



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Week of September 11, 2016 to September 17, 2016**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**GENERAL MEETING:** City Hall Council Chambers - 3<sup>rd</sup> St. - 1<sup>st</sup> 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) / 44<sup>th</sup> St. / 124<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 15:53hrs  
 Low: 09:21hrs

**Special Events:** ESA Summer Surf Series- 48<sup>th</sup> St.- 07:30hrs to 17:00hrs  
 MD3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial- 27<sup>th</sup> St. to N. Division St.- 08:30hrs  
 Beach Weddings- 71<sup>st</sup> St.- 06:00hrs & 20<sup>th</sup> St.- 10:00hrs  
 OC Cruzers Car Show & Music- Somerset Plaza- 14:30hrs

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant 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 / 42<sup>nd</sup> St. / 122<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 16:47hrs  
 Low: 10:18hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Weddings- 45<sup>th</sup> St.- 16:00hrs & 127<sup>th</sup> St.- 18:00hrs

The York, PA, off-site test has been confirmed for Saturday, March 11, 2017. Tell your friends and come say, "Hello!"



### A Day of Remembrance Celebration

9/11/16

MD 3 Red Knights

Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial

08:30hrs- Motorcycle Parade

27<sup>th</sup> 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.



The SUP ordinance starts today, Monday, 9/12/16. See page 2 for details.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/12/2016	Tuesday 9/13/2016	Wednesday 9/14/2016	Thursday 9/15/2016	Friday 9/16/2016	Saturday 9/17/2016	Sunday 9/18/2016	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Ordinance Enforcements								

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

**Officer-in-Charge:** *Lieutenant 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 / 40<sup>th</sup> St. / 120<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 17:37hrs

Low: 11:13hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Bonfire: Private Permit- 101<sup>st</sup> St.- 18:00hrs

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

**Officer-in-Charge:** *Lieutenant 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 / 38<sup>th</sup> St. / Carousel (118<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 18:26hrs

Low: 12:07hrs

**Special Events:** None

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

**Officer-in-Charge:** *Lieutenant 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 / 36<sup>th</sup> St. / Sea Watch (116<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 06:46hrs

Low: 12:59hrs

**Special Events:** OC Bikefest

Beach Bonfire: Private Permit- 84<sup>th</sup> St.- 18:00hrs

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016**

**Officer-in-Charge:** *Lieutenant 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 / 34<sup>th</sup> St. / Rainbow (112<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 07:34hrs

Low: 13:49hrs

**Special Events:** OC Bikefest

### **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 as a mobile unit requires that you remain available at all times.
- Inform **Beach Patrol** 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. Quads need 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 **Beach Patrol**.
- Respond to medical emergencies in your area of responsibility or as directed by **Communications**.
- Supervise all OCBP personnel enforcing 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.

### **Town of Ocean City Ordinance SURF FISHING AND CASTING Sec. 106-131. Public beach restrictions.**

Surf fishing is permitted in Ocean City. However, be sure you are not within 50 yards of swimmers or of anyone on the beach between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
**(Code 1972, § 28-9)**

### **Guidelines for Modified Surfing**

Note: The surfing ordinance is in effect until Sept. 30 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 allowed starting Monday following Labor Day if surfing is modified.



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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 32<sup>nd</sup> St. / Quay (108<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 08:23hrs  
Low: 14:39hrs

**Special Events:** OC Bikefest

Beach Weddings- 1<sup>st</sup> St.- 14:00hrs & 48<sup>th</sup> St.- 15:00hrs & 84<sup>th</sup> St.- 15:00hrs & 103<sup>rd</sup> St.- 17:00hrs

**Important Notice**  
**Please note the dates, times, and location of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.**  
 Sunday, September 18  
 City Hall- 08:30hrs  
  
 Sunday, September 25  
 City Hall- 08:30hrs

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016- End of Pay Period**

**GENERAL MEETING::** City Hall Council Chambers - 3<sup>rd</sup> St. - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor- 08:30hrs

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**OCBPSRA:** : Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 30<sup>th</sup> St. / Marigot Beach (101<sup>st</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 09:12hrs  
Low: 15:29hrs

