



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Week of Monday, August 15, 2022 - Monday, August 22, 2022**

**Monday, August 15, 2022**

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

**CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS:** 08:00hrs

**FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 08:15hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 08:15hrs- REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

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

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 08:30hrs

**USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 08:45hrs

**GENERAL MEETING:** 08:50hrs

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 09:45hrs

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Work-out:** Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 62nd Street / 142nd Street

**Tides:** High: 10:46:00 AM

Low: 5:00:00 PM

**Special Events:** OC Dance Party-Caroline St. Stage-19:30hrs, Drone Show-Dorchester St.-21:30hrs

**Beach Weddings:** 98<sup>th</sup> St. 18:00hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 33<sup>rd</sup>, 58<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 115<sup>th</sup>



**Ocean City Baptist Church**  
**FREE Dinners on Mondays**  
**6pm to 8pm**

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	8/15/2022	8/16/2022	8/17/2022	8/18/2022	8/19/2022	8/20/2022	8/21/2022	
Daily Assignment								<b>Totals</b>
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

**Tuesday, August 16, 2022 – OIC Lt. Stone**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Work-out:** Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 60th Street / 140th Street

**Tides:** High: 11:35:00 AM

Low: 5:55:00 PM

**Special Events:** Lifesaving Museum 10:00hrs

**Beach Weddings:** 92<sup>nd</sup> 18:00hrs

**Beach Bonfires:**

30<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 61<sup>st</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 89<sup>th</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, 112<sup>th</sup>, 119<sup>th</sup>, 130<sup>th</sup>, 142<sup>nd</sup>, 145<sup>th</sup>

### **EQUIPMENT RETURN**

You must return all issued equipment (except consumables) on your final day. Please plan on having everything when you get off duty so you can come straight to HQ without delay. Use the receipt you received at check-in to make sure you are returning the correct equipment!

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

**City Manager ride along with Capt. Arbin**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Wednesday August 17, 2022 MARP (Marine Animal Rescue Program)

18:00hrs- Training Classroom- BP Headquarters

**Pre-Employment Skills Evaluation (PEPSE) #2:**

Dorchester St.-Registration 0900hrs

**Work-out:** Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 58th Street / 138th Street

**Tides:** High: 12:24:00 PM  
Low: 6:51:00 PM

**Special Events:** Surfer's Healing-37th St- Set up 0730hrs, Movies on the Beach-Space Jam-Carousel-118th St.-Movies start at dusk

**Beach Weddings:** 111th St. 18:30hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 35th,45th,84th,112th,136th,146th



**Thursday, August 18, 2022 – OIC Lt. Kovacs**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Work-out:** Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 56th Street / 136th Street

**Tides:** High: 1:17:00 PM  
Low: 7:50:00 PM

**Special Events:** Family Beach Games-118th St-Carousel-1830hrs

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 38th,77th,94th,100th,111th,121st,128th,136th

**Friday, August 19, 2022(Pay Day)**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Work-out:** Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 54th Street / 134th Street

**Tides:** High: 2:14:00 PM  
Low: 7:48:00 AM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** 112th St. 17:30hrs, 59th St. 18:00hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 42nd,48th,145th

**Saturday, August 20, 2022**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Pre-Employment Skills Evaluation (PEPSE) #3:** Dorchester St.-Registration 0900hrs

**Work-out:** Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 52nd Street / 132nd Street

**Tides:** High: 3:15:00 PM  
Low: 8:40:00 AM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** 59th St. 18:30hrs

**Employment Opportunities**  
Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations for next season: Wednesday, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. We've added a strategically scheduled PEPSE on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to mention these testing opportunities to potential candidates who you already know or who you meet on the beach. Registration begins at 09:00hrs. Orientation and assessments begin at 10:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.

**Please write the testing dates on your chalkboards!**



**Beach Bonfires:** 38<sup>th</sup>, 81<sup>st</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup>, 114<sup>th</sup>, 126<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Work-out:** Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 50th Street / 130th Street

**Tides:** High: 4:15:00 PM  
Low: 9:33:00 AM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** 112<sup>th</sup> St. 09:00hrs, 59<sup>th</sup> St. 10:00hrs, 59<sup>th</sup> St. 18:00hrs.

**Beach Bonfires:** 45<sup>th</sup>, 141<sup>st</sup>, 145<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, August 22, 2022 – OIC Lt. Stone**

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**FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 08:15hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 08:15hrs- REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATION (final opportunity is labor day)

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

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 08:30hrs

**USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 08:45hrs

**GENERAL MEETING:** 08:50hrs

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 09:45hrs

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Work-out:** Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 48th Street / 128th Street

**Tides:** High: 5:09:00 PM  
Low: 10:28:00 AM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 56<sup>th</sup>, 63<sup>rd</sup>

**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 two weeks before your last day.



**After Season Loyalty Bonus**

Beginning on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, each employee will earn \$1.00 for every hour worked through Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be added after your final paycheck as a one-time loyalty bonus!

