



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, September 18, 2023 – Sunday, September 24, 2023

Monday, September 18, 2023 - OIC LT Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2023
(send copies of any completed certifications to Captain Arbin - NIMS, SCUBA, other)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 12th Street / 80th Street

Tides: High: 10:15:00 AM

Low: 4:31:00 PM

Special Events:

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: None



SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	9/18/2023	9/19/2023	9/20/2023	9/21/2023	9/22/2023	9/23/2023	9/24/2023	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, September 19, 2023- OIC LT Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2023
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Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 10th Street / 78th Street

Tides: High: 10:55:00 AM

Low: 5:17:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 69th

2023 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 paystub. W-2s will be sent out by January 31, 2024. 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, 2024 and notify Beach Patrol at the same time.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - OIC LT Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2023
(send copies of any completed certifications to Captain Arbin - NIMS, SCUBA, other)



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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 8th Street / 76th Street

Tides: High: 11:39:00 AM

Low: 6:08:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 142nd 1300

Beach Bonfires: 115th

Thursday, September 21, 2023- OIC LT Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2023 (send copies of any completed certifications to Captain Arbin – NIMS, SCUBA, other)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 6th Street / 74th Street

Tides: High: 12:29:00 PM

Low: 7:06:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 120th

Friday, September 22, 2023- OIC LT Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: (send copies of any completed certifications to Captain Arbin - NIMS, SCUBA, other)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 4th Street / 72nd Street

Tides: High: 1:29:00 PM

Low: 12:00:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 28th St. 1730

Beach Bonfires: 30th, 111th

Saturday, September 23, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: (send copies of any completed certifications to Captain Arbin - NIMS, SCUBA, other)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 2nd Street / 70th Street

Tides: High: 2:36:00 PM

Low: 8:01:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th-1300, 1400, 1700, 133rd-1600, 114th-1630, 62nd -1730, Inlet-1730

Beach Bonfires: 72nd, 118th, 121st, 139th, 142nd

RENTAL REIMBURSEMENT

There is a \$250 stipend to offset the cost of relocating and renting seasonal housing to work for the Beach Patrol. To qualify and receive the stipend you must complete the "Seasonal Rental Housing Stipend" form, meet all the listed criteria, and submit the required documentation. You may return the form by email or in person. The stipend will be paid once all obligations have been taken care of. Use the QR code below or go to JoinBeachPatrol.com and click on the "Employees" tab and scroll down to the bottom of the page



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Sunday, September 24, 2022-LAST DAY OF SEASON

Fall Close Down Begins Tomorrow

*Reminder: If today is your last day working for the 2023 season, ALL equipment MUST be returned after work this afternoon or it will be deducted from your last paycheck!!! Once deducted, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take up to an additional four weeks. Also your direct deposit will be stopped Sunday evening, which means you will need to have it mailed to your winter address. PLEASE TURN IN ALL ISSUED EQUIPMENT.

OCBPSRA Certification: (send copies of any completed certifications to Captain Arbin - NIMS, SCUBA, other)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / North Division St / 68th Street

