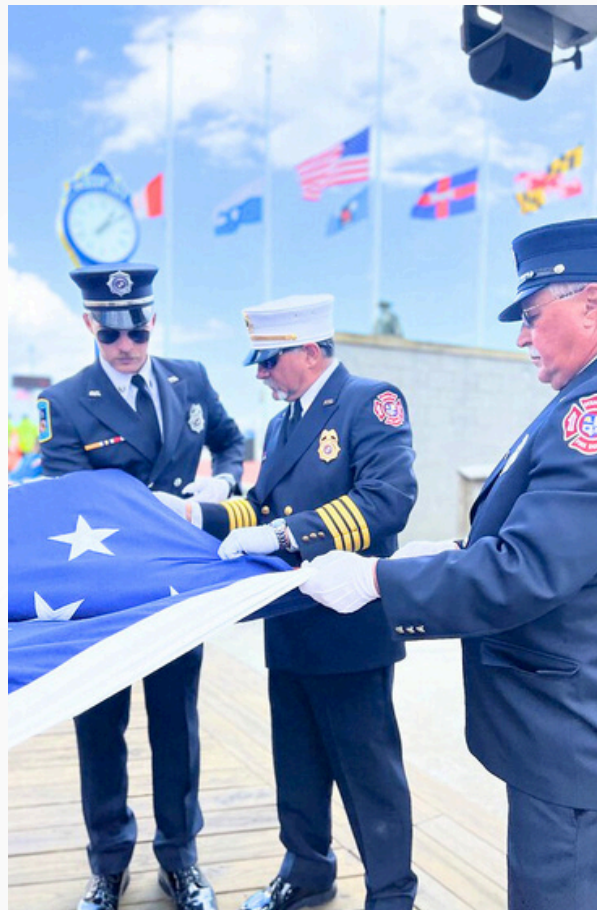




# OCEAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**ONE TEAM.  
ONE VISION.  
ONE MISSION.**



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**2023**  
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# VISION



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**SERVICE BEFORE SELF**

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# MISSION

Protecting the quality of life for Maryland's premier beach community.





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# A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Dear Residents, Business Owners, Property Owners, and Visitors,

As we close another year, I am honored to reflect on the unwavering dedication and exceptional service provided by the Ocean City Fire Department. The year 2023 has been a testament to the skill, knowledge, and commitment of our career and volunteer Firefighters and EMS Clinicians, who have worked tirelessly to save lives and protect our community.



Throughout the year, our team faced numerous calls for help, ranging from residents in distress to visitors facing emergencies. Each call presented its unique challenges, yet our Firefighters and EMS Clinicians responded with unparalleled efficiency and care. Their ability to navigate complex situations and provide immediate assistance underlines the profound dedication they have to our community. It is because of their efforts that many lives were saved, showcasing the critical role they play in our city's safety and well-being.

Simultaneously, the Office of the Fire Marshal has been instrumental in safeguarding our community through diligent inspections of various projects. Their meticulous work ensures that all projects adhere to local and state fire prevention and protection codes. Moreover, the proactive maintenance and inspection of fire protection systems, including fire sprinkler systems, have been crucial in extinguishing fires before they could escalate, saving potential lives and millions of dollars in property damage. This level of vigilance and dedication is invaluable in preserving the safety and security of Ocean City.

Looking ahead to 2024, we remain committed to continuous training and readiness to respond to any emergency. Our goal is to ensure the safety and protection of all who live in, work in, and visit Ocean City. We invite you and your families to visit our fire stations to meet the men and women who serve our community. Additionally, we are excited to announce the opening of our new Midtown Firehouse located at 65th Street & Coastal Highway in the fall of 2024. This new facility will enhance our ability to serve you better and provide an opportunity for us to connect with the community we proudly serve.

