



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN Week of July 11, 2016 to July 17, 2016



MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 08:30hrs

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 08:15hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 08:20hrs- REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

CREW MEETING: 08:30hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule, assignments, and information from Crew Chief)

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 08:45hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 08:50hrs- Representatives from Mary Kraft will speak about career options.

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 09:45hrs

SRA II: PSRT Week 2 Evaluations due at 09:30hrs; find the Week 3 Evaluations in your crew packs.

OCBPSRA: Quad Certification & Recert- 65th St.- 18:30hrs

Opportunity to Compete: Get ready for USLA Regionals in Rehoboth on July 13th

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

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

Tides: High: 13:38hrs

Low: 07:29hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding: 115th St.- 18:00hrs

Movies on the Beach: *Soul Surfer*- 27th St.- 20:30hrs

Beach Fireworks: N. Division St.- 22:00hrs

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

JBP Academy II: Day 1- 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

OCBPSRA: 2 Mile Run- Dorchester St.- 08:15hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: USLA Regionals in Rehoboth tomorrow!

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 30th St. / Marigot Beach

Tides: High: 14:32hrs

Low: 08:14hrs

Special Events: OCBP Beach Safety Presentation: OC Lifesaving Museum- 10:00hrs

Family Beach Olympics: 27th St.- 18:30hrs to 20:30hrs

Beach Fireworks: N. Division St.- 22:00hrs

2016 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. Travis Wagner
 Unit 12- Sgt. Brent Weingard
 Unit 13- Sgt. Jamie Falcon
 Unit 15- Sgt. Colby Phillips
 Unit 16- Sgt. Damien Sanzotti
 Unit 17- Sgt. Jeff Brabitz
 Unit 18- Sgt. Ben Davis
 Unit 19- Sgt. Mat Postell
 Unit 20- Sgt. Jason Konyar

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S.R.T. Name:	Monday 7/11/2016	Tuesday 7/12/2016	Wednesday 7/13/2016	Thursday 7/14/2016	Friday 7/15/2016	Saturday 7/16/2016	Sunday 7/17/2016	CREW
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

OCBPSRA: None

JBP Academy II: Day 2- 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Scamper Camp & Camp Horizon: N. Division St.- 10:00hrs- 15:15hrs (Instructors report to HQ at 09:00hrs)

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: USLA Regionals- Rehoboth

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

Tides: High: 15:27hrs

Low: 09:00hrs

Special Events: Movies on the Beach: *Annie (2014)*- Carousel Hotel- 20:30hrs

Concerts on the Beach: *Ragdoll*- N. Division St.- 20:00hrs

Friendly Competition!

North vs. South!!!

Thursday, July 14th

130th St.

18:30hrs



THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016

OCBPSRA: Mile Run- Dorchester St.- 08:30hrs

JBP Academy II: Day 3- 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

JBP One-Day Clinic: 13:00hrs- 17:00hrs- **Tell the kids on your beach well before today so they can register for the clinic!**

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP North Area vs. South Area Friendly Competition- 130th St.- 18:30hrs

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

Tides: High: 16:20hrs

Low: 09:48hrs

Special Events: Sunset Park Party Nights: *Island Fusion Steel Drum Band*

S. Division St. Bayside- 19:00hrs

Beach Bonfires: Private Permits- 62nd St. & 129th- 19:00hrs

JBP One Day Clinic **Thursday afternoons**

July 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11

13:00hrs to 16:00hrs

Spread the word to kids ages 10-17 who go to the beach near you. This weekly one-day activity is perfect for kids who are interested in having fun and learning about lifeguarding.



Participants receive an official OCBP t-shirt, whistle, and sunscreen.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016- PAY DAY!