**2022-2023 OCBP Testing Opportunities**  
**Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation(testing) for the 2023 Season**

**August 17, 2022(Wednesday)-Ocean City, MD**  
**August 20, 2022(Saturday)-Ocean City, MD**  
**\*October 1, 2022(Saturday)-Ocean City, MD\***  
**Registration at 09:00hrs; test begins at 10:00hrs**



**\*Recently added per the recommendation of the current Recruiting Workgroup.**

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 11</u> 8/1/22 to 8/7/22	<u>Week 11</u> 8/2/21 to 8/8/21	<u>Week 12</u> 8/3/20 to 8/9/20
<b>Action</b>			
Preventions	4639	11889	11800
Rescues	8	389	11
Minor First Aid	111	137	113
Ambulance Calls	8	10	9
Police Calls	3	1	2
USCG/MDNRP	0	1	1
Lost/Found Persons	27	23	13
N. Surf Beach Population	12	66	32
S. Surf Beach Population	142	132	294
Inlet Surf Beach Population	6	37	217
Beach Wheelchair Usage	25	16	16
Smoking Enforcement	322	460	460



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UPCOMING 2022 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Aug 17	PEPSE # 2 for 2023
Aug 19	Fitness Fridays-TBA-0800hrs
Aug 20	PEPSE # 3 for 2023
October 1	PEPSE # 4 for 2023

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Surfers Healing	Aug 17	Daily	37 <sup>th</sup> Street
Jeep Week	Aug 25-28	Daily	Beach and Inlet Lot
Carousel Luau	Sept 5	1600-2200hrs	118 <sup>th</sup> Street Beach
Walk for Recovery	Sept 10	0900-1100hrs	Inlet-27 <sup>th</sup> Street Boardwalk
Bay to Beach Drive	Sept 10	1700-1800hrs	Boardwalk 27th to N. Division Sts.
Wine on the Beach	Sept 9-10	Daily	Inlet Lot
ESA Surf Series #4	Sept 10-11	Daily	34.5-36 <sup>th</sup> Street Beach
Beach Volleyball Series	Sept 10-11	Daily	Talbot St-N. Division St.
OC Bikefest	Sept 14-17	Daily	Inlet Lot
Beach Tennis MD Open	Sept 29-Oct 2	Daily	Beach between 4th-8th Sts.
Sunfest Kite Festival	Sept 29-Oct 2	Daily	Beach from 4th-6th Sts.
Ocean's Calling	Sept 30-Oct 2	Daily	Inlet Lot and beach from the Inlet to Dorchester St.

**Travel Incentive  
For Returning to Work**

After fulfilling your employment agreement and leaving full time with us this season, you may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement of \$140 added to your paycheck if you return to the OCBP after August 14, 2022.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must commit to work at least two days
- Must drive your personal vehicle
- Must travel from at least 110 miles away
- Must present proof of travel
- Must be on the schedule and scheduled to work



**End of Season and Post Season Special**

**Assignments:** The Town has packed the fall with a number of large Special events and needs our support.

**Jeep Fest – Beach Crawl Aug 25 – Aug 28**

We need Quad operators to escort a Jeep parade from 30<sup>th</sup> street to the pier

**Oceans Calling Festival Sept 30 – Oct 2**

We need SRTs and Quad operators to patrol the beaches

**SunFest Oct 20 – Oct 23**

We need SRTs for security details

**Volunteer Opportunity- International Ironman  
Cambridge, Maryland  
Saturday, September 17  
See Sgt. Jamie Falcon**

# Employment Opportunities

Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations for next season: Wednesday, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. We've added a strategically scheduled PEPSE on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to afford recruits the opportunity of testing in warm water before the winter months are upon us. PLUS – we hope that our SRTs will return to school and talk about their summer experiences that, in turn, result in friends wanting to be a part of the adventure too. Please mention these testing opportunities to potential candidates who you already know or who you meet on the beach and here in Ocean City. Registration begins at 09:00hrs. Orientation and assessments begin at 10:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.

**Please write the testing dates on your chalkboards!**

# Attaboy

Want to give a shout out to the lifeguard at 30th street today, found a lost child, kept eyes on the child till he was able to communicate with the other guards and locate the parents. Maybe a regular every day thing, but to parents it's huge. The parents of the lost child didn't acknowledge or offer any appreciation to the guard, that's unfortunate. I wanted to offer him a parental thank you, well done.



I just want to commend one of your lifeguards. I am sitting on the beach in front of the Quality Inn in Ocean City and Chuck is an amazing lifeguard. He is right on top of everything and his head is on a constant swivel. Your organization is very lucky to have him on your team.