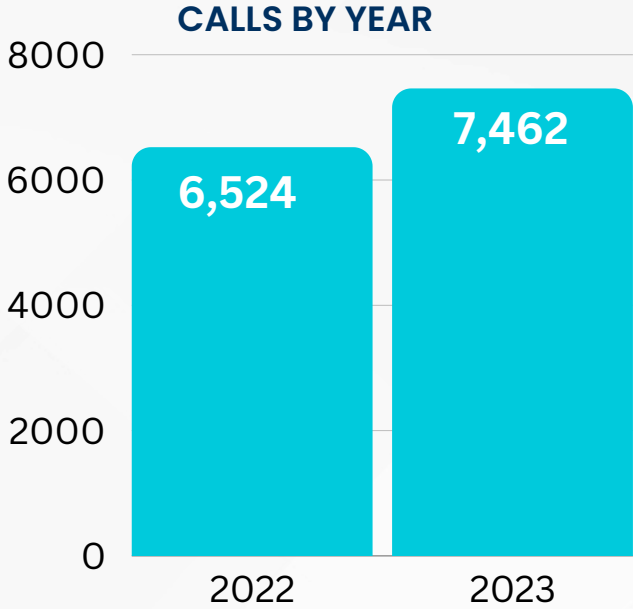
In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our Firefighters, EMS Clinicians, Volunteers, Mechanics, Fire Marshals, and professional staff for their dedication and hard work. To our residents, business, and property owners, and visitors, thank you for your support and trust in the Ocean City Fire Department. Together, we make Ocean City a safer place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard R. Bowers". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Richard R. Bowers  
Fire Chief  
Ocean City Fire Department

# OVERALL DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS











In 2023, the Ocean City Fire Department experienced a noticeable uptick in its total call volume compared to the preceding year. The figures speak volumes: while 2022 saw a total of 6,524 calls, the numbers surged to 7,462 in 2023. This surge can be attributed, at least in part, to the increasing number of visitors frequenting the city. As Ocean City continues to draw more tourists and residents alike, the demands on emergency services naturally escalate.

Notably, this total encompasses both fire responses and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responses, underscoring the multifaceted nature of the fire department's responsibilities. From medical emergencies to fire related incidents, the Ocean City Fire Department stands as a stalwart, all-hazards response unit, ensuring the safety and well-being of the community amidst mounting demands.

# CALLS FOR SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Brief overview by nature code. The below incident numbers are not all inclusive of all responses.

 Fire Alarm	668	 Elevator Rescue	83
 Gas Leak	43	 Fire All Types (not structures)	51
 Hazardous Spills	15	 Reported Structure Fires	64
 Entrapments	4	 Public Service Fire	110

 Overdose	221	 Assault	140
 Traumatic Injuries	419	 Falls	643
 Allergic Reactions	44	 Cardiac Arrest	64
 Unconscious & Unknown	460	 Hemorrhage	165
 Breathing Problems	221	 Interfacility	115
 Chest Pain	167	 Seizures	177

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## TRANSPORT DESTINATIONS

It is imperative that all seriously ill and injured patients be delivered in a timely manner to the closest appropriate medical facility.

There are 48 hospital emergency departments in Maryland. When patients need a higher level of care, Maryland Institute Emergency Medical Services Systems, has designated nine trauma centers and specialty referral centers including ones for burns, cardiac, spinal cord injuries, pediatrics, eye, hand/upper extremity, hyperbaric, neurotrauma, perinatal, and stroke (primary and comprehensive) centers across the state.

Maryland's Trauma and EMS System insures that the patient gets to the right facility to receive the right care through the use of statewide medical protocols for EMS clinicians.



YEAR		#
2022	-	2,386
2023	-	2,411



YEAR		#
2022	-	24
2023	-	44



YEAR		#
2022	-	396
2023	-	438



YEAR		#
2022	-	2,890
2023	-	3,825

Treat on scene and release / refusal.

# RESPONSES BY UNIT

- **PARAMEDIC 1**
  - 1,134
- **PARAMEDIC 1-1**
  - 61
- **PARAMEDIC / ENGINE 1**
  - 1,463
- **RESCUE 1**
  - 10
- **GATOR 1**
  - 33
- **GATOR 1-1**
  - 4
- **BIKE 1**
  - 24
- **TOWER 1**
  - 71
- **PARAMEDIC 7**
  - 1,662
- **PARAMEDIC 2**
  - 692
- **ENGINE 2**
  - 47
- **BIKE 2**
  - 10
- **MOBILE HEALTH UNIT**
  - 104
- **PARAMEDIC 3**
  - 985
- **PARAMEDIC 3-1**
  - 493
- **PARAMEDIC 4**
  - 1021
- **PARAMEDIC 4-1**
  - 259
- **PARAMEDIC / ENGINE 4-1**
  - 1,021
- **TOWER 4**
  - 40
- **ENGINE 5**
  - 250
- **RESCUE 5**
  - 28
- **TOWER 5**
  - 29
- **ENGINE TANKER 5**
  - 153
- **BOAT 1**
  - out of service
- **BOAT 2**
  - 10
- **BATTALION CHIEF 7**
  - 840

**10,444 UNIT RESPONSES**



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## RESPONSE TIMES

From the time of dispatch to the time an Ocean City ambulance or fire engine arrives to the scene of the reported emergency is:

**EMS (District Wide)**

- **4 minutes 18 seconds**

**EMS (City Limits)**

- **3 minutes 42 seconds**

**Fire (City Limits)**

- **4 minutes 15 seconds**

NFPA Standard 1710 establishes a 60 second “turnout time” and 240 second “travel time” (together, 300 seconds or 5 minute first “response time”) benchmark time goal for not less than 90% of dispatched incidents.