OCBPSRA: JBP Youth Instructor Training- HQ- 18:30hrs

JBP Academy II: Day 4- 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP on Saturday, July 16th

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

Tides: High: 17:09hrs

Low: 10:37hrs

Special Events: Women's Car Wash- 74th St. Firehouse- 12:00hrs

Beach Weddings: 138th St.- 17:30hrs & 71st St.-19:00hrs

Movies on the Beach: *Inside Out*- 27th St.- 20:30hrs

An Important Note about the Ocean Games Event

In addition to our regular supervision of beach patrons, the OCBP will be responsible for the safety of the event swimmers in all 3 races: the 1 mile, 3 mile, and 9 mile. This includes making sure any swimmer who drops from the race is safely on shore and seeing if our assistance is needed. If a swimmer drops from the 1 mile, he or she will walk the rest of the distance to the finish line, unless injured. Swimmers who drop out from the 3 or 9 mile race have been told to report in at the nearest SRT tower. You will need to contact 1st Lieutenant Lee (9105), and he will have the race committee send transportation to the street head behind your stand to pick up the swimmer. Each 9 mile participant will be supported by a kayak escort. If the swimmer drops from the 9 mile event, the kayaker must continue to the finish area where he or she may safely land the craft.

Participation in the 1 mile "Ocean Games" swimming event will satisfy the OCBPSRA requirement. Swimmers must be scheduled off to participate.



SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016

OCBPSRA: Mile Swim- 14th St. to Caroline OR 131st St. to 145th St.- 12:00hrs- Check-in for the race is at Caroline St.

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP- N. Division St.- 1000hrs

OCBP Strong Guard- 65th St.- 18:30hrs

Surfing Beaches: 22nd St. / 90th St.

Tides: High: 17:55hrs

Low: 11:26hrs

Special Events: Delmarva ESA Surf Series: Malibu's Classic- 8th St.- Dawn to Dusk

Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP: N. Division St.- 10:00hrs

Beach Wedding: 139th St.- 15:00hrs

Beach Bonfires: Private Permits- 136th St.- 18:30hrs & 123rd St.- 19:00hrs

OCBP Strong Guard
Presented by Unit 17
Saturday, July 16, 2016- 65th St.
18:30hrs
Feats of Strength & Endurance



SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016

OCBPSRA: Jet Drive Certification- HQ- 18:30hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: Dewey Beach Ocean Series tomorrow!

Surfing Beaches: 20th St. / 88th St.

Tides: High: 06:09hrs

Low: 12:13hrs

Special Events: Delmarva ESA Surf Series: Malibu's Classic- 8th St.- Dawn to Dusk

Sundaes in the Park Concert & Fireworks: *Philbilly*- Northside Park- 19:00hrs

OC Beach Lights: N. Division St.- 21:30hrs, 22:00hrs, & 22:30hrs

2016 OCBP Crew Chiefs

Crew 1	Will Gray
Crew 2	Matt Wojciechowski
Crew 3	Joshua Wilder
Crew 4	Emmanuelle Clouser
Crew 5	Paul Vassalotti
Crew 6	Jacob Ritter
Crew 7	Kevin Johnson
Crew 8	Jonathan Clouser
Crew 9	Bryan Clark
Crew 10	Harrison Fisher
Crew 11	Travis Sevier
Crew 12	Steve DeKemper
Crew 13	Andrew Padley
Crew 14	A.J. Smith
Crew 15	David Krabbe
Crew 16	Kelly McGrath
Crew 17	Jacob Foy
Crew 19	Diana Theobald

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 08:30hrs

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

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OCBPSRA: Resumes tomorrow, July 19th with Jet Drive Certification- HQ- 18:30hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: Dewey Beach Ocean Series

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 18th St. / 86th St.

Tides: High: 06:55hrs

Low: 12:59hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding: 26th St.- 09:00hrs

Beach Bonfire: Private Permit- 136th - 19:00hrs

Movies on the Beach: *Frozen*- 27th St.- 20:30hrs

Beach Fireworks: N. Division St.- 22:00hrs

The River Church
Feeds the Patrol!
Cookout in the HQ Parking Lot
Wednesday, July 20- 1900hrs



No parking will be available in the OCBP lot for this event.