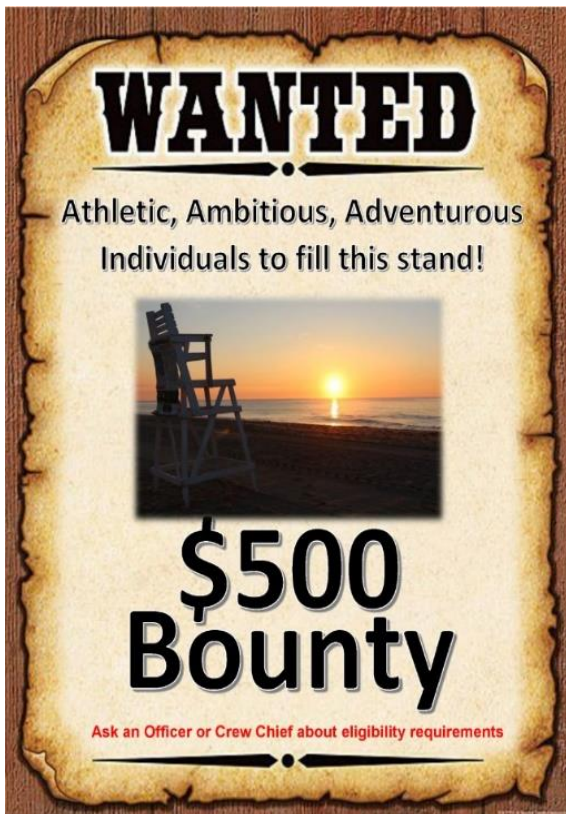
Tides: High: 3:45:00 PM

Low: 9:08:00 AM

Special Events: None


Beach Weddings: 59th-1730

Beach Bonfires: 33rd



WANTED

Athletic, Ambitious, Adventurous
Individuals to fill this stand!



**\$500
Bounty**

Ask an Officer or Crew Chief about eligibility requirements

We still have the Bounty!! Please continue to recruit for 2024 season! Remember, recruiting is everyone's responsibility!

The Exiting Process

Make sure that you have completed and turned in all necessary paperwork, equipment, and/or provided the required official documentation before leaving.

The following paperwork should already be on file with Lt. Stone. If there has been a change, you need to update your information.

- End of Season and Extended Employment Agreement
- Official Documentation of your Next Commitment, unless you worked through the last day.

If you are completing your employment for the season, all uniforms and equipment must be turned in by 19:00hrs on Sunday, September 24th.

NOTE: THOSE WORKING BEYOND THIS WEEKEND MUST TURN IN ANY EQUIPMENT THAT WILL NOT BE NEEDED BEYOND THIS WEEKEND on Monday, September 25th by 12:00 (noon) or it will be deducted from your pay (UMBRELLA, BUOY, BINOCULARS, ETC). Please do your part.

There are several SRTs who have completed all the criteria to receive SRT II certification, except the additional required NIMS courses (ICS 200 & 800). You may complete these courses at any time and your certification will be updated. However, to be considered for appointment as an ACC for the 2024 season you must complete these NIMS courses by December 31, 2023.

SRT II



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Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Ocean's Calling
 Endless Summer Cruisin
 Bronco Beach Bash
 OC Beach Classic
 Sunfest
 Winterfest of Lights – Train Display
 Ocean City Christmas Parade

Sept 29- Oct 1 Daily
 Oct 5-8 Daily
 Oct 13 – 15 Daily
 Oct 14-15 Daily
 Oct 19 – 22 Daily
 Nov 16 – Dec 31 Wed-Sun
 Dec 2 Saturday

South Ocean City
 Inlet Lot and OC
 Inlet Lot
 Beach Wicomico- Dorchester
 Inlet Lot
 Convention Center Welcome Hall
 Old Landing Rd. to 120th Street



Verification of contact information and certification status

An email asking you to verify your off-season contact information, with your OCBPSRA certification record attached will be sent in November. Failure to reply to this request will mark your email as not deliverable and the January "Notification of Status" will not be sent. Please keep us updated about any changes in your contact information so that you will continue to receive important correspondence from the patrol.

Notification of Status for Next Season

An email will be sent to the address that you have provided (make sure it is up to date and you are checking it), letting you know that you have received an "A" rating and are being offered a position for the coming season.

This email will also contain a link to an on-line form that you will need to respond to giving us some preliminary information on availability so we may continue planning and know how many candidates we still need to appoint to Surf Rescue Academy from our remaining tests.

You can expect this email in late January. If you do not receive this email you need to contact Captain Arbin to inquire about your status.