2022 Average Response Time EMS was 4:27 (district wide)



# OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

## HIGHLIGHTS

PLAN REVIEWS	<b>458</b>
CALLS FOR SERVICE	<b>740</b>
FIELD INSPECTIONS	<b>1,403</b>
BONFIRE PERMITS ISSUED	<b>3,632</b>

In 2023, the Office of the Fire Marshal made notable strides in enhancing its capabilities and expertise. A new Fire Investigator was onboarded, who has since completed an extensive array of training ranging from entry-level HazMat Technician to Fire Investigation School, and has recently commenced training at the Police Academy in January 2024. This demonstrates the department's dedication to comprehensive and multidisciplinary training for its personnel.

Furthermore, the department celebrated the advancement of other Deputies who achieved their Advanced Plans Examiner Certification, further solidifying the team's proficiency in ensuring safety standards and regulations are met or exceeded. Looking ahead to 2024, the OCFD has outlined strategic plans for further professional development and staffing enhancements. One Deputy Fire Marshal is slated to receive specialized training from the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Hazardous Devices School. Additionally, the Office of the Fire Marshal filled an existing vacancy by hiring a new Fire Safety Inspector, thereby strengthening its inspection and regulatory capabilities.

At the heart of the Ocean City Office of the Fire Marshal's mission lies a deep-rooted commitment to the preservation of life and the protection of property from fire, explosion, and related emergencies. By developing and implementing proactive programs and services in the realms of investigations, public education, inspections, and regulation, the office aims to make Ocean City virtually fire-free. The overarching goal is the prevention of death, injury, and property loss, ensuring a safe environment for the town's residents and its numerous visitors. The 2023 Year End Report not only reflects the achievements of the past year but also sets a visionary path forward, underlining the office's dedication to excellence in fire safety and prevention.



# VOLUNTEER DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

## HIGHLIGHTS

## 2023 New Members

DUTY CREW HOURS	<b>6,924</b>
CADET MEMBERS	<b>16</b>
LIVE IN MEMBERS	<b>4</b>

The Volunteer Fire Company Division of the Ocean City Fire Department has made significant contributions to our community's safety and well-being over the past year. Beyond their daily commitment to responding to emergency calls, the volunteers have played a pivotal role in ensuring continuous coverage through their duty crews, traditionally active between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This year, recognizing the need to adapt to the city's expanding schedule of special events during the "shoulder season," the volunteers have extended their commitment, providing additional duty crews as necessary to meet the increased demand.

The organizational backbone of the Volunteer Fire Company is its bi-monthly meetings, where members gather to discuss operational business, plan for future activities, and continuously improve their service delivery. Complementing these meetings, the division also holds training sessions twice a month, ensuring that all volunteers are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills to effectively respond to emergencies.



A particularly exciting development this year has been the growth of our Cadet Program, which invites young individuals aged 14-18 to gain firsthand experience in firefighting and emergency services. This program not only serves as a valuable educational tool but also as a stepping stone for many cadets into professional careers within emergency services and related fields. Our cadets have successfully pursued professions as registered nurses, fire chiefs, law enforcement officers, and more, demonstrating the program's impact on their personal and professional development.

For anyone interested in contributing to the safety and security of our community, the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company welcomes new members. Potential volunteers are encouraged to visit [www.ocvfc.com](http://www.ocvfc.com) for more information on how to join this dedicated team of heroes. The commitment and enthusiasm of our volunteers continue to be a source of strength for our department, and we look forward to welcoming new members to our ranks.

# MOBILE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY HEALTH (MICH)

The Mobile Integrated Community Health (MICH) program is a collaboration between Worcester County Fire/EMS departments, Atlantic General Hospital, and the Worcester County Health Department. The purpose of this program is to connect with high-risk, chronically ill individuals who frequently use the 911 system or Emergency Department to offer care coordination and referrals to community resources and preventative healthcare.

This process begins when EMS clinicians or hospital providers identify patients who are struggling to maintain their health and independence, and make a referral to MICH. A nurse and paramedic team will meet with the patient and their family to perform a health and home safety assessment, offer education, and come up with a plan to improve their access to primary and specialty care, medication, and social services. The team will make referrals on the patient's behalf to other community resources, and help coordinate efforts to implement these services. Enrollment in the MICH program means that members of the team will regularly follow up to offer ongoing support.