2016 OCBP Assistant Crew Chiefs

Crew 1	Jarred Sears
Crew 2	Cate Calogero
Crew 3	Alex Siegel
Crew 4	Antoine Bernier
Crew 5	Tucker Lurie
Crew 6	Tyler Wojciechowski
Crew 7	Daniel Lurie
Crew 8	Zachary Wyatt
Crew 9	Tyler Fink
Crew 10	Dustin Whittles
Crew 11	Haley Wolfersberger
Crew 12	Shawn Seibert
Crew 13	Adam Payne
Crew 14	Tim Jackson
Crew 15	Michael Brockmeyer
Crew 16	Matthew Marx
Crew 17	Charles LaCasse
Crew 19	Sasha Mary Ratcliff



UPCOMING 2016 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

July 12-15	JBP Session B
July 13	USLA Mid-Atlantics (noncrafts)-Rehoboth Beach, DE
July 19-22	JBP Session C
July 20	USLA Mid-Atlantics (crafts)-Spring Lake, NJ
July 23	OCBP Triathlon- 142nd St- 1830hrs
July 26-29	JBP Session D & Afternoon Session A
July 30	Crew Comps
Aug. 2-5	JBP Session D & Afternoon Session B
Aug. 9-12	JBP Session E

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Ocean Games/Swim Ocean City	July 16	Caroline St	08:00hrs
ESA Summer Surf Series-Malibu's Classic	July 16-17	8 th St.	07:30hrs
USSSA World Series Beach Bash	July 25	Inlet	14:00hrs
Jesus at the Beach	July 25	Caroline St.	18:30hrs
Junior Atlantic Beach Volleyball Series	July 30-31	Carousel Hotel	08:00hrs
Beach 5 Sand Soccer Tournament	Aug. 6	Talbot St. to 4 th St.	All Day
ESA Summer Surf Series	Aug. 13-14	35 th St.	07:30hrs
Volleyball for TBI	Aug. 13	38 th St.	09:00hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 7</u> 6/27/16 to 7/3/16	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> 2016	<u>Week 6</u> 6/22/15 to 6/28/15	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> 2015	<u>Week 6</u> 6/23/14 to 6/29/14	<u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> 2014
Action						
Preventions	3767	13999	4705	12917	3176	11697
Rescues	38	264	267	466	96	615
Minor First Aid	87	365	47	217	82	280
Ambulance Calls	8	45	6	26	4	28
Police Calls	8	28	12	42	10	36
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	0	0	1	10
Lost/Found Persons	35	101	21	54	47	111
N. Surf Beach Population	0	271	0	81	18	69
S. Surf Beach Population	8	531	426	888	436	800
Inlet Surf Beach Population	14	62	12	41	46	203
Beach Wheelchair Usage	32	97	28	71	50	118

USLA / SCLA 2016 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

JULY

- 13 - USLA REGIONALS (REHOBOTH)
- 18 - DEWEY BEACH (OCEAN SERIES)
- 20 - USLA REGIONALS (LONG BRANCH, N.J.)
- 21 - FENWICK ULTIMATE (OCEAN SERIES)
- 25 - BETHANY BEACH (OCEAN SERIES)
- 27 - ALL WOMEN'S (SANDY HOOK, N.J.)
- 28 - REHOBOTH LIFEGUARD OLYMPICS

AUGUST

- 3 - MIDDLESEX (OCEAN SERIES)
- 8 - REHOBOTH JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
- 11 - 13 - USLA NATIONALS (HERMOSA BEACH, CA)

OCBP Surf Rescue Association - Price List

- Whistles- \$6.00
- Lanyards- \$6.00
- Buoy Key Chains- \$4.00
- Car window sticker Ocean City Beach Patrol- \$2.00
- OCBP Stickers- Small- \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00/ Large- \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
- Grey, White, or Blue short-sleeve t-shirt- \$10.00
- Grey Long-sleeve T-shirts- \$15.00
- Grey Sweatshirts- \$25.00
- Grey Sweatpants- \$20.00
- Tie-Dyed T-shirts- \$15.00
- Swim Caps- \$5.00
- OCBP Big White Towels- \$11.00/2 for \$20.00
- OCBP Socks- \$11.00/2 for \$20.00



