



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 7, 2020 to September 13, 2020

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020- Labor Day!

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!

*** **All rookies must attend this meeting, even if they are off probation! *****

Last opportunity to pass semaphore this season! Final Meeting for Rookies

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Opportunity to Compete: We hope USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day–Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 41st St. / 121st St.

Tides: High: 11:33hrs

Low: 17:53hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires -31st, 32nd, 51st, 75th, 86th, 132nd, 144th St. -18:00hrs

Beach Fireworks -N. Division St. – 22:30hrs

Completed stats are due today at 18:00hrs.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020- O.I.C: Lt. Mike Stone

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Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Run Day–Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 39th St. / 119th St.

Tides: High: 12:17hrs

Low: 18:42hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 59th St.- 17:00hrs

Beach Bonfires- 36th, 45th St., 57th St., 67th St., 87th St., 132nd St.- 18:00hrs

Travel Stipend For Returning to Work

You may be eligible to receive a \$132.00 travel reimbursement check if you return to the OCBP after Sunday, August 16 and before Sunday, October 4, after leaving our full-time employ

Eligibility requirements include:
 Must work at least two days
 Must drive your personal vehicle
 Must travel from at least 110 miles
 Must present proof of travel
 Must be scheduled to work

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/7/2020	Tuesday 9/8/2020	Wednesday 9/9/2020	Thursday 9/10/2020	Friday 9/11/2020	Saturday 9/12/2020	Sunday 9/13/2020	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020- O.I.C: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day–Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 37th St. / Fountain Head (116th St.)

Tides: High: 13:06hrs
Low: 06:44hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires- 36th St., 47th St., 57th St.,130th St.- 18:00hrs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020- O.I.C: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: Complete NIMS courses (ICS 200 & ICS 800) for SRT II

Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Run Day–Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 35th St. / High Point North (114th St.)

Tides: High: 14:02hrs
Low: 07:34hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfire- 101st St.- 18:00hrs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020- O.I.C: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: Complete NIMS courses (ICS 200 & ICS 800) for SRT II

Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day–Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 33rd St. / Capri (111th St.)

Tides: High: 15:03hrs
Low: 08:29hrs

Special Events: 9/11 Memorial Service- N. Division St.- 12:00hrs

Beach Weddings- 25th St.- 16:00hrs; 29th St.- 18:00hrs

Beach Bonfires- 47th St., 56th St., 63rd St., 88th St.- 18:00hrs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

OCBPSRA: Complete NIMS courses (ICS 200 & ICS 800) for SRT II

Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 31st St. / Mid Atlantis (102nd St.)

Tides: High: 16:04hrs
Low: 09:28hrs

Special Events: O’Neill East Coast Grom Tour- 36th St.- 08:00hrs

Beach Weddings- 33rd St.- 14:00hrs; 33rd St.- 17:00hrs; 33rd St.; 141st St.; 145th St.- 16:00hrs- 18:00hrs

Beach Bonfires-54th St., 72nd St., 89th St., 120th St., 135th St., 145th St., 146th St.- 18:00hrs

A Day of Remembrance Celebration
9/11/20

MD 3 Red Knights
9/11 Memorial Service
N. Division St. 12:00hrs

On This Day, Please Remember All the Public Safety Personnel Who Have Risked Their Lives for Others.




Important OCBPSRA Notice
For Assistant Crew Chief
Advancement Opportunities

Any completed NIMS courses required for certification must be completed and a copy of the certificate must be sent to Captain Arbin prior to December 31, 2020 in order to receive the necessary credit for consideration for appointment to Assistant Crew Chief. If this is not completed you will not be considered.

Emergency Management Institute



Important Notice

Please note the dates and times of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)
Convention Center- 08:00hrs -**Last semaphore test!**

Beginning on September 13, the weekly meetings will move to City Hall on Sundays.
(Officers, Crew Chiefs, and Assistant Crew Chiefs in Attendance Only)

Sunday, September 13
City Hall- 08:30hrs

Sunday, September 20
City Hall- 08:30hrs

Sunday, September 27
City Hall- 08:30hrs



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020- End of Pay Period

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

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.

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Workout: Swim Day–Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 29th St. / Century (99th St.)

Tides: High: 17:00hrs
Low: 10:27hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires-.100th St., 120th St.- 18:00hrs

Winter Mailings

Newsletters, return-to-work information, and notifications for the 2021 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.

UPCOMING 2020 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

September 18 -Pay Day

OCBP Testing Opportunities

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

- February 2021- Salisbury, MD
- March 2021- York College- York, PA
- March 2021- University of MD- College Park
- April 25, 2021- Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool- Berlin, MD
- June 5, 2021 (Saturday)- Ocean City, MD

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Labor Day Beach Fireworks	Sept. 7	N. Division St.	22:30hrs
9/11 Memorial Service	Sept. 11	N. Division St.	12:00hrs
O'Neill East Coast Grom Tour	September 12	36 th St.	08:00hr

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. 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 skim boards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, and kayaks) 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, which is 9/14/20, if surfing is modified.



Special Duty Opportunity

We are looking for SRTs who will be available to serve as "Rescue Swimmers" in the event that one of the tropical storms impacts Ocean City.

If chosen, you may be required to work overnight and may be assigned to one of the fire houses or as a rider with a special operation vehicle. This is a paid duty. If you are interested, please give your name to Lt. Kovacs.