One of the new initiatives implemented in June 2023 was the "Chase" pilot program. This allows EMS providers throughout Worcester County to call MICH for a same day response when they encounter a patient who meets appropriate MICH criteria and does not require hospital transport. The goal is to eliminate as many barriers as possible to vulnerable community members who would benefit from care coordination and support. The Chase unit is available every Thursday from 0800 to 1630.

The MICH program has served a total of 338 Worcester County residents in its first two years, with 147 active clients as of December 31, 2023. Ocean City is home to most of those individuals, with 175 Ocean City residents receiving referrals over the past year alone. These EMS referrals span all demographics and ages, from 22 to 100 years old. Quarterly Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients (CRISP) analysis measuring pre- and post- MICH enrollment data over one, three, and six month periods indicates significant decreases in Emergency Department use and overall healthcare costs.



# WATER RESCUE TEAM



The Ocean City Fire Department's Water Rescue Team has once again demonstrated its crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of our community's aquatic environments throughout the past year. Comprised of highly skilled Rescue Swimmers, Divers, and the newly renovated Fire Boat, this team stands at the forefront of oceanic and inland water emergency responses.

Our Rescue Swimmers have been indispensable, especially during the critical times before and after the Beach Patrol's duty hours, ensuring continuous safety coverage for both ocean and inland water emergencies, including those in canals, lagoons, and the bay. Their expertise is not limited to independent operations; they also provide vital support to the Beach Patrol upon request, showcasing the importance of inter-agency cooperation in safeguarding our community.

2023 marked a significant milestone for our Fire Boat, which underwent major renovations to enhance its operational capabilities. This investment in our infrastructure underscores our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of readiness and efficiency. With the Fire Boat set to return to service for the 2024 season, we anticipate an even greater impact on our water rescue operations.

The effectiveness of our Water Rescue Team is reflected in the countless lives saved from potential drowning incidents in both the ocean and bay. This achievement speaks volumes about our department's strengths and the invaluable contribution of our Water Rescue Team to the overall safety of Ocean City. Their relentless dedication and exceptional skills have not only saved lives but also reinforced the community's trust in our ability to respond to emergencies with unmatched competence and care.



# PATIENT CARE IMPROVEMENTS

## OCEAN CITY, MD FIRST IFR LANDING ZONE IN THE STATE- NON AIRPORT OR HOSPITAL BASED.



The Ocean City Fire Department is proud to announce a significant advancement in emergency medical services and patient care through the establishment of the first non-hospital, non-airport based Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) Landing Zone in Northside Park. This pioneering initiative, approved for both Helicopter Instrument Approach Procedure (IAP) and Departure (DP), marks a historic development in collaboration with the Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC).

This initiative allows MSPAC helicopters to assist Ocean City Paramedics in delivering critical care, particularly under Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC) which traditionally limit flight operations due to reduced visibility and cloud ceilings. This new capability ensures that life-saving missions can proceed safely, even when adverse weather conditions would previously have grounded support.

The establishment of the IFR Landing Zone is a reflection of Ocean City's commitment to leveraging technology and strategic partnerships to enhance the safety and well-being of both residents and visitors. It enables direct access to some of the world's leading trauma centers, significantly reducing response times in critical emergencies and setting a new standard in emergency medical response.

This groundbreaking development not only positions Ocean City as a leader in emergency medical services but also exemplifies the dedication to continuous improvement and innovation in public safety and patient care. The collaborative efforts of local authorities and the MSPAC underscore a shared priority for the highest standard of emergency response capabilities, ensuring the Ocean City Fire Department remains at the forefront of life-saving operations.

# OCEAN CITY PARAMEDIC FOUNDATION

## DIFFICULT AIRWAY LAB

### FUNDING BY THE FOUNDATION

The Ocean City Paramedic Foundation has played a pivotal role in enhancing emergency medical care by funding advanced airway lab training.

This invaluable support has facilitated the use of real human tissue in our training division, marking a significant leap in the quality and realism of the training our providers receive.

Such advanced training is critical for mastering complex procedures like rapid sequence intubation, ensuring our team is equipped with the highest level of skill in protecting and maintaining a patient's airway. This initiative underscores the Foundation's commitment to not just the well-being of the community, but also to the continuous advancement of emergency medical practices, setting a new standard in patient care.



