



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 4, 2017 to September 10, 2017

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017- LABOR DAY!

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET
CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs
FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 08:15hrs
SEMAPHORE TEST: Last chance to pass for this season
OFFICERS' MEETING: 08:30hrs
CREW MEETING: 08:30hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule, assignments, and information from Crew Chief)
USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 08:45hrs
GENERAL MEETING: 08:50hrs

OCBPSRA: Turn in any outside or NIMS certifications.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 7th St. / 75th St.

Tides: High: 06:42hrs
 Low: 12:50hrs

Special Events: 100 Nights of Lights- N. Division St.- 21:00hrs
 Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 22:00hrs

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 4, 2017, (before 19:00hrs), 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.



Equipment Return CLOSSES at 7:00 PM! – If you are not working full-time Fall Patrol, you must return all issued equipment before 7:00 PM. Anyone who has not returned equipment will have your direct deposit cancelled and this will generate a paycheck that will need to be mailed to your permanent address. This will delay your available funds for several days, but if you also owe for equipment, your final paycheck will be delayed even longer. **DON'T MISS EQUIPMENT TURN-IN!**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

O.I.C- Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Turn in any outside or NIMS certifications.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 5th St. / 73rd St.

Tides: High: 07:26hrs
 Low: 13:34hrs

Special Events: None

Beach Wheelchairs

After Labor Day, beach wheelchairs are only available via reservation and pick up at the Convention Center (410-723-8610) or the Public Safety Bldg. (410-723-6610)

OC Rec & Parks will be removing the beach wheelchair boxes from their locations beginning at 07:00hrs on Tuesday, Sept. 5th.



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/4/2017	Tuesday 9/5/2017	Wednesday 9/6/2017	Thursday 9/7/2017	Friday 9/8/2017	Saturday 9/9/2017	Sunday 9/10/2017	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcements								

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

O.I.C- Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

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

Tides: High: 08:09hrs

Low: 14:18hrs

Special Events: None



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

O.I.C- Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 1st St. / 69th St.

Tides: High: 08:52hrs

Low: 15:02hrs

Special Events: None

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017- Pay Day

O.I.C- Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / Caroline St. / 67th St.

Tides: High: 09:36hrs

Low: 15:48hrs

Special Events: None

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 66th St. / 146th St.

Tides: High: 10:21hrs

Low: 16:38hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 15th St.- 10:00hrs; 24th St.- 15:00hrs; 139th St.- 16:30hrs; & 27th St.- 18:00hrs

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

Sunday, September 10
City Hall—08:30hrs

Sunday, September 17
City Hall—08:30hrs

Sunday, September 24
City Hall—08:30hrs



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.
- Stand-up paddleboard is allowed starting the Monday following Labor Day if surfing is modified.



Request for Recommendations

Between seasons, we are often asked to complete references and recommendations. If you need to be provided with something like this, we ask that you make the request in writing. In that request, you should give any information that will help in giving you the best possible recommendation. We 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 us of some of the Beach Patrol activities that you have been involved in, such as JBP, Camps, special duties, etc. We also will need a fair amount of lead-time since personnel files are secured at HQ while we are away from Ocean City. 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 10, 2017

GENERAL MEETING: City Hall Council Chambers - 3rd St. - 1st Floor- 08:30hrs

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

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 64th St. / 144th St.

Tides: High: 11:09hrs

Low: 17:31hrs

Special Events: OC Cruzers Car Show & Music- Somerset Plaza- 14:30hrs

A Day of Remembrance Celebration

9/11/17

MD 3 Red Knights

Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial

08:30hrs- 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.



UPCOMING 2017 BEACH PATROL EVENT



Off-site PEPSE: We are planning to hold off-site testing at SU and York College in the February-March time frame. We are also in the process of setting up a PEPSE at the University of Maryland College Park. Exact dates will be announced once each of the schools confirm availability.

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

9/11 Parade of Brothers	Sept. 11	27 th St. to Inlet	08:30hrs to 13:00hrs
OC Bikefest	Sept. 14-17	Inlet	11:00hrs to 20:00hrs
Sunfest	Sept. 23-24	Inlet	10:00hrs to 22:00hrs
ESA Summer Surf Series	Sept. 30	46 th St. or Inlet	07:30hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 14</u> 8/21/17 to 8/27/17	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2017	<u>Week 14</u> 8/22/16 to 8/28/16	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2016	<u>Week 14</u> 8/17/15 to 8/23/15	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2015
Action						
Preventions	7833	129235	2380	47905	3365	56417
Rescues	20	2204	63	927	107	2110
Minor First Aid	49	1263	130	1695	78	1171
Ambulance Calls	8	165	15	260	13	190
Police Calls	2	77	7	120	9	130
USCG/MDNRP	1	9	0	8	1	7
Lost/Found Persons	23	445	12	345	25	399
N. Surf Beach Population	5	285	4	327	54	446
S. Surf Beach Population	91	2310	11	1255	55	2593
Inlet Surf Beach Population	38	621	4	255	68	644
Beach Wheelchair Usage	49	451	44	424	31	412
Smoking Enforcement	301	6220	NA	NA	NA	NA

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: Please record the stats in Google Docs before you leave.

