

Hurricane preparedness is important

The Atlantic hurricane season is from June 1 through Nov. 30. Ocean City closely monitors all tropical storms and stays in touch with the National Weather Service during any pending storms.

Hurricane watches and warnings are issued by the National Hurricane Center in Miami. A "watch" is issued for an area that could experience the effects of a hurricane within 48 hours. A "warning" is issued for an area that will experience the effects of a hurricane within 36 hours. Due to population density and the time required to evacuate Ocean City during the summer months, evacuation recommendations may begin before a hurricane watch is issued.

Local emergency officials evaluate hurricane information to determine when to issue appropriate safety recommendations to the public.

If necessary, the Mayor, through the Emergency Management Director, will issue recommendations and evacuation orders.

It is important to note that an evacuation order may be given while the sun is shining. This is because we must

move all vulnerable residents to safety prior to the arrival of high winds or flooding roadways.

Have a family emergency plan! Leave your home immediately when requested. When an evacuation order is given, it will be issued over the town's new advisory radio station 1670 AM, local radio and TV stations, on the internet at www.oceancitymd.gov, on the local government access television channel, and when necessary, law enforcement, fire and other emergency officials notify people as well.

The evacuation order will be issued in phases. More information can be found at http://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/hur.html.

Here's how we try to get your attention for emergencies such as hurricanes: the town's new advisory radio station 1670 AM, local radio and television, cable television audio override, electronic signs, direct notification through business, community organizations and emergency officials, banner planes and the internet at www.oceancitymd.gov.

During emergencies we also update a recording for our residents and visitors. Call 410-723-6666.

Tune in to 1670 AM, your radio station for community information

To improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Ocean City, the Town of Ocean City has installed an AM advisory radio station. The frequency of the station is 1670 KHz on the AM dial and is received throughout the Ocean City area. Every AM radio can receive this frequency.

While the primary use of this station is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area such as weather events and how to respond to them, the station also broadcasts community information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Having a non-commercial FCC license does not allow any commercial broadcasting.

The portable alert AM radio station was acquired by the Town with a Homeland Security grant.



Neighborhood Watch Officer of the Year nominees pictured with Chief Bernadette DiPino: (left to right) Sgt. Mark Paddack, Pfc. Josh Kelley, Chief DiPino, Dfc. Shawn Jones, Pfc. Andrew Yeager and Pfc. Aaron Morgan.

Pfc. Kelley named Neighborhood Watch Officer of the Year for 2009

The Ocean City Neighborhood Watch Association selected Pfc. Charles "Josh" Kelley to be the recipient of the 2009 Ocean City Neighborhood Watch "Officer of the Year" award. The Neighborhood Watch Association is made up of seven neighborhoods including Caine Woods, Caine Keys II, Montego Bay, Little Salisbury, Bayshore Drive, Edgewater Avenue and Sundowner Park.

Kelley joined the Ocean City Police Department as a full-time police officer in July of 2006, after completing two summers as a seasonal police officer. He was promoted to Police Officer First Class in January 2009. He is active in the training and recruiting of seasonal police officers, an instructor at the entrance level and seasonal police academy as a member of the drill and discipline team, and serves as a mentor to officers.

He is an instructor in the Citizens Police Academy, member of the R.A.A.M. enforce-

ment, police mountain bike and school bus special enforcement.

Pfc. Kelley attended West Virginia University. His education continued at Wor-Wic Community College, where he studied business management and criminal justice.

Perhaps one of Pfc. Kelley's biggest accomplishments was his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Aboard the USS Oak Hill during Operation Enduring Freedom, Pfc. Kelley was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His role as a Platoon Sergeant earned him the Navy Commendation Medal in Combat Operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was discharged in May 2008 where he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant, after eight years of honorable military service.

Pfc. Kelley returned to his education at Salisbury University and earned a bachelor's degree in interpersonal communications and conflict resolution.

Mayor and Council adopt new codes

The Mayor and City Council adopted new codes to supplement the building, fire and plumbing codes.

Effective Feb. 1, 2010, the Town is enforcing the International Mechanical Code and the International Electrical Code. These codes regulate the installation and replacement of electrical, gas and mechanical systems, and require approval and inspection of these systems.

For further information, contact Kevin Brown, Chief Building Official, at 410-289-8855 or kbrown@oceancitymd.gov.

Boardwalk bench dedication program available

The Public Works Maintenance Division continues to offer the opportunity to purchase a Boardwalk bench and plaque in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. The cost of the bench and plaque is \$1,400.

To date, there are 338 dedicated benches along the Boardwalk from the Inlet to 27th Street.

If you are interested in this program, contact the Public Works at 410-524-0391 to receive additional information.

Fire Department captain receives award from Knights of Columbus

Capt. William "Bryan" Bishop of the Ocean City Fire Department-Career Division received the "EMT of the Year" award from the Ocean City Knights of Columbus. Capt. Bishop was recognized for skill, dedication and service to the community.

Capt. Bryan Bishop has been employed with the Town of Ocean City since April 1989. During his employment with the town, Capt. Bishop has served as a firefighter/paramedic and a supervisor with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Capt. Bishop holds two college degrees — an associate's degree in emergency medical services from Wor-Wic Community College and an associate's degree in mortuary science from Catonsville Community College. In addition to his fire training, Capt. Bishop is a Nationally Registered Paramedic. In February 2009, Capt. Bishop was recognized as "Paramedic of the Year" by his peers.

Capt. Bishop is a member of the Showell Volunteer Fire Company and has served as one of its fire chiefs.



Capt. William 'Bryan' Bishop