**Special Events:** OC Bikefest

Beach Bonfire: Private Permit- 116<sup>th</sup> St.- 18:30hrs

**UPCOMING 2016-2017 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**



Sept. 25	Last Day of 2016 Season
Sept. 26- Oct. 9	Extended Patrol
Oct. 15	OCBP Alumni Reunion- Gateway Grand Hotel
Feb. 2017	Off-Site PEPSE- Salisbury University
Feb. 25-26	OCBP Strategic Planning Meeting
March 11	Off-Site PEPSE- York College of PA
May 24-26	OCBP 2017 Veteran Registration
May 27	Memorial Day 2017

**Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events**

OC Bikefest	Sept. 15-18	Inlet	11:00hrs to 20:00hrs
9/11 Parade of Brothers	Sept. 11	Boardwalk at 27 <sup>th</sup> St. to Inlet	08:30hrs to 13:00hrs
OC Hotel Week	Sept. 6-11	Various Locations	
Sunfest	Sept. 22-25	Inlet	10:00hrs to 22:00hrs



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<b>Stats.</b>	<b>Week 15 8/29/16 to 9/4/16</b>	<b>Week 15 Year-To- Date 2016</b>	<b>Week 15 8/24/15 to 8/30/15</b>	<b>Week 15 Year-To- Date 2015</b>	<b>Week 15 8/25/14 to 8/31/14</b>	<b>Week 15 Year-To- Date 2014</b>
<b>Action</b>						
Preventions	9577	57482	6222	62639	2947	45068
Rescues	415	1342	503	2613	200	2637
Minor First Aid	24	1719	36	1207	32	1068
Ambulance Calls	22	282	23	198	12	298
Police Calls	4	124	12	148	14	124
USCG/MDNRP	0	8	0	7	0	18
Lost/Found Persons	6	351	21	412	36	459
N. Surf Beach Population	29	356	6	452	12	348
S. Surf Beach Population	32	1287	164	2757	183	3020
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NA	255	6	647	67	980
Beach Wheelchair Usage	11	435	37	441	47	485

**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 remember to record the stats in Google Docs before you leave.

The stats still run from Monday thru Sunday, so this week ends on 9/18/16.

**Employee Evaluations – Not the Entire Picture**

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

**Request for Recommendations**

Between seasons, I am often asked to complete references and recommendations. If you need me to provide something like this for you, I ask that you make the request in writing. In that request you should give me any information that will help me in giving you the best possible recommendation. I 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 me of some of the Beach Patrol activities that you have been involved in, such as JBP, Camps, special duties, etc. I also will need a fair amount of lead-time since personnel files are secured in Ocean City while I am in La Plata. 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

**Winter Mailings**

Newsletters and all Return to Work information and notifications for the 2017 season will be sent to the winter address that you provided, as well as to the email address you provided this year. Updates and/or adjustments should be made through the office--either in person or by e-mail.

**2016 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-2's will be sent out by January 31, 2017. 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, 2017.

1. Contact Dolores in the City Hall Human Resources  
410-289-8822  
~and~
2. Contact Secretary Tyler via email:  
[dtyler@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:dtyler@oceancitymd.gov)  
with any changes.

**This is very important that you notify both people!**



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**Discover an ocean of Fun!**

The Town of Ocean City has several off-season 5K events planned, which may be of interest to recreational and competitive runners!

- The Live Like Rob 5K on 10/15/16
- The Seaside 10 on 10/29/16
- The NFL 5K on 11/5/16
- The St. Pat's 5K on 3/10/17
- The Mothers Day Memorial on 5/14/17

- The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on 10/22/16
- The OC Museum Society 5K Race/Walk on 11/12/16
- The OC Winterfest of Lights 5K on 12/4/16
- The Komen Race for a Cure on 4/8/17

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

***This Week's Question:*** I stayed in Ocean City past Labor Day thinking I could finally take my dog on the beach. The lifeguard informed me that I could not. I was surprised that the lifeguards were still even on duty. I thought they ended on Labor Day. How much longer will there be lifeguards on the beach and when do the rules change?

Although the Beach Patrol has never gone off duty following Labor Day (at least for the past 44 years) many people assume this to be our schedule. In reality the earliest the Beach Patrol has gone off duty for the season has been the Sunday of Sunfest weekend (usually the 3rd weekend following Labor Day). This year the Patrol will end the regular guarding of the beach on Sunday September 25th. During this period following Labor Day, as Ocean City Beach Patrol personnel return to other obligations, we are in a reduced coverage scheme. The number of Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) available to staff the stands along the 10 miles of beach decreases. 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. As this redistribution occurs the location and distance between stands changes (sometimes on a daily basis).