The stats still run from Monday thru Sunday, so this week ends on 9/10/17.



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



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

This Week's Question: Last weekend when I was here, I walked the beach and saw guards on stands although they seemed really far apart. When do the lifeguards go off duty?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol will continue to provide coverage of all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 24th (the Sunday of Sunfest weekend is our annual last day). Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers, SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. Due to the dedication and commitment of the Beach Patrol staff, many of our SRTs will travel back to Ocean City to supplement our coverage for this last weekend. We will also 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.

The Beach Patrol will officially end the traditional guarding of the beach (SRT's on stands) on Sunday Sept 24th. To aide your SRT, during this time of reduced coverage, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precaution and walk the short distance to swim in front of a lifeguard stand.

After Sunfest weekend we remove all stands from the beach and no longer position SRTs along Ocean City's beaches. At this time of year it is important for people to realize that the Beach Patrol is off duty and they should not participate in water related activities until the Beach Patrol is back on duty the following Memorial Day weekend in May 2018. We realize that in spite of our warnings a warm sunny day will still entice people to venture into the ocean. Please heed our warnings. The same hazards that exist in the middle of our season are still present now and could possible even be more treacherous due to tropical storm activity that we typically experience this time of the year. People may find themselves in danger just like it was August however, with no SRTs keeping a watchful eye, there is no one ready to respond if the need arises. Most serious incidents and drowning deaths have occurred to victims who never intended to go in water deeper than their waist. That is the major danger of a rip current; it can un-expectantly, quickly and without warning pull an unaware family member into water that is over their head, resulting in an urgent life and death struggle that only gives minutes before it becomes a tragedy. Unfortunately, when this involves children the parent who is watching their children (Moms and Dads are not the same as an SRT) will attempt to assist and the all too often result has been the death of the parent (we had a parent die 3 years in a row) or in a few cases, both the parent and child.

We will still maintain a presence while we complete our close down tasks for a few more weeks with our Mobil Rescue Units. Having these units available and mobile, effectively reduces the response time from the original 911 call to victim contact and will hopefully result in a successful intervention. It is important however that people not depend on these mobile rescue units as if they are lifeguards protecting their love ones. After September 24th we will not be able to continue educating the public and actively preventing potential incidents. We will not be able to fulfill our mission and work in a proactive manner; therefore we are in a reactionary mode and cannot provide the coverage that the public is accustomed to during our regular guarding season. We have seen too many times when swimming without lifeguards and poor judgment turns into a tragedy with the loss of a life. So although our saying, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!" is a friendly reminder to only swim when lifeguards are on duty, it comes with a very serious warning. 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 with the limits of their ability and never rely on a flotation device. Since the Beach Patrol is off duty until May and we have explained the dangers of swimming unprotected, we do not expect to see people in the ocean until Memorial Day weekend 2018. Each year people die in Ocean City because they chose to swim without lifeguards. Don't let it be you or someone you love. However you remember it, swimming only when lifeguards are on duty could save a life... yours or someone you love! So please don't let someone you love enter the ocean when the SRT's are not on duty. It is not only dangerous to them but may put others in danger if they attempt to help you in an emergency.

SRT of the Week: Crew Chief Adam Payne

The lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. CC Adam Payne has been with the Beach Patrol for 5 years. Adam is the Crew Chief for Crew 2 and is usually assigned to the stand at 2nd Street. His crew covers the south of Ocean City, from Caroline Street to 4th Street. When not leading a crew in OC, he is a high school teacher as well as a coach for Wicomico High School. Adam is a member of the United States Lifesaving Association and enjoys instructing the Junior Beach Patrol. In his free time Adam likes to swim, work out, and spend time with his family. If you think you would like a position with the Patrol like Adam's ask any of our guards or visit our website at www.ococean.com/ocbp



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 Beach Patrol Duty Officer 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.

Employee Evaluations: Not the Entire Picture

PLEASE NOTE:

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 during the summer, fulfilling work agreement, and last day worked are all considered by the review panel. Only after 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

Information will be available after the first of the year.