# DEPARTMENT WIDE TRAINING

Members of the Volunteer Division conducted scheduled drill nights twice a month. During the Tuesday training nights, many pertinent disciplines were covered, such as ground ladder tactics, search & rescue, cross-lays & bumper lines.



The cornerstone of our training regimen is shift-based training within our Career Fire/EMS Division. This approach ensures that our firefighters and paramedics engage in training activities on every shift, honing their skills and maintaining readiness to respond to emergencies effectively.

Simultaneously, our dedicated volunteer duty crews undergo training sessions upon arrival for their nightly duty crew assignments, fostering a workforce that is consistently prepared to execute basic everyday skills with precision and efficiency. This commitment to training not only benefits our personnel but also has a profound impact on our entire community. Investing in the continuous improvement of our firefighters and paramedics, we elevate the standard of emergency response services provided to Ocean City residents and visitors.





# THERAPY DOG PROGRAM

## ONE YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2023, the Ocean City Fire Department (OCFD) marked a significant advancement in its commitment to the health and well-being of its personnel and the community at large through the introduction of the Therapy Dog Program. With the collaborative efforts of the Fire Department management, the Risk Management Department, and the City Manager, the program received formal approval, leading to the welcoming of Max, a 20-month-old black Labrador. Fondly referred to as Therapy Dog Max, he was meticulously trained by Hero Dogs, a reputable Maryland-based non-profit organization dedicated to placing highly skilled dogs in facilities across the greater Washington, DC area.

The Ocean City Fire Department Therapy Dog Program extends its benefits beyond the fire department, offering comfort and support to all town employees. Max's interactions have helped in fostering a positive workplace environment, reducing work-related stress, and promoting a sense of community and well-being among employees.



The Therapy Dog Program, spearheaded by the Ocean City Fire Department and exemplified by Therapy Dog Max, has proven to be an invaluable asset. The program has not only enhanced the mental health and well-being of first responders and town employees but has also played a pivotal role in community engagement and fire prevention education. As we move forward, the OCFD remains committed to the program's expansion and to exploring further opportunities to utilize Max's unique abilities to benefit our personnel and the wider community.

# THERAPY DOG MAX

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF THE THERAPY DOG PROGRAM:



### Enhanced First Responder Well-being:

Max has been instrumental in providing comfort and stress relief to first responders. His presence has significantly reduced stress levels, mitigated the symptoms, and enhanced overall mental health among public safety personnel.



### Fire Prevention Education:

Utilizing Max in fire prevention education programs has made learning more engaging for the community, particularly for children. His involvement has increased attendance and participation in fire safety education sessions, leading to better retention of safety practices among the community members.



### Community Outreach and Education:

Max has served as an ambassador for the fire department, enhancing public relations efforts. His role in community events and education programs has helped in building stronger relationships between the Fire Department and the Ocean City community.



### Mutual Aid and Support:

Recognizing the value Max brings, mutual aid companies have requested his presence at various events and incidents. His deployments to assist other agencies and communities have underscored the universal benefits of therapy dogs in emergency services and have fostered a spirit of collaboration and support among neighboring jurisdictions.

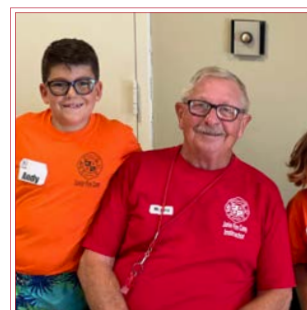
# FIRE CAMP 2023



The popularity of the Jr. Fire Camp has grown dramatically in the 4 years since it was established. The camp was first established in 2020, with one session and a total of 25 campers.

In 2021 there were two sessions with 105 campers, in 2022 there were 3 sessions with 162 campers and in 2023 there were 3 sessions with 132 campers. To date the camp has reached 308 different children, not including the many children that return to the camp every summer.

With the amount of returning campers, a Sr. Fire Camp was established in 2023. This session was for children who have completed at least two summers of the Jr. Fire Camp and were interested in learning about more advanced concepts such as fire science and the Ocean City Fire Department's close partnership with Maryland State Police Trooper 4 Aviation Command.



The camp emphasizes hands-on learning experiences, allowing kids to actively participate in various firefighting and emergency response activities. This may include basic fire safety drills, how to perform CPR, how to communicate with radios, and hands-on use of firefighting equipment under the guidance of trained professionals.