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OCBPSRA Junior Beach Patrol Instructor Training	
Name	7/6/16 Crew
Liz Vander Clute	2
Marquie McRae	5
Nick Egley	5
Paul Vassalotti	5
Zach Collette	6
Jonathan Clouser	8
Chad Schott	9
Colin McLaughlin	9
Joshua Remaniak	12
Steve DeKemper	12
Isaac Thomas	14
Elisiah Wolfersberger	15
Matt Marx	16
Devon Lee	17
Jessica Smith	17
Chris Brandstedter	20
Connor Mull	20
Joseph Calogero	20
Savannah O'Dell	20

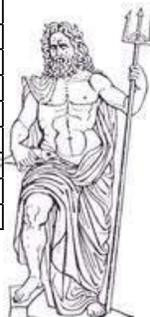
OCBPSRA 200 Meter Sprint		
Name	7/7/16 Crew	18:15hrs Result
Devon Lee	17	:27
AJ Smith	14	:27.5
Dalton Warren	8	:28
Daniel Curry	17	:28
Grant Spradling	5	:29
Thomas Adle	8	:29
Jake Foy	17	:30
Matt Slomba	15	:30
Shawn Seibert	12	:30
Matt Marx	16	:31
Rob Flynn	6	:31
Chad Schott	9	:32
Chris Fusco	15	:32
Cierra Kopecky	14	:32
Steve McPherson	13	:33
Jess Smith	17	:34
Michael Henne	7	:34
Isaac Thomas	14	:35
Sarah Morin	8	:36
Tim Jackson	14	:39.9

OCBPSRA Rescue Race		
Name	7/7/16 Crew	18:35hrs Result
AJ Smith	14	3:53
Isaac Thomas	14	4:23
Jess Smith	17	4:46
Steve McPherson	13	4:50
Rob Flynn	6	4:51
Thomas Adle	8	5:14
Matt Slomba	15	5:17
Daniel Curry	17	5:18
Chris Fusco	15	5:19
Devon Lee	17	5:19
Grant Spradling	5	5:19
Shawn Seibert	12	5:20
Cierra Kopecky	14	5:55
Dalton Warren	8	5:58
Michael Henne	7	6:00
Chad Schott	9	6:04
Matt Marx	16	6:06
Sarah Morin	8	6:30

OCBPSRA Run-Swim-Run		
Name	7/8/16 Crew	Result
Josh Remaniak	12	8:42
AJ Smith	14	8:55
Rob Flynn	6	9:40
Kevin Johnson	7	10:25
Jake Foy	17	10:50
Chris Fusco	15	11:30

OCBPSRA Beach Safety Presentation Training	
Name	7/8/16 18:30 Crew
Rich Hamilton	4
RJ Hayman	7
Dalton Warren	8
Chad Schott	9
Nick Burvee	13

OCBPSRA Paddleboard Certification	
Name	7/8/16 Crew
Joanna Kulp	1
Joseph Forman	2
Gabrielle Gombos	4
Reed Lundegard	5
Rob Flynn	6
Elisiah Wolfersberger	7
Dylan Hunter	8
Kyle Skilling	8
Foster Russell	10
Trevor Buonomo	11
Carson Collier	12
Corey Strom	13
Daniel Machala	15
Alex Hufnagel	17
Winning Team	
Rob Flynn, Kyle Skilling, Corey Strom	



OCBP TRIATHLON

DATE: Saturday, July 23, 2016

TIME: 18:30hrs

PLACE: 142nd St at the bank

DISTANCE: .5 mile swim, 12.4 mile bike, 3.1 mile run (cruiser bike distance = 6 miles, mountain bike distance = 9 miles)

REGISTRATION: \$25.00 for individual, \$20 each for members of a relay

Please get a form, complete it, and return to Sgt. Postell today!



The 4th Annual Swim Ocean City for Brain Trauma Research at Johns Hopkins Hospital

Test your open swim skills and support brain trauma research in the 4th Annual Swim Ocean City open water swim on **July 16, 2016**.