The SUP ordinance starts Monday, 9/11/17

- ~Stand up paddleboards (SUP) may have full access to the ocean, to include the surf zone on days when surfing is modified starting on the **Monday that follows Labor Day.**
- ~On days when surfing is not modified during the period from Monday following Labor Day to September 30, SUP access will be prohibited.
- ~All SUP operators shall stay 50 yards away from all swimmers, waders and surfers while launching and beaching and while operating in the surf zone or beyond the surf zone.
- ~Any SUP operator may be asked to return to shore if a Beach Patrol member deems their activity to be a possible hazard to the operator or other person. This includes, but is not limited to, hazardous weather such as lightning, or unsafe surf conditions.
- ~SUP operators must follow all applicable state and federal laws governing stand-up paddle boards and shall have a wearable Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD) on board and a whistle.
- ~SUP shall be restricted to one operator/rider per board.
- ~All SUP operators shall have a leash that attaches the operator to their board whenever they are using the board in the ocean.
- ~Once beyond the breakers as determined by a Beach Patrol member on duty, the SUP shall operate in a north or south direction parallel to the beach and no further from shore than 200 yards.
- ~When a SUP is returning to the beach (traveling west) while the Beach Patrol is on duty, the operator shall return within 50 yards of a Beach Patrol member on duty, so that the SRT can direct the operator to a safe area and assist in keeping people clear until the SUP is safely under control and on the beach.



Lifeguards and Swim Instructors Needed

Colby Phillips, our Unit 15 and the Director of Ocean Pines Aquatics and Recreation, is looking for winter lifeguards for the Sports Core pool (20-40 hours per week), as well as swim instructors.

If interested in either position, please contact Colby:
cphillips@oceanpines.org

2017 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-2s will be sent out by January 31, 2018. 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, 2018.



Attaguards



From: Linda S.
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Jay Banks - Lifeguard

We just wanted to let you know that Jay Banks is the best lifeguard we have seen in Ocean City. Our family has been coming to OC for over 50 years. Jay is very focused, his eyes always scanning the ocean. He rescued or helped rescue 3 people during our visit (Aug. 5-19). He is the best! A very dedicated lifeguard who truly cares about his job. We felt completely safe for us and our granddaughter when Jay was on duty.

My husband was a volunteer fire and rescue fireman for over 40 years. He specialized in search and rescue on the Potomac River in Potomac, MD. Right away he picked up on Jay's dedication and excellent skills. Plus Jay is a very nice, humble guy. We wish him the best and maybe we will see him next year on 41st Street. Please feel free to pass this note on to Jay. Thank you.

Linda and Scott S.
Sent from my iPhone

Message from the Town website

Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 8:24 PM

Name Karl R.

Message Beach Patrol,

I wanted thank all of you for your dedication, hard work and your passion. It's not often that I depend on someone for help, but yesterday thank goodness for the lifeguard(s) on duty. We watched them help two people from the water outside of the Clarion; I was the third outside of the Marigot. I found myself too far off the beach and unable to get back due to the rip current. My family that includes my Mom, wife, two kids, son-in-law, and grandson were all watching in disbelief as I was brought back to the beach exhausted.

I want to personally thank the young man on duty who was vigilant in watching over everyone. I'm sorry to say I didn't think to get his name and for that I apologize.

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you and especially the young man that came to me in my time of need.

Thank you sincerely!

FYI: Local Access to Emergency Information:

Below are three websites/applications that can be added to your phones to receive information

<http://mema.maryland.gov/pages/mdprepares.aspx>

<https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/city-hall/enews/>

The Ocean City FM Radio information and application is below.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wpsb-99.5/id914060402?mt=8>

The purpose of the Town of Ocean City FM emergency advisory radio system is to improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Ocean City. The Town of Ocean City maintains an FM radio system, WPSB 99.5 FM, broadcasting from the 65th Street Public Safety Radio Tower and can be received in the greater Ocean City area. WWOP 100.3 FM also broadcasts the same programming from a tower near Ocean Pines and can be heard as you approach or depart the Ocean City area. The primary use of this station is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area and how to respond to them. An emergency could consist of severe weather or any other condition that could affect the well-being of the public in the Ocean City area. This non-commercial radio station is managed by the Emergency Services Department, and in non-emergency situations, the station broadcasts community information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Messages that play on a 10 to 15 minute cycle include emergency preparedness information. Having a non-commercial FCC license does not allow any commercial broadcasting. The FM radio system was acquired by the Town with a Homeland Security grant. Be sure to keep your FM radio dial tuned to 99.5 or 100.3 for additional emergency preparedness information or emergency advisories