



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of July 27, 2020 to August 3, 2020

### MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

#### WEEKLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS, CREW CHIEFS, & ACCs- Masks & Social Distancing Required

CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET-Southwest corner on steps- 08:00hrs

**Rookie Meeting & Semaphore Test -Convention Center -08:30hrs -Mandatory!**

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**OCBPSRA:** Session II/Round 3 begins August 11

**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 -Middle Inlet -18:30hrs

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 58<sup>th</sup> St. / 138<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 13:55hrs

Low: 07:38hrs

**Special Events:** USSSA Fast Pitch Eastern World Series Tournament Opening Ceremonies- Inlet- 15:00hrs -17:30hrs

Beach Bonfires- 32<sup>nd</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, 110<sup>th</sup> St., 113<sup>th</sup> St., 118<sup>th</sup> St., 119<sup>th</sup> St., 131<sup>st</sup> St., 137<sup>th</sup> St. & 146<sup>th</sup> St.- 18:00hrs

Jesus at the Beach Festival- Caroline St.- 16:00hrs

#### Equipment Issues

Sgt. Phillips will be at HQ at 17:30hrs-18:30hrs to assist with any equipment issues.



#### **Please Note!**

**Completed stats are due each Monday by 18:00hrs.**

### TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020-O.I.C. Lt. Mike Stone

**JBP Academy IV:** Morning Section D -Day 1- A.M.- 08:00hrs-11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs) / Afternoon Section B- 13:00hrs-16:30hrs

**OCBPSRA:** Session II/Round 3 begins August 11

**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 - Middle Inlet -18:30hrs

**Workout:** Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 56<sup>th</sup> St. / 136<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 14:58hrs

Low: 08:32hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Safety Seminar- OC Lifesaving Museum- 10:00hrs

Jesus at the Beach Festival- Caroline St.- 16:00hrs

Beach Bonfires -30<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup> St., 123<sup>rd</sup> St., 130<sup>th</sup> St., 135<sup>th</sup> St., 137<sup>th</sup> St., 144<sup>th</sup> St. -18:00hrs

#### Recruiting Responsibility

A Facebook recruiting message is sent out each week. Please share this message through your various social media platforms!



Recruiting is everyone's responsibility!

#### **Additional Note About Stats!**

**All crew member names must be entered in the new stats' weekly spreadsheet by 18:00 each Tuesday.**

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 7/27/2020	Tuesday 7/28/2020	Wednesday 7/29/2020	Thursday 7/30/2020	Friday 7/31/2020	Saturday 8/1/2020	Sunday 8/2/2020	CREW Crew
<b>Daily Assignment</b>								
								Totals
<b>Rescues</b>								
<b>Preventative Actions</b>								
<b>First Aids</b>								
<b>Smoking Enforcement</b>								

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

**JBP Academy IV:** Day 2- A.M. Section A- 08:00hrs-11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs) P.M. Section B- 13:00hrs-16:30hrs

**OCBPSRA:** Session II/Round 3 begins August 11

**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 - Middle Inlet -18:30hrs

**Workout:** Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 54<sup>th</sup> St. / 134<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 16:02hrs

Low: 09:29hrs

**Special Events:** Jesus at the Beach Festival- Caroline St.- 16:00hrs

Beach Bonfires -39<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 82<sup>nd</sup>, 91<sup>st</sup> St., 114<sup>th</sup> St., 131<sup>s</sup> St., 144<sup>th</sup> St. -18:00hrs

Movies on the Beach -*Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* -118<sup>th</sup> St. -18:30hrs



Private Evening Play for OCBP Only!

Friday, July 31 18:45hrs

\$35.00 per person

See Sgt. Weingard for more info.

## THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020

**JBP Academy IV:** Day 3- A.M. Section A- 08:00hrs-11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs) P.M. Section B- 13:00hrs-16:30hrs

**JBP One-Day Clinic:** 13:00hrs-16:30hrs- Tell the kids on your beach before today so they can register for the clinic!

**Camp Horizon:** 127<sup>th</sup> St. beach -Two Groups: 10:30hrs-12:30hrs & 13:00hrs-15:00hrs (Instructors report at 10:00hrs)

**OCBPSRA:** Session II/Round 3 begins August 11

**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 - Middle Inlet -18:30hrs

**Workout:** Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 52<sup>nd</sup> St. / 132<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 17:03hrs

Low: 10:27hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Bonfires -39<sup>th</sup> St., 41<sup>st</sup> St., 55<sup>th</sup> St., 134<sup>th</sup> St. -18:00hrs