<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 15</u> 8/24/20 to 9/6/20	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2020	<u>Week 15</u> 8/26/19 to 9/1/19	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2019	<u>Week 15</u> 8/27/18 to 9/2/18	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2018
Action						
Preventions	5044	142982	NA	141037	2210	226712
Rescues	30	3432	365	2365	66	3505
Minor First Aid	86	1621	NA	2330	8	1857
Ambulance Calls	12	135	5	194	10	153
Police Calls	3	59	8	75	5	73
USCG/MDNRP	0	8	1	1	0	3
Lost/Found Persons	3	282	55	329	21	374
N. Surf Beach Population	257	2352	70	1145	28	1154
S. Surf Beach Population	123	2768	334	3745	318	3385
Inlet Surf Beach Population	13	522	52	774	3	785
Beach Wheelchair Usage	16	234	17	426	29	393
Smoking Enforcement	372	10690	NA	9445	218	11768
Missed Work Days Due to Injury	1	36	0	51	0	80
Missed Days-Non Job Related	0	149	2	32	5	40

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 9/13/20.

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.



The SUP ordinance starts Monday, 9/14/20

- ~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.

SRT of the Week: Assistant Crew Chief Aaron Abrams
 Assistant Crew Chief Aaron Abrams has been with the Beach Patrol for 3 years. He is the Assistant Crew Chief (a leadership training position) to Crew Chief RJ Hayman in the middle south area of Ocean City with Crew 7, which covers the beach from 35th Street to 42nd Street. Aaron is a USLA (United States Life Saving Association) member and participates in competitions. In his free time he likes to surf, travel the world to new surf spots, sketch drawings, and pick up baseball with friends. He studied Renaissance Art in Florence, Italy for a semester and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with a degree in Economics. He played Division 3 lacrosse for 4 years. After this summer with the Beach Patrol he plans to continue travelling and seeing the world and plans on living in Puerto Rico for a majority of the winter. ACC Aaron Abrams 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 Aaron, ask any of our guards or visit our website at www.ococean.com/ocbp. Testing for our 2021 season has already begun. Anyone can get a job... But with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, YOU can make a difference!



ATTAGUARD!



From: laura_m@
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 8:33 PM
To: Edward Kovacs; Butch Arbin
Subject: Message from the Town website

Hi OCBP!

Just wanted to say thank you to all of the OCBP for a great season so far! Thank you for keeping us safe on the beach, especially Crew 9, who guards the 58th St. beach where we hang out every day! Special kudos to Ava! She is always professional, kind to the little kids, super caring, attentive and most of all, not afraid to enforce the rules and ask those who are not following the rules to leave her beach!

Looking forward to the remainder of the season!

Thank you again!

Laura and Joe M.
 Sandpiper Dunes Condo
 58th Street



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
- 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



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

This Week's Question: 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. 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 we are 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. 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. Although this season has had many unique challenges due to covid-19, we have had more staff than in most previous seasons and maintained our maximum number of stands. Also due to covid-19, many of our professional educators are unsure of what the start of this school year will be like so planning has been difficult. Additionally, many colleges are requiring students to return earlier than originally planned due to testing and quarantine requirements for Covid-19 and unfortunately the Maryland State legislature overturned Governor Hogan's executive order to start schools after Labor Day and many students were scheduled to return in August. 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 usually the Sunday of Sunfest weekend. This year our last guarding day will be September 27th. 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 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.

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. Due to the large staff numbers this season, we have been able to assign additional mobile patrols each day providing additional coverage and backup. 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.

Now that we have explained how the number of guard towers changes throughout our season, I will answer the 2nd part of your question regarding how many guards it takes to staff all the stands. Using our maximum deployment of 91 stands it takes a minimum of 109 SRTs to just cover these stands and lunch shifts. However, based on the typical workweek of an SRT which is 5 ½ days it takes additional SRTs to cover days off, special duties, training, camp groups and the Junior Beach Patrol program. If staffing permits we will also schedule additional SRT's to assist with ordinance enforcement and provide needed short afternoon breaks to the SRT's in each crew. To accommodate this the Ocean City Beach Patrol is organized by crews. The 18 crews are deployed from the Ocean City inlet to the Maryland/Delaware line and cover all 10 miles of beach and ocean. Each crew is made up of eight or nine SRTs, one of which is the crew chief and one is appointed to the one season training position of assistant crew chief. Typically each stand is assigned a "regular" guard who sits that stand five days each week. During their half day they are known as the lunch rover and replace an SRT in their crew for 30 minutes during that crew's lunch rotation. During their day off and lunch day one of the crew's rovers will cover their stand. We also allow a limited number of Full-Time SRT's from the previous season to serve in a Part-time role from a year round career (Fire fighter, Maryland State Police, US secret service, Doctor, Engineer, ETC). In addition to the SRTs the Beach Patrol also employs surf beach facilitators who monitor the daily surfing beaches as well as office staff. The leadership of the patrol is made up of one Captain, one 1st Lieutenant, two 2nd Lieutenants, twelve sergeants and one Training Officer. The one leadership position you are most likely to notice is our area supervisors (sergeants) who patrol one of 4 areas along the beach on Mobil Rescue Units. These Sergeants not only provide supervision of the crews assigned to them, but also respond to emergencies in their areas, transport injured victims off the beach with paramedics, provide backup during large rescues and enforce laws and ordinances along the beach. So the answer to your question is that we hope to have between 200 and 210 employees each season.

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 www.oceancitymd.gov. We have already begun testing for the 2021 season and will provide all training and certifications during a paid Surf Rescue Training Academy at the beginning of our 2021 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!"