Time: 1000hrs for 9 mile race; 1200hrs for 3 mile race; 1230hrs for 1 mile race

The organizers of the event are offering free registration to the OCBP for the

1 mile swim – 3 mile swim – 9 mile swim

There will be time restrictions for all three races and mandatory time qualifications for the 9 mile race.

You can use your OCBPSRA mile swim time (Including the Captain Craig Swim) to qualify. Participation in the 1 mile Ocean Games swim will satisfy the OCBPSRA requirement. Swimmers must be scheduled off to participate.

For more information about the race, go to <http://www.oceangamesusa.org/swim-registration/>

Note: Special hours are available for rescue boat operators and paddlers. See Lt. Stone to sign up for this detail.

USLA Mid-Atlantics

July 13, 2016

Rehoboth, DE – 10:00hrs

Event Order

1. 2 Mile Beach Run
2. 400 Meter Surf Swim
3. Swimmer Rescue Race
4. Landline Rescue Race
5. Rescue Board Race
6. Run-Swim-Run
7. 4 x 100 Soft Sand Run Relay
8. Beach Flags
9. Surf Dash



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July 6, 2016



Colonel William M. Pallozzi
Secretary
Brian S. Geraci
State Fire Marshal



Captain Butch Arbin
Ocean City Beach Patrol
109 Talbot Street
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Dear Sir,

From June 18-25, 2016, my wife and I were vacationing in Ocean City and staying at the Polynesian Condominiums on the Boardwalk between 3rd and 4th Streets.

On the afternoon of June 21, 2016, I became aware of serious activities that involved clearing the water and later clearing the beach. During these events I observed one of your young female Lifeguards do, what I believe, to be a superior job at informing the swimmers, beach goers, and the general public, of the need to clear these areas promptly. At one point she stationed herself in front of the Polynesian where she diligently kept people from entering the beach by either giving verbal commands, using the whistle and flags, and in some cases running to the people to direct them to turn around.

I was later to find out that the Lifeguard's name is Stephanie Lehalle. All of your Lifeguards do a good job. It is certainly one that most of us wouldn't have the skill to do. Based on my observations I believe that Stephanie went the extra length and her attention to duty was impressive.

If you would be so kind as to pass along my thanks for everything she does I would be grateful.

All of you please be safe. You're always in my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Hatchett
Bomb Technician, K-9 Commander
Master Deputy State Fire Marshal



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

This Week's Question: I notice the lifeguards make everybody get out of the ocean before they leave, but people go back in. Why is that?

The beach patrol has known of, or been involved with dozens of drownings and near drownings that have occurred outside our 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. "duty" hours (over 97 percent of all water-related deaths in Ocean City in the past 80 years have occurred while the Ocean City Beach Patrol is off duty). The single, strongest message that we try to impress on people is that they should stay out of the ocean when lifeguards are not on duty. Many times we have been involved in cases where, if this simple rule had been followed, lives and families would not have been impacted by such a preventable tragedy. Clearing the water at the end of our shift may seem routine, but we never take the goal of this policy lightly. Before we started the policy of clearing the water of swimmers at 5:25 p.m., it was very possible that a swimmer could have entered the water while guards were on duty, only to turn around and find the stands empty and pulled back for the night. In most cases this would not be a problem. However, if the swimmer were to become caught in a rip current, the situation could quickly take a tragic turn, despite their intentions to swim only under the watchful eyes of the Beach Patrol. In contrast, by pulling everyone out of the ocean before we leave the beach, we know that those who enter the water during unguarded hours are taking that risk knowingly. The risk is great, although many of the 2,000 – 4,000 people who we rescue during guarding hours tell us that they never intended to go out that "far", they do not make the connection to the fact that rip currents (the 3rd leading cause of weather related deaths nationally) will actually pull a person from waist deep water to water that is over their head quickly and without warning. These same currents that are the cause of 95% of all rescues we make during the day are also present before and after we are on our stands. The only difference is that when a person finds themselves in trouble before 10:00 AM or after 5:30 PM. there is no one to save their life and unfortunately it all too often has ended in tragedy. We continue our efforts to educate the public, warning them of the dangers of swimming on unguarded beaches, and that we make sure people leave the ocean before we pull our lifeguard stands back and cross over the dune for the night.