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 16</u> 9/4/23 to 9/10/23	<u>Week 16</u> 9/5/22 to 9/11/22	<u>Week 16</u> 9/6/21 to 9/12/21	<u>YTD</u> 2023
Action				
Preventions	2767	864	1492	96948
Rescues	138	10	41	2125
Minor First Aid	12	6	25	1515
Ambulance Calls	8	8	6	228
Police Calls	5	0	0	46
USCG/MDNRP	1	0	1	4
Lost/Found Persons	4	2	2	384
N. Surf Beach Population	0	NA	NA	434
S. Surf Beach Population	19	NA	NA	2303
Inlet Surf Beach Population	0	NA	NA	702
Beach Wheelchair Usage	1	4	3	395
Smoking Enforcement	9	5	53	3873



SHOUT OUT TO OUR GUARDS!!

On Sunday, Sept 10th, Emma Bridges, Tyler Khounsacknarath, Luke Ramina, and alumni Cait Calogero all raced the Atlantic City half Ironman. It was the first half Ironman for the 3 current guards. Sgt Travis Wagner trained alongside them and coached them over the season and is very proud of how well they all did!

Emma Bridges qualified for the IM 70.3 World Championship which will be held in New Zealand and this was her FIRST EVER triathlon!



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

Last weekend when I was here, I walked the beach and saw guards on stands although they seemed really far apart. When do the lifeguards go off duty?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol will continue to provide coverage of all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 24th (the third Sunday after Labor Day). Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers, SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. Due to the dedication and commitment of the Beach Patrol staff, many of our SRTs will travel back to Ocean City to supplement our coverage for this last weekend. The Town has provided a travel stipend for those guards that can come back on weekends. We will also 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.

The Beach Patrol will officially end the traditional guarding of the beach (SRT's on stands) on Sunday, September 24th. To aid your SRT during this time of reduced coverage, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precautions and walk the short distance to swim in front of a lifeguard stand.

After that Sunday, we will remove all stands from the beach and no longer position SRTs along Ocean City's beaches. At this time of year, it is important for people to realize that the Beach Patrol is off duty, and they should not participate in water related activities until the Beach Patrol is back on duty the following Memorial Day weekend in May 2024. We realize that despite our warnings a warm sunny day will still entice people to venture into the ocean. Please heed our warnings. The same hazards that exist in the middle of our season are still present now and could possibly even be more treacherous due to tropical storm activity that we typically experience this time of the year. People may find themselves in danger just like it was August. However, with no SRTs keeping a watchful eye, there is no one ready to respond if the need arises. Unfortunately, this type of deadly tragedy occurred twice this year leaving behind grieving family members and accounts for 98% of all drowning deaths in Ocean City. Most serious incidents and drowning deaths have occurred to victims who never intended to go in water deeper than their waist. That is the major danger of a rip current; it can unexpectedly, quickly and without warning pull an unaware family member into water that is over their head, resulting in an urgent life and death struggle that only gives minutes before it becomes a tragedy. Unfortunately, when this involves children the parent who is watching their children will attempt to assist and all too often result has been the death of the parent. We had a parent die 3 years in a row, when a parent allowed their children to swim during non-guarding hours an attempted to rescue them and in a few cases, both the parent and child drown. Moms and Dads are not the same as an SRT. Even our most experienced Personnel (20 + years as an ocean lifeguard) who are now parents, don't let their children swim on an unguarded beach, even though they personally have rescued 100's.

We will still maintain a presence while we complete our close down tasks for a few more weeks with our Mobil Rescue Units. Having these units available and mobile effectively reduces the response time from the original 911 call to victim contact and will hopefully result in a successful intervention. It is important however that people do not depend on these mobile rescue units as if they are lifeguards protecting their loved ones. After September 24th, we will not be able to continue educating the public and actively preventing potential incidents. We will not be able to fulfill our mission and work in a proactive manner; therefore, we are in a reactionary mode and cannot provide the coverage that the public is accustomed to during our regular guarding season. We have seen too many times when swimming without lifeguards and poor judgment turns into a tragedy with the loss of a life. So, although our saying, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!" is a friendly reminder to only swim when lifeguards are on duty, it comes with a very serious warning. 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 and locations when and where beach patrol personnel are on duty, never swim alone, always stay with the limits of their swimming ability and never rely on a flotation device in place of swimming ability.