Family Beach Olympics- Carousel Hotel- 18:30hrs to 20:30hrs

Beach Wedding -Inlet -19:00hrs

Sunset Park Party Night- *Kittiback*- S. Division St. Bayside- 19:00hrs

Thursday Night Fireworks -Talbot St. -22:30hrs

### JBP One Day Clinic

### Thursday afternoons

July 30 & August 6, 8, 13

13:00hrs to 16:30hrs

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 31, 2020

**JBP Academy IV:** Day 4- A.M. Section A- 08:00hrs-11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

P.M. Session B- 13:00hrs-16:30hrs

**OCBPSRA:** Session II/Round 3 begins August 11

**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 - Middle Inlet -18:30hrs

**Workout:** Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 50<sup>th</sup> St. / 130<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 17:59hrs

Low: 11:25hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Bonfires -53<sup>rd</sup> St., 58<sup>th</sup> St., 62<sup>nd</sup> St., 100<sup>th</sup> St., 118<sup>th</sup> St., 133<sup>rd</sup> St. -18:00hrs

Movies on the Beach -*Monsters University* -27<sup>th</sup> St. -18:30hrs

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

**OCBP 2020 Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation #1:** Dorchester St. & Boardwalk- 09:00hrs

**OCBPSRA:** Session II/Round 3 begins August 11

**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 - Middle Inlet -18:30hrs

**Workout:** Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** 48<sup>th</sup> St. / 128<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 06:14hrs

Low: 12:20hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Wedding-59<sup>th</sup> St.- 18:00hrs

Beach Bonfires -41<sup>st</sup> St., 45<sup>th</sup> St., 64<sup>th</sup> St., 77<sup>th</sup> St., 85<sup>th</sup> St., 90<sup>th</sup> St., 133<sup>rd</sup> St., 137<sup>th</sup> St., 140<sup>th</sup> St., 141<sup>st</sup> St., 142<sup>nd</sup> St., 144<sup>th</sup> St., 146<sup>th</sup> St. -18:00hrs

### Employment Opportunities

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Saturday, Aug. 1, followed by our 2<sup>nd</sup> PEPSE on Wednesday, Aug 5 and our 3<sup>rd</sup> summer PEPSE on Saturday, Aug. 8. The last on-site test is Saturday, Aug. 15. Remember to mention these testing opportunities to potential candidates that you know or meet on the beach. Registration begins at 09:00hrs; orientation and testing begins at 10:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.

Please write the testing dates on your chalkboards!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020- End of Pay Period**

**OCBPSRA:** Session II/Round 3 begins August 11

**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 - Middle Inlet -18:30hrs


**Workout:** Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** 46<sup>th</sup> St. / 126<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 07:05hrs  
Low: 13:11hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Bonfires -30<sup>th</sup> St., 32<sup>nd</sup> St., 87<sup>th</sup> St., 120<sup>th</sup> St., 120<sup>th</sup> St., 132<sup>nd</sup> St., 140<sup>th</sup> St. -18:00hrs  
Sundaes in the Park Concert & Fireworks- *Sapphire*- Northside Park- 19:00hrs

**Important Last Day Info.**  
The End of Season/ Extended Employment Agreement form is available online on the OCBP website under "Employee Forms." It is due to Lt. Stone 2 weeks before your last day.



**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020**

**WEEKLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS, CREW CHIEFS, & ACCs- Masks & Social Distancing Required**

CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET-Southwest corner on steps- 08:00hrs

**Rookie Meeting & Semaphore Test -Convention Center -08:30hrs -Mandatory!**

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**Opportunity to Compete:** Crew Comps- August 8 - Middle Inlet -18:30hrs

**Workout:** Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 44<sup>th</sup> St. / 124<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 07:53hrs  
Low: 13:59hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Bonfires -46<sup>th</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup> St., 100<sup>th</sup> St., 118<sup>th</sup> St., 120<sup>th</sup> St., 123<sup>rd</sup> St., 140<sup>th</sup> 143<sup>rd</sup> St. – 18:00hrs  
Beach Wedding- 91<sup>st</sup> St. -18:30hrs

**Completed stats are due today at 18:00hrs.**

**UPCOMING 2020 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**

July 28-31	JBP Camp Session IV- A.M., P.M. & One-Day on July 30
July 31	OCBP Paintball Night -West OC -18:45hrs
Aug. 1, 5, 8, & 15	Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations for 2021 -Dorchester St. -09:00hrs
Aug. 4-7	JBP Session V- A.M., P.M. & One-Day on Aug. 6
August 7	Pay Day
Aug 8.	Crew Comps -Middle Inlet -18:30hrs
Aug. 11-14	OCBPSRA SRT 2 / Round 3- Dorchester St.- 08:00hrs

**Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events**

Jesus at the Beach Festival	July 27-29	N. Division St.	16:00hrs
Movies on the Beach	July 29 & Aug. 5	118 <sup>th</sup> St.	20:00hrs
Family Beach Olympics	July 30 & Aug. 6	118 <sup>th</sup> St.	18:30hrs
Sunset Park Party Nights	July 30	S. Division St.	19:00hrs
Camp Horizon- Two Groups	July 30	127 <sup>th</sup> St.	10:30hrs & 13:00hrs
Thursday's Downtown Beach Fireworks	July 30 & Aug. 6	Talbot St. beach	22:30hrs
Movies on the Beach	July 31 & Aug. 7	27 <sup>th</sup> St.	20:00hrs
Sundaes in the Park	August 2	Northside Park	19:00hrs
White Marlin Open	August 3-7	OC Fishing Center	Daily
Camp Horizon- Two Groups	Aug. 6 & 13	127 <sup>th</sup> St.	10:30hrs & 13:00hrs
ESA Summer Surf Series	Aug. 8	40 <sup>th</sup> St.	07:00hrs
Endless Summer Surfing Camp	August 10-11	38 <sup>th</sup> St.	17:30hrs-19:30hrs
OC Air Show	August 15-16	14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> St.	10:00hrs
ESA Summer Surf Series	Aug. 22	36 <sup>th</sup> St	07:00hrs

**OCBPSRA Courses- 2020**



**SRT II Round 3** –(Final round this summer)

Aug. 11, Aug. 12, Aug. 13, Aug. 14  
Dorchester St. 08:00hrs

*Required for ACC next summer*

**Do what you are supposed to do...  
When you are supposed to do it...  
How it is supposed to be done!**



**NO EXCUSES!!!**

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 9</u> 7/13/20 to 7/19/20	<u>Week 9</u> Year-To- Date 2020	<u>Week 9</u> 7/15/19 to 7/21/19	<u>Week 9</u> Year-To- Date 2019	<u>Week 9</u> 7/16/18 to 7/22/18	<u>Week 9</u> Year-To- Date 2018
<b>Action</b>						
Preventions	12903	85426	11871	69267	15288	128917
Rescues	349	2612	70	988	327	2809
Minor First Aid	149	922	223	5403	151	1126
Ambulance Calls	8	74	17	80	15	78
Police Calls	3	40	8	45	6	41
USCG/MDNRP	0	3	0	0	1	2
Lost/Found Persons	16	168	22	148	22	211
N. Surf Beach Population	295	1118	67	816	71	626
S. Surf Beach Population	111	1261	265	1735	265	1317
Inlet Surf Beach Population	57	165	47	291	60	437
Beach Wheelchair Usage	23	121	41	236	33	200
Smoking Enforcement	738	7055	868	6336	1226	7971
Missed Work Days Due to Injury	6	15	0	28	5	34
Missed Days-Non Job Related	25	84	3	20	1	10

From: Teresa C.  
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 10:32 PM  
To: Butch Arbin  
Subject: Praise for our lifeguard

Hello. I just wanted to let you know how much my family appreciates Tony, the lifeguard most often assigned to 21st Street Beach. Tony is one of the most conscientious lifeguards I have seen. He takes his job seriously and we are grateful for that! If he's not rescuing someone from a rip tide or current, he's teaching swimmers about where the safest area is to swim. No sand rests under his stand!

Tim and Teresa C. and family

## OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

### Tryouts for 2021 Season

**\$15.25 hr Paid Training** (all certifications provided)



August 1, 2020 (Saturday) – OC, MD  
August 5, 2020 (Wednesday) – OC, MD  
August 8, 2020 (Saturday) – OC, MD  
August 15, 2020 (Saturday) – OC, MD  
Registration 9:00 AM Dorchester Street and Boardwalk

To register for a test or learn about additional off-site testing, visit our website

[www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp)

### 2020-2021 OCBP Testing Opportunities

#### Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation (testing) for the 2021 Season

August 1, 2020 (Saturday)- Ocean City, MD

August 5, 2020 (Wednesday)- Ocean City, MD

August 8, 2020 (Saturday)- Ocean City, MD

August 15, 2020 (Saturday)- Ocean City, MD

Registration at 09:00hrs; test begins at 10:00hrs

**Recruiting cards are available for distribution to potential candidates.**

**See your Crew Chief to obtain some of these cards.**



**Maximize Your Recruiting Skills for the Test and This Hydro Flask Can Be Yours!!!**

Here's how: If the person you recruit identifies you on the Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation registration form, you will receive a

**40 oz. OCBP**

**Hydro Flask.**

**See 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee to claim yours after the test.**

**(Offer limited to 1 Hydro Flask per recruiter)**



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# OCBP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As part of its mission to support the Ocean City Beach Patrol and the guards who serve, the OCBP Alumni Association announces its **Second Annual Scholarship Challenge**. The prize: a one time **\$500 College Scholarship** award to a current OCBP SRT.