### References and Recommendations

Between seasons, we are often asked to complete references and recommendations. If the need for this arises, we ask that you make the request in writing. In that request, you should give any information that will help in creating the best possible recommendation letter. We will also 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; JBP, Camps, special duties, management, certifications, etc. We appreciate being provided a fair amount of lead-time since personnel files are secured at HQ while we are away from Ocean City and will need to be referenced to complete the recommendation. You may send your request by e-mail or if you are required to mail to a physical address, please use:

Captain Butch Arbin  
134 West Quail Lane  
La Plata, Maryland 20646



**Shout out to Sgt. Josh Wilder and Sgt. Bryan Clark for taking a small, but mighty team of about 12 OCBP JBP program participants to the Rehoboth BP sponsored competition on Aug 8, 2022. "Our Kids" CRUSHED it! Our 14 and older age group dominated and won every individual and relay event.**



**Again this year Jolly Roger is providing a 1 day complimentary Pass to the parks attractions. If you haven't claimed yours you need to e-mail the Captain and make the request**



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**Fager's Island Lifeguard Appreciation Night!**  
**Tuesday August 16th - 7:00PM**

Join us for an evening of fun and appreciation.  
All proceeds will go towards the OCBP competition team to help with travel and lodging cost as they represent the Beach Patrol and the Town of Ocean City.  
Area awards will begin at 7pm then after the sunset we will begin Crew Comp awards at 8.

**\*Casual Attire – Not OCBP uniform**  
**\*Alcohol restrictions for anyone under 21\***

**Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Colt Merrifield**

SRT Colt Merrifield is in crew 17 and sits a stand on 136th street in the north area of Ocean City. This is his third summer with the Beach Patrol. Colt began in our Junior Beach Patrol program and is also a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation SRT. Colt is a United States Life Saving Association (USLA) member and helps with our Junior Beach Patrol program. In his free time Colt likes to go to the gym, play video games and play the guitar. In the off-season Colt attends Penn State and is working on his B.S. in mechanical engineering. He is also the student worship leader at his local church. SRT Colt Merrifield 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 Colt, ask any of our guards or visit our website at [JoinBeachPatrol.com](http://JoinBeachPatrol.com). Testing for our 2023 season has already started this August. Anyone can get a job... But with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, YOU can make a difference!



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

How many lifeguard stands are there from the inlet to the Delaware state line (My kids ask me this all the time, and I used to ask my parents this too years ago, so getting an answer would be great!) Also, how many lifeguards are there in total, and how many does it take to staff the beach on a typical summer day.

The number of stands on the beach changes throughout the season and is dependent on several factors. During the earliest part of our season, Memorial Day weekend through mid-June, while the water is traditionally colder and the crowds are smaller, we place less stands on the beach than we do during peak season July and August. However, during our early season, we increase the number of guard towers on the weekends and holidays. We also schedule all of our training, certification and re-certification in May and June so that we have all (180 – 200+) personnel available once we are in peak season (178 this season). In support of our early season deployment goals, we hold our final Surf Rescue Academy beginning the 3rd week of June each year. With the addition of this last academy of rookies our annual goal is to be at 100% staffing by the end of June. Our plan is to have all stands in place by July 1st of each summer and on a typical day there will be 91 stands deployed from the Ocean City inlet to the Delaware line (85 this season). Although the number of stands we can deploy is directly linked to the number of personnel that we can recruit, hire and train as well as their individual availability early and late in our season.

Another annual occurrence is our reduction in staff during the last weeks of August as our personnel return to other obligations. This season has had some unique recruiting challenges. We have had less staff than in previous seasons however we have been able to maintain the number of stands (85) needed by reducing the number of guards used in extra activities such as camps. Many colleges are requiring students to return early and unfortunately the Maryland State legislature overturned Governor Hogan's executive order to start schools after Labor Day. 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. During this time of the year, you will notice a larger distance between stands. This trend continues following Labor Day through the last day of our season, which is the third Sunday after Labor Day. This year our last guarding day will be September 25th. While we are in a reduced coverage scheme and the redistribution of personnel occurs, the location and distance between stands will change (sometimes on a daily basis).

The Town of Ocean City is committed to providing the safest beaches possible until the end of each season and are providing a loyalty bonus as well as a travel stipend to offset the cost of traveling back to Ocean City from commitments for our Surf Rescue Technicians so they can provide additional coverage. With the addition of returning Surf Rescue Technicians on weekends we will increase the total number of stands (and decrease the distance between stands) on those days. To see the locations of the guard towers on a daily basis you may follow the link to a google map that indicates the locations for that day.  
[https://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency\\_Management/Beach\\_Patrol/surf\\_report/lifeguards.php](https://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/Beach_Patrol/surf_report/lifeguards.php)

Although our coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers than during peak season, we will supplement this coverage by increasing the number of Mobil Rescue Units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first-aid, PPE and AED (A device used to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm) 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, AED certified and are quad (ATV) certified.

If you ever have a question, please go up to a lifeguard and ask. If you see an inappropriate or unsafe situation, bring it to the attention of the SRT. To get current information about the beach patrol as well as daily stats and current beach conditions, you can follow the beach patrol on Instagram or "like us" on the Official OCBP Facebook page. If interested in working for the Beach Patrol talk to your Surf Rescue Technician (lifeguard) or visit our website [JoinBeachPatrol.com](http://JoinBeachPatrol.com). We have two more tests August 20<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> in Ocean City for the 2023 season. We provide all training and certifications during a paid Surf Rescue Training Academy at the beginning of our 2023 season. We can't wait to be a part of your wonderful experiences in Ocean City, because we are glad you are here, and always remember to "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!"



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