808hrs

Low: 1420hrs

Special Events: None

Important Notice
Please note the dates, times, and location of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.

Sunday, September 13
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 20
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 27
City Hall—0830hrs

UPCOMING 2015 BEACH PATROL EVENTS



Sept. 27	Last Day of 2015 Season
Sept. 28- Oct. 12	Extended Patrol
Nov. 23	Semi-Annual OCBP Report- Fall Edition
Nov. 28	OCBP Alumni Dinner- Captain's Table
Feb. 28	Salisbury University Off-site PEPSE
March 5-6	OCBP 2016 Strategic Planning Meeting
March 12	York College Off-site PEPSE
May 28	OCBP Begins the 2016 Season
May 30	Memorial Day 2016

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Event

Parade of Brothers & Memorial Ceremony	Sept. 11	27 th St to N. Division	0830hrs to 1300hrs
ESA Surf Series	Sept. 12 or 13	48 th St.	
M.O.O.D (Miata Drivers) Beach Ride	Sept. 12	27 th St to N. Division	1700hrs to 1800hrs
80s Endless Summer Beach Boot Camp Bash	Sept. 14	2 nd St.	1500hrs to 2000hrs
Sunfest	Sept. 26-27	Daily	Inlet
Springfest	May 5-8	1000 to 2000hrs	Inlet

<u>Stats.</u>	Week 15 8/24/15 to 8/30/15	Week 15 Year-To- Date 2015	Week 15 8/25/14 to 8/31/14	Week 15 Year-To- Date 2014	Week 15 8/26/13 to 9/1/13	Week 15 Year-To- Date 2013
Action						
Preventions	6222	62639	2947	45068	1966	32063
Rescues	503	2613	200	2637	136	1928
Minor First Aid	36	1207	32	1068	20	1229
Ambulance Calls	23	213	12	298	8	134
Police Calls	12	138	14	124	4	134
USCG/MDNRP	0	7	0	18	1	9
Lost/Found Persons	21	412	36	459	19	472
N. Surf Beach Population	6	452	12	348	0	633
S. Surf Beach Population	164	2757	183	3020	121	3220
Inlet Surf Beach Population	6	647	67	980	8	673
Beach Wheelchair Usage	37	441	47	485	27	470

Reminder: Stats are Important!

Throughout the year, we are often asked for our stats by various agencies. If you are leaving town after work, don't forget to turn in your stats before you leave.

Crew Chiefs: Don't forget to record the stats in Google Docs before you leave.

The stats still run from Monday thru Sunday, so this week ends on 9/13/15.

2015 W-2 Forms

The Town of Ocean City will send your W-2 form to the permanent address on record for you. This is the address that is printed on your paycheck. W-2's will be sent out by January 31, 2016. If you need to make any changes and/or adjustments, you must fill out a change of address form and submit it to the City Hall Human Resources department by January 1, 2016.

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 44 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 3rd weekend following Labor Day). This year the Patrol will end the regular guarding of the beach on Sunday September 27th.

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 this year's late Labor Day (this is the latest it can ever be) and the earlier start of college classes and the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the United States. 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 27, 2015. 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. PLEASE walk to the nearest guard tower before going in the water.

As far as the rules go (Town of Ocean City Ordinances) most remain in effect until September 30th. The specific ordinance regarding dogs states that dogs are not permitted on the beach or boardwalk from May 1st to September 30th. 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 flotation 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. By enactment of section 106-94 (11) the City Council allows the use of SUP's beginning on the Monday following Labor Day, on any day that surfing is modified. There are specific requirements included in the ordinance and can be accessed on the Towns website. The use of skim boards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, 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 precautions and make sure to walk the short distance to the nearest lifeguard stand and check in with the Surf Rescue Technician and always swim in the vicinity of the SRT on duty. 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 within the limits of their ability and never rely on a flotation device.

SRT of the Week Crew Chief Tom Lurie

Crew Chief Tom Lurie has been with the Beach Patrol for six years. He is in charge of Crew 6 which covers the beach from 26th Street to 34th Street. Tom is active as an instructor in the Junior Beach Patrol program and is a member of the OCBP Dive Team. Tom is a contributing member of our newly formed recruiting team responsible for attracting future employees as Surf Rescue Technicians. He is also a United States Lifesaving Association member Tom also enjoys photography, playing lacrosse, surfing, and playing guitar. He is currently pursuing photography and film production jobs and has returned to Ocean City for another season after spending his winter in Hawaii. Tom also serves as a videographer and editor creating training and recruiting videos for the patrol.