### Who is eligible?

The Challenge is open to any current OCBP SRT in good standing, who is enrolled in or entering a 2 or 4 year college in the Fall of 2020. Applicants must be registered for classes.

### What is the Challenge?

A 500 word essay on the topic:

**"How has saving the lives of others ended up changing yours?"**

(450 minimum / 550 maximum.)

### How do you submit your essay?

Essays are to be emailed as a .pdf file to Ward Kovacs ([wkovacs@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:wkovacs@oceancitymd.gov)).

Title your file using your **birthday as the code**. For instance, if you were born on July 4, 2001 you would title the file "07042001". This is meant to avoid favoritism. Make sure in your email that Ward knows who you are.

### What are the judges looking for in an essay?

A thoughtful examination of what life on the OCBP and saving the lives of others has meant to you. Essays will be judged on Ideas, Presentation, Grammar and Spelling. Plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.

### What are the important dates to know for the challenge?

All submissions are due before midnight **August 7, 2020**.

The winning essay will be announced **August 14, 2020**.

The Scholarship prize will be issued immediately afterwards.

OCBP Alumni Association



### OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Price List

- Whistles \$6.00 Lanyards \$6.00
- 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 or white short-sleeve T-Shirt—\$10.00
- Shaka/Hang Loose T-shirts—\$10.00
- Grey Long-sleeve T-shirts—\$15.00
- Grey Sweatshirts—\$25.00
- Grey Sweatpants—\$20.00
- Grey Zippered Hoodie- \$30.00**
- Long-sleeve Tie-Dyed T-shirts- \$20.00
- Charcoal long-sleeve jerseys- \$30.00
- Swim Caps - \$5.00
- OCBP Socks- \$11.00/2 for \$20.00
- OCBP Headbands- \$15.00/2 for \$25.00
- Buoy Key Chains \$5.00

### Please Note the Following Policies:

#### Specific Beach Patrol Policy on Hazing

Hazing or any type of Initiation ritual is strongly prohibited and will result in immediate discipline up to and including discharge. These behaviors are defined as any action taken or any situation created intentionally that causes embarrassment, harassment or ridicule and risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or crew, whether new or not, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

#### Town of Ocean City - EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK - Section 3.15

Other relationships may develop between employees (i.e. engagement), which may present a potential for conflict of interest. These employees are expected to identify those relationships and contact the Human Resources Director for a determination as to whether the relationship presents a potential conflict, and whether the provisions of this section should apply. In cases of positional authority (in a position of responsibility to supervise and evaluate an employee) you must immediately inform the Officer In Charge of the relationship and avoid any potential conflicts.

#### Daily Wellness Checks

All Town of Ocean City Employees are required to perform a wellness check prior to the start of their assigned shift. This order was enacted per the City Manager and Risk Manager, with this daily requirement beginning on March 24, 2020. Beach Patrol employees may complete the required wellness check online between 6:00 AM and 9:45 AM. The daily wellness check is audited each day to assure compliance. Beginning on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> we began recording any missed wellness checks by an employee, after one month of monitoring with no penalty. To assure that each employee is being responsible, after three wellness checks are missed, an employee incident is initiated. If two more misses are recorded a second employee incident is generated and will result in a conference. Additional missed checks may result in suspension or termination.

### OCBP License Plates

#### Listed below are the guidelines for receiving these special logo plates

Your vehicle must be registered in Maryland.

Pick up the MVA form VR-124 from Captain Arbin.

Fill out form completely.

Attach a check made payable to the Ocean City Beach Patrol Surf Rescue Association (OCBPSRA) for \$50.00. This is a one-time fee and will not be charged again.

If you are requesting a specific number, make sure it is still available.

Return form to Beach Patrol Headquarters. Do not send or take to MVA—the form needs an authorizing signature to process.