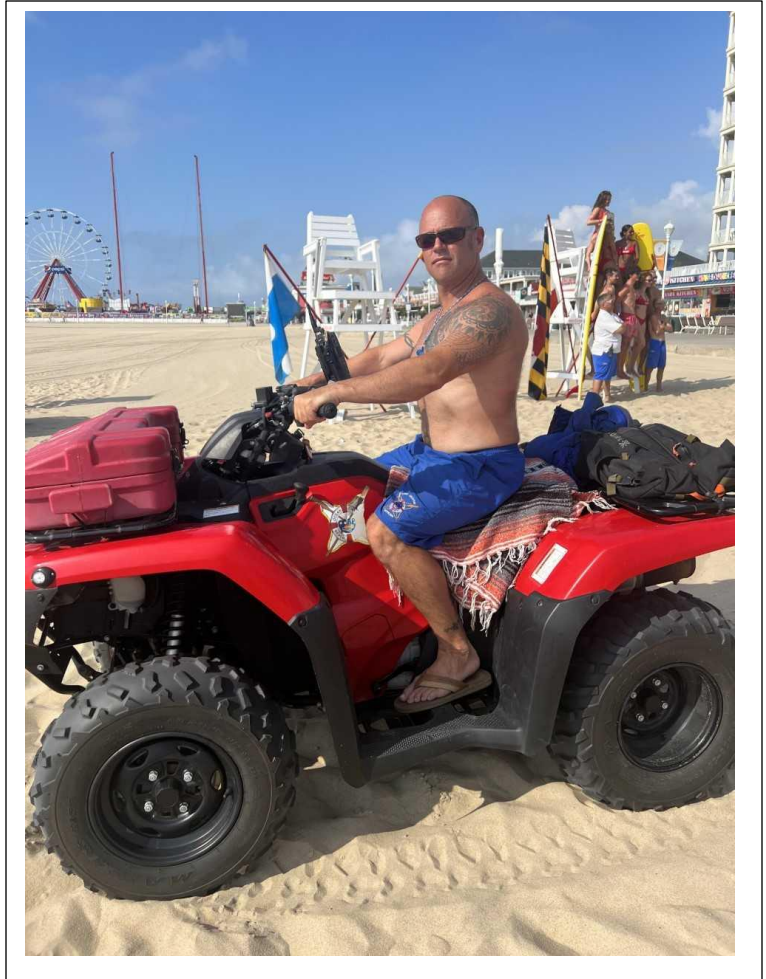
Since the Beach Patrol is off duty until May and we have explained the dangers of swimming unprotected, we do not expect to see people in the ocean until Memorial Day weekend 2024. Each year people die in Ocean City because they chose to swim without lifeguards (there were two of these preventable tragedies just this year). Don't let it be you or someone you love. However, you remember it, swimming only when lifeguards are on duty could save a life... yours or someone you love! So please don't let someone you love enter the ocean when the SRTs are not on duty. It is not only dangerous to them but may put others in danger if they attempt to help you in an emergency. The good news is, Ocean City has many fun activities to enjoy in the fall that do not involve swimming in the ocean. SEA you in 2024!



Meet the Lifeguard: Sergeant Adam Payne

Sgt. Adam Payne has served with the beach patrol for 11 years beginning in 2013. In 2017 he was promoted to crew chief of crew 2 (just north of the pier) and he was promoted to sergeant in 2022. Adam works on our A.M. and P.M. patrol as well as his other duties as a sergeant. In his free time, he likes to body surf, workout, and spend time with his wife and kids. In the off season he is a teacher in Wicomico County. Sgt Adam Payne 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 Adam, ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians or visit our website at JoinBeachPatrol.com. We will be testing throughout the winter in various off-site locations for summer 2024. We pay (\$18.44 - 2023 rate but will be receiving a pay increase for 2024) while we train you in our Surf Rescue Training Academy where all certifications will be provided and are offering a \$500.00 signing bonus. It's