This reduction in personnel is an annual occurrence but is complicated by this year's late Labor Day and the earlier start of college classes and the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the United States. This also includes all Maryland schools, which had students return one or two weeks prior to Labor Day and professional staff one week prior to students. However, our local Worcester County Schools, started after Labor Day for students, which thanks to Governor Hogan will be the case for all Maryland public schools in the future. Although not one of the objectives in Governor Hogan's plan for Maryland School systems his decision will make the beaches in Ocean City Maryland safer. A majority of our leadership and most experienced SRT's are Maryland educators who began professional activities as much as 3 weeks before Labor Day. With the new plan we will now be able to continue guarding your families later into August. We will have additional returning Surf Rescue Technicians to allow us to increase the total number of stands (and decrease the distance between stands) on weekends

Because of the dedication and commitment of these public servants, we will continue to provide daily coverage between 10:00 and 5:30 for all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 25, 2016. Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers (than during the summer), we will 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. PLEASE walk to the nearest guard tower before going in the water.

As far as the rules go (Town of Ocean City Ordinances) most remain in effect until September 30th. The specific ordinance regarding dogs states that dogs are not permitted on the beach or boardwalk from May 1st to September 30th. Other ordinances and laws such as public drinking, vehicles on beach and fires on beach, remain in effect throughout the year.

Another difference in the beach during the fall season is surfing. Captain Arbin of the Beach Patrol will allow modified surfing along the entire beach, except where guards are posted. The Beach Patrol keeps the swimmers in front or near their stand and the surfers are encouraged to congregate away from the swimmers. This is a time of the year the surfers enjoy. They can surf while the Patrol is on duty and not be confined to designated surfing beaches like they are during the summer. Surfers must still utilize an ankle leash and remain 50 yards from the nearest swimmer. Having surfers in the vicinity often proves valuable in saving lives. It is helpful to have the extra floatation devices in the water at this time of year when the coverage is spread over larger spans of beach. It is not unusual for surfers to aid a distressed swimmer and keep them afloat until a Surf Rescue Technician can reach them and take them safely back to shore. Although surfing is modified, the Beach Patrol still reserves the right to prohibit surfing in certain areas or under certain conditions. By enactment of section 106-94 (11) the City Council allows the use of SUP's beginning on the Monday following Labor Day, on any day that surfing is modified. There are specific requirements included in the ordinance and can be accessed on the Towns website. The use of skim boards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, etc) is still prohibited.

SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. To aide your SRT, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precautions and make sure to walk the short distance to the nearest lifeguard stand and check in with the Surf Rescue Technician and always swim in the vicinity of the SRT on duty. This short walk is worth the lives of you and your family. 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.

**SRT of the Week: SRT Cory Bauer**

This is SRT Cory Bauer's rookie (first) year with the Beach Patrol. He was assigned to Crew 6 that covers the beach from 26th Street to 34th Street in what is called the Middle South area (OC's 10 miles of beach are divided into 4 supervisory areas). Cory is a very dedicated lifeguard who works all of his days off and is involved in many voluntary Patrol activities. He is also a member of one of our competition teams. Corey is going to school to become a paramedic as well as firefighter training; as his crew chief Jake Ritter overheard him say, "I like fire trucks!" This winter he will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand before starting his college career.

SRT Cory Bauer 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 Cory's, ask any of our guards or visit our website at [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp) we have started hiring for next season.



**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2016 5:42 PM  
**To:** Edward Kovacs; Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** Message from the Town website

**Message from the Town website**

**Message** My family and I spent August 27-September 3 at the Seawatch Condos. We had a fantastic week and enjoyed a great time at O.C. I wanted to extend a special thank-you to "Shawn" our Lifeguard most of the week. Shawn did a terrific job keeping watch over the many adults and children along the Seawatch Beach. Especially my 4 1/2 year old granddaughter. Ashlyn was intrigued by being a lifeguard and sat close by Shawn and the Lifeguard Stand throughout the week. My family and I would like to send Shawn a personal note of thanks if you would provide a mailing address. Thank-you!  
Buzz P.  
Bethel Park, Pa



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Call Steve Brophy at 410-430-2527**