Once the VR-124 form and check have been received, it takes 4-6 weeks to receive the tags. They will be mailed to the address on your registration. In the future, you will receive the regular tag renewal application directly from the MVA every 2 years



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

**This Week's Question: I heard a lifeguard telling a friend that the OCBP has already started to test for lifeguards for next summer (2021). Why are you testing now for next year? When are these tests being held? What does testing mean and what certifications do I need ?**

Because of the unique demands of the job, the 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 a 10 phase pre-employment physical skills evaluation (PEPSE). Testing for the OCBP is offered in Ocean City and at select off-site locations during our off-season if needed. Once a candidate passes the physical skills test and a personal interview, he/she is appointed to a paid (\$15.25 per hour) Surf Rescue Training Academy. We hold two Surf Rescue Training Academies each season to accommodate individual needs the first begins on Sunday, May 23, 2021 with a second academy beginning Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. After passing a mandatory drug test, Surf Rescue Academy is an eight (8) consecutive day (67 hour) Training program comprised of both physical skill training and development as well as classroom based trainings, certifications and "On the Job Training". Following the successful completion of Surf Rescue Academy, rookie Surf Rescue Technicians are assigned 3 weeks of on the stand supervised probation in a crew to continue instruction in all aspects of surf rescue and first responder skills, with a written review each week. Once the probationary period is completed the rookie will be recognized as a Surf Rescue Technician and receive an incentive reward.

We have 4 Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations (testing) scheduled this August starting on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The final on-site testing will take place on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> in Ocean City, before we begin our off-site testing after the new year. If you are interested please register on-line and check-in beginning at 9 A.M. at Dorchester Street on the Boardwalk. Because we have such a high return rate from one season to the next, it is important that anyone hoping to secure a position for 2021 try-out as soon as possible. Although we have scheduled testing through June 2021, we attempt to fill all anticipated openings as soon as possible and may not need to hold any testing after September. Therefore, testing may be suspended at any time.

The reason we begin testing now is to take advantage of the great ocean conditions (warmer water) while recruiting those individuals who have spent a summer living and working in Ocean City but were under a misconception that they did not have the necessary credentials to seek employment as an ocean lifeguard. In past summers these tests were a great opportunity for our visiting J-1 students to secure a job with the Patrol for the following summer. Unfortunately there are very few J-1 students working in Ocean City this summer due to Covid-19. As seasonal workers and visitors have met Surf Rescue Technicians who are currently working for us over the summer, they come to realize that we provide paid training (\$15.25 per hour ) and certifications in Surf Rescue Academy and working as a Surf Rescue Technician is a possibility for them to have a job that makes a difference. Each candidate is required to pass all phases of the Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation which includes a personal interview and receive a recommendation from the evaluation team to receive an appointment to a Surf Rescue Training Academy. These potential recruits have already spent one summer in Ocean City and are familiar with the area and have already solved the problem of securing seasonal housing. Therefore, when they accept an appointment to a Surf Rescue Academy they are most likely to follow through and actually accept the position the following season (we lose a few recruits each year to personal logistical concerns).

A major reason that we also start testing a year ahead is that we want to have the opportunity to attract and hire the best. With a national lifeguard shortage, we work year round to assure that we have 100% of our positions filled each year, while many other local governments and beach patrols have to close pools, close beaches or reduce coverage.

We encourage anyone interested in becoming a Surf Rescue Technician (lifeguard) to speak to the lifeguard on your beach, go to our website or contact Beach Patrol Head Quarters (410- 289-7556) and register for a specific testing opportunity. For specifics on requirements, test locations, dates, and times, please refer to our website [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp) and click on the "Employment" button or email [ocbp@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:ocbp@oceancitymd.gov)

Remember... anyone can get a "job".. But with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, you can make a difference.

#### **Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Rich Hamilton**

SRT Rich Hamilton has been with the Beach Patrol for 5 years. Rich is in Crew 12 in the middle north area of Ocean City, which covers the beach from 81<sup>st</sup> Street to 91<sup>st</sup> Street. Rich is an USLA member and has been on the sprint team for the past 3 years, competing at Nationals in Daytona Florida. He also participates in the Iron Guard and the OCBP Triathlon. He helps out with movies on the beach and plays in the Sunday softball league. In his free time, he enjoys pick-up soccer, running, chess, and Frisbee. In the off season he is serving as a Reservist in the United States Marine Corps. He has a B.S. in exercise science but he is going back to school for a Bachelor's degree in accounting at Towson State University. SRT Hamilton and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. If you think you would like a position with the Patrol like Rich's, ask any of our guards or visit our website at [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp). We have our next Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations for positions during the 2021 season scheduled for August in Ocean City.