Hence our slogan, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand." Heeding this simple warning could save a life, yours!

Note: The last few weeks everyone has been asking about sharks and what if any danger they pose. This concern is always greatest when the Discovery Channel has its annual "Shark Week". Yet many of these same individuals who seem to be concerned for their family's safety will swim or allow their children to swim when lifeguards are not on duty. But in reality there is no danger from sharks in Ocean City, but RIP currents are the real life and death situation.

This Week's Question: Why do the lifeguards make people leave the beach when it is just thundering or a little bit of lightning?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol is in constant contact with the weather service and is aware of the current weather situation at all times. Recent developments in lightning detection and monitoring technologies give us more accurate and timely information on potentially dangerous developing cloud to ground lightning and we use this information to help assure you and your family's safety. Many times weather conditions vary from one end of Ocean City to the other. It can be sunny and mild in the south by the boardwalk and lightening and showers just 9 miles north. In fact, there are many documented cases throughout the country of people being hit by lightning while the sun is shining (called a bolt from the blue). This phenomena was recently featured on the Weather Channel and is far more common than previously thought.

The Beach Patrol is not only in constant contact with the weather service, but they have constant communication with each other up and down the beach as well. The Beach Patrol, like other modern emergency services, relies on two-way radio systems. However, they still use two systems that do not rely on any technology: whistle blasts and semaphore. The Beach Patrol's primary concern is your safety and will clear the beaches if it is not safe. There have been at least 10 documented cases of people who have been struck by lightning while on the beach (not in the water) in Ocean City with several resulting in death. While vacationing on the beaches in OC you may or may not notice the lifeguards communicating with each other, but please heed their warnings and leave the beach if asked to do so even if you do not see lightening. By complying with the directive of your Surf Rescue Technician to leave the beach immediately, you not only protect yourself but also allow our personnel to take safe cover without being delayed while trying to convince adults that it is unsafe to remain on the beach. Due to constant monitoring of the weather and their communication systems, they are aware of dangers that you might not be able to see. A beach is listed as one of the most vulnerable places to be during an electrical storm, according to weather researchers. Just remember for your safety: "If thunder roars, GO indoors!"

Meet the Lifeguard: Crew Chief Harrison Fisher

Crew Chief Harrison Fisher has been with the Beach Patrol for nine years beginning in 2008. He is in charge of Crew 10, which covers the beach from 64th Street to 72nd Street. Harrison is a United States Lifesaving Association member and enjoys participating in competitions such as the OCBP Triathlon as well as serving as a videographer creating training and recruiting videos for the patrol. He also is involved with public outreach at the OCBP Safety Booth at Sundaes in the Park. He looks forward to crew dinners and creating unique workouts. In his free time, Harrison likes to cook delicious meals and indulge. He lives to eat. He currently teaches 6th grade math for Montgomery County Schools in Maryland and also coaches a high school water polo team. Harrison like many other Beach Patrol members returned to school after completing his college degree to become certified as an educator after realizing his passion for both lifeguarding and working with our youth.

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





Lurie

2016 OCBP Photo Order Form

Name:

Crew:

Email:

Please check here to have these items pay roll deducted from your paycheck.

Signature:

PACKAGE 1 (5x7, 8x10) = \$30.00 (Crew)

Custom (use prices from right)

PACKAGE 2 (5x7, 8x10, 11x14) = \$65.00 (Crew)

5x7 = \$10.00 each (Crew Shot)

8x10 = \$25.00 each (Crew Shot)

11x14 = \$40.00 each (Crew Shot)

20x30 = \$65.00 (Group Shot)

11x14 = \$40.00 (Group Shot)

8x10 = \$25.00 (SBF)

8x10 = \$25.00 (Women)

8x10 = \$25.00 (Comp)

8x10 = \$25.00 (Officer)

8x10 = \$25.00 (CC)

8x10 = \$25.00 (Rookie Class)



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