Several Skills Learned at Camp:

- How to perform CPR
- How to Dial 9-11 and relay information to 9-11 Dispatcher using Simulator
- How to operate the nozzle and properly flow water through a hose
- Use a Thermal Imaging Camera to find “victim” in a dark room

# FIRE PREVENTION 2023

In 2023, the Ocean City Fire Department (OCFD) significantly expanded its community safety initiatives, emphasizing the importance of rapid response training and inclusive educational programs. A notable increase in community engagement was seen in CPR training requests and participation in the "Stop the Bleed" program, underscoring the community's commitment to preparing for emergencies. Such training is vital for ensuring that residents can act swiftly and effectively in cases of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

Education remains a cornerstone of the OCFD's mission to enhance safety. Throughout the year, fire prevention education was a focus at Ocean City Elementary School, Seaside Christian Academy, and several local daycares. In a pioneering effort to ensure inclusivity, the department extended its outreach to the local homeschool community, providing these students with the same valuable learning opportunities as their peers.

A significant milestone was achieved in 2023 when the OCFD provided fire prevention education to nearly 800 elementary and middle school children. For the first time, the department offered a curriculum tailored for Spanish-speaking students, led by Fire Safety Inspector David Marquez. This initiative not only facilitated a more inclusive approach to education but also ensured that Spanish-speaking students received critical safety information in their primary language. Complementary Spanish materials were distributed as take-home resources, further reinforcing the safety messages delivered in class.

These efforts by the Ocean City Fire Department highlight their dedication to building a safer community through comprehensive, inclusive, and accessible education on vital safety measures.



# PEER SUPPORT TEAM

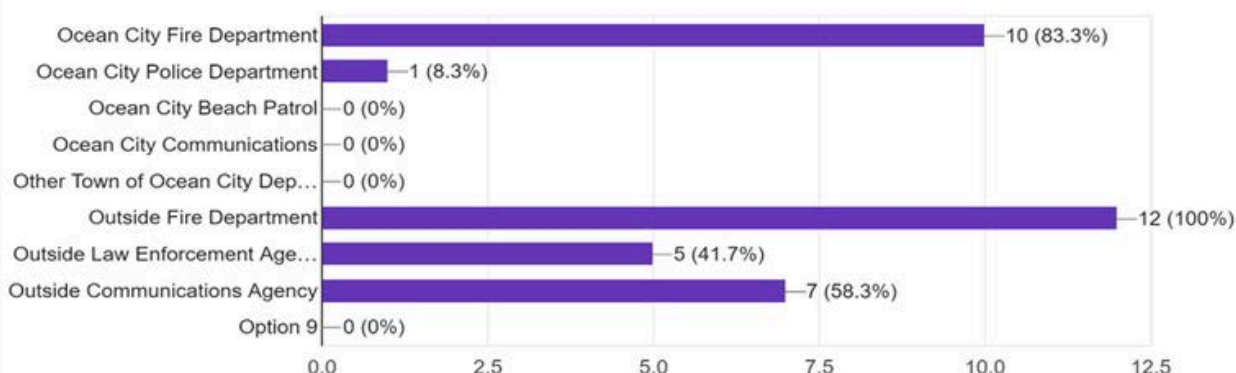
The team consists of 15 members, 5 volunteer and 10 career members, all working in concert alongside the team coordinator, Firefighter / Paramedic Eric Olson. The team is supervised by Heather Brown, PhD, who serves as our Clinical Oversight Director. For the 4th year in a row the number of peer support contacts has increased.

Most of last year's Potential Traumatic Events (PTEs) involved requests from outside fire departments and agencies. There were significant deaths of first responders that shook the Eastern Shore in 2023. On four separate days our team deployed under the direction of the Professional Fire Fighters of MD and the IAFF to Talbot County for support. Our team was eager to help our fellow brothers and sisters. We have worked with outside fire departments in all our PTEs.

A few of these incidents were quite sensitive, involving repeated exposures in a short period of time and under the pressures of highly emotionally charged events involving pediatric deaths. Multidisciplinary deployments are crucial to healing and resiliency.

## Agencies involved

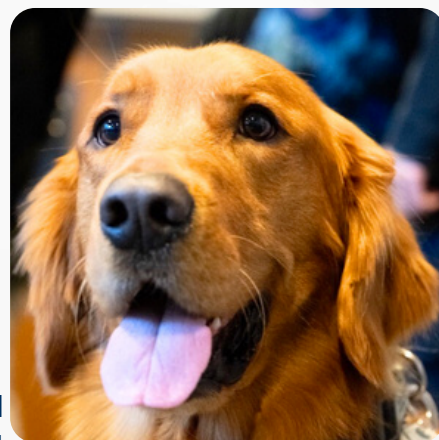
12 responses



We are thrilled to announce the newest addition to our team, Therapy Dog Rowan, a 2.5 -year-old Golden Retriever with a gentle disposition and a warm, comforting presence.