CC Tom Lurie and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions



Keep your feet
until the lifeguard

Mobile Rescue Units

- Mobile means MOVING! Do not become stationary unless your assignment requires it.
- Two or more quads should never congregate. This reduces the overall coverage of the beach.
- Your primary responsibility requires that you remain available at all times.
- Inform the Dispatcher of "ALL" your actions; they need to know what resources are available and where they are.
- NEVER leave the quad unattended with an SRT not authorized to operate it. It needs to be readily available in an emergency.
- Perform Rescues if and when necessary.
- Back up SRTs making rescues in your area of responsibility or as directed by the Dispatcher or Duty Officer.
- Respond to medical emergencies in your area of responsibility or as directed by the Dispatcher or Duty Officer.
- Supervise all OCBP personnel in your assigned area and be sure to enforce all policies and procedures.
- Assist with moving rovers when appropriate and circumstances permit.
- Patrol in your area of responsibility assisting the SRTs especially between stands and including ordinance enforcement.



Attaguards



Guidelines for Modified Surfing

Note: The surfing ordinance is in effect until Sept. 30th each year.

- Surfers must still wear a leash.
- Swimmers **always** have the right of way.
- Surfers must remain no less than 50 yds. from the nearest swimmer or non-surfer.
- Surfers should be moved to the area between the stands.
- If there are too many swimmers, then the surfers must relocate or stop surfing altogether.
- The use of skimboards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, etc. is still prohibited
- If a surfer injures another person, he/she is responsible, and we must ID the surfer, involving the police if necessary.



From: Reza E.
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Re: Thank you

Hello Captain Arbin
I would like to thank the professional and competent work of the life guard who was working on the Ocean City beach on Saturday August 29, 2015. He rescued my 6 year old son Daniel who had gotten too far into the water (I don't recall the life guard's name, but he worked off of the Quality Inn and Holiday Inn at the beach; the incident occurred around 4:30pm that afternoon).

I would like also send him a personal thank you note and wish him the best (if you can send us his name and the office address, it would be much appreciated).

Sincerely,

Reza (a grateful father)

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 5:37 PM

Message from the Town Website

From: Dee Dee D.

I would like to share my deep thanks and appreciation for the lifeguard staff last Saturday (August 29). I sat near a lifeguard station and watched as many people were pulled from the treacherous waters. I was near 7th and 8th street. Tom was the crew chief, Brett helped and I do not remember the female crew chief roaming the beach on the 4 wheeler. The staff was wonderful, 100% attentive, diligent, and responsive caring for the beach-goers. Please give the staff kudos for making me feel safe. I know they were exhausted at the end of the day, but their dedication to their job never wavered. Thank you.

From: Terri D.
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 3:51 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Thank you OC Beach Patrol

Captain:

We would like to thank you for the awesome service the OC Beach Patrol provided this summer. We are condo owners on 137/138th street and we had the good fortune to have "Dan" at our chair this season. He was a delightful young man, punctual, personable, and willing to answer so many questions from so many visitors. I wanted to share our gratitude and wish "Dan" all the best in his future endeavors. Hopefully we can have him back next year.

Regards
Bob and Terri
OC, MD

From: Brett H.
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:47 AM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Re: Report

I am actually doing wonderful. I am walking and able to do most things. I had a broken neck and they had to remove the broken vertebrae in the C 5 location and put a spacer in. C 4, 5, 6, 7 have been fused. The prognosis was not very good. But I am a fighter and I was only in the rehab center for 1 week and I am now walking very well. I still have pain in my arms and hands. They say it will pass as time goes. I am just a very lucky guy. I said my goodbyes in the water. I somehow slid up behind my son and his friend Jared and then looked down and could tell I was in trouble. Jared and my son lifted me up to get air and I told them I was paralyzed. They screamed for help and seemed like seconds till the life guard was there. If it was not for that life guard and my heroes, my son and Jared, I would be dead or paralyzed forever.

Your guys saved my life and I thank you for all the training you do. I never thought I would have needed your lifeguards to save me but man am I ever glad you guys were there.

I would love to be able to talk to Grayson or at least send him this message to let him know how I am doing. I was told that I was his first major rescue and he did everything correct. He saved me from being paralyzed

It was on 110th street
on August 6
lifeguard: Grayson
time was about noon

Brett H.

2015-2016 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.

Ocean City Beach Patrol
P.O. Box 158
Ocean City, MD 21843
410-289-7556

Emergency Services: 410-723-6616

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