Rowan is currently undergoing specialized training to join our PEER Support initiatives with US Kennels, where he will play a crucial role in providing solace and companionship during call-outs, attending funerals, and participating in various public events as required. His inclusion in our team reflects our ongoing commitment to enhancing the well-being of our personnel and the community we serve.

Rowan will be an invaluable asset, bringing comfort, support, and joy to all those he encounters. We look forward to the positive impact Rowan will have and the smiles he will bring to faces throughout our community.



# MEMBER WELLNESS

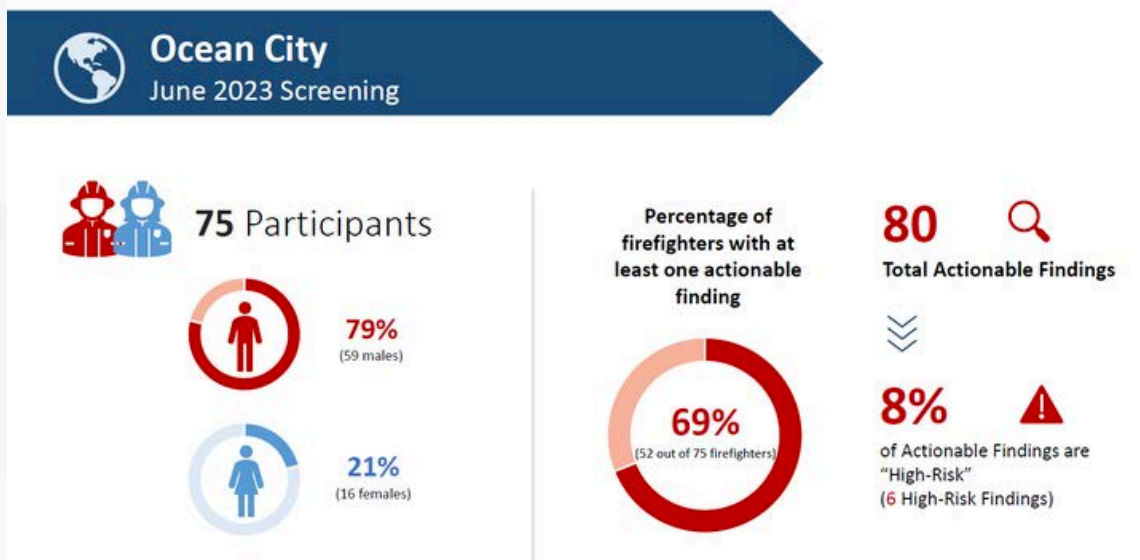
In 2023, the Ocean City Fire Department continued to prioritize the health and safety of its members by conducting annual physical evaluations compliant with NFPA 1582 standards. This thorough physical examination is designed to ensure that all firefighters and EMS providers are medically fit for the demanding responsibilities of their roles. This year, we enhanced our health monitoring efforts by introducing an optional cancer and health screening program. This addition underscores our commitment to the early detection and intervention of health issues, particularly cancer, which is crucial for the longevity and well-being of our personnel.

The importance of early detection cannot be overstated, particularly in a profession where the risk of cancer is significantly elevated due to exposure to hazardous and carcinogenic substances encountered during emergency responses. Identifying cancer in its early stages can drastically improve prognosis and survival rates, providing our firefighters and EMS clinicians with the best chance for a healthy life after diagnosis. Furthermore, early detection initiatives help in the timely management of other serious health conditions, potentially reducing the overall healthcare burden on the individual and the department.

Our 2023 screenings were made available not only to our team in Ocean City but also to firefighters from Salisbury, reflecting a regional approach to firefighter health and wellness. Of the 75 individuals who participated, including predominantly Ocean City and some Salisbury firefighters and EMS providers, an alarming 69% had at least one actionable health finding, emphasizing the critical need for these health assessments. This high incidence of detectable issues highlights the effectiveness of our screening process and reaffirms our commitment to the health and safety of those who protect our community.



# MEMBER WELLNESS



## Summary of Actionable Findings

= High Risk Pathology

Ocean City | 2023 Screening  
75 Total Participants  
59 16

### 6 High-Risk Findings

High-Risk Finding	Total #
<b>General Organs</b>	5
Heterogeneous and Enlarged (Abnormal texture and large in size)	5
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	1
Aortic Root Dilated (entrance of aortic valve)	1

### 80 Total Actionable Findings

Kidneys	26 Total Findings
Stone	15
Dilation of Collection System (Hydronephrosis)	11

Thyroid	14 Total Findings
Enlarged Heterogeneous/Bulky (Abnormal texture appearance and large in size)	5
Nodules - Solid <1 cm	5
Nodules - Complex (Both solid and liquid components)	4

Gallbladder	9 Total Findings
Wall Thickening	5
Gallstone	2
Polyps	2

Spleen	8 Total Findings
Cyst	8

Liver	8 Total Findings
Fatty Enlarged Liver Size	8

Prostate	5 Total Findings
Heterogeneous and Enlarged (Abnormal texture and large in size)	5

Testicles	4 Total Findings
Scrotal Varicoceles (Dilated Vessels Around Testicles)	2
Heterogeneous/Irregular (Abnormal texture of testicle)	2

Urinary Bladder	3 Total Findings
Bladder Structure/Foci	2
Wall Thickening	1

Female Pelvic	1 Total Finding
Fibroid	1

Cardiac	1 Total Finding
Aortic Root Dilated (entrance of aortic valve)	1

Carotid	1 Total Finding
Mild-Moderate Plaque	1

# MID TOWN FIRE STATION 3

In March 2023, the Ocean City Fire Department marked a significant milestone in the enhancement of public safety and community service with the groundbreaking ceremony of the new midtown fire station located at 6503 Coastal Highway. This event symbolized the beginning of a new era for the department, aiming to further their capabilities in responding to emergencies and serving the community more efficiently. The construction of this state-of-the-art facility is not just a testament to the growth and development of the area but also a beacon of safety and security for residents and visitors alike. As the structure rises, it brings with it the promise of improved emergency services and a commitment to the well-being of the Ocean City community.

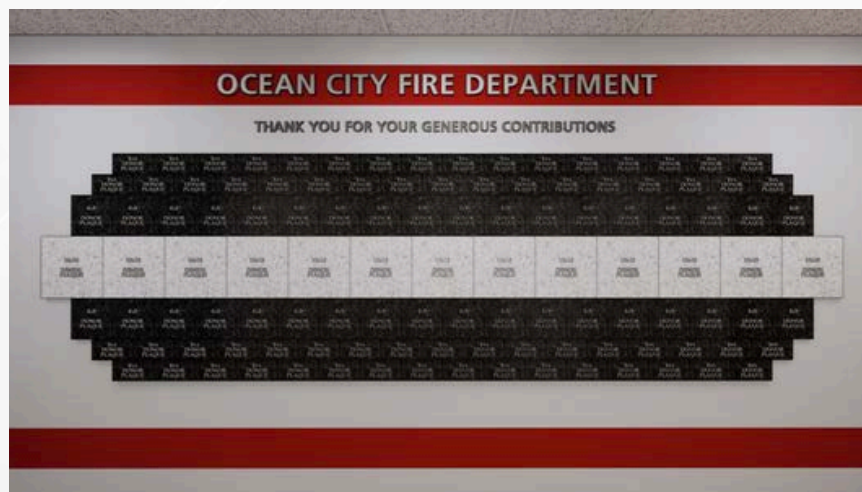




# LEGACY BRICKS AVAILABLE

The department is also offering a unique opportunity for the community to be intricately woven into the fabric of this monumental project through the legacy brick program. By purchasing a personalized brick, individuals have the chance to leave a lasting mark on the new fire station, with each brick to be laid on the sidewalk leading to the main entrance, embedding their names, family names, or messages of remembrance and encouragement within the very foundation of the building.

Additionally, granite tiles are available for purchase, which will be prominently displayed in the main lobby, offering another level of contribution and recognition. These contributions are pivotal, as they will assist in funding the interior furnishings, fixtures, and equipment essential for the operation of the firehouse. It's a remarkable way to support the Ocean City Fire Department while becoming a permanent part of its history. Interested parties can participate in this legacy by visiting [www.ocbrick.com](http://www.ocbrick.com) to purchase their brick or tile, contributing to a cause that will serve and protect the community for generations to come.



## FIRE STATION LOCATIONS

- 📍 Fire HQ- 1409 Philadelphia Ave.
- 📍 Station 2- 102 Dorchester Street
- 📍 Station 3- 7401 Coastal Highway
- 📍 Station 4- 12925 Coastal Highway
- 📍 West Ocean City - 10124 Keyser Point Road

## FIRE / EMS DISPATCH NON-EMERGENCY

- ☎️ 410-723-6600

## OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

- 📍 1409 Philadelphia Ave.; Ocean City, MD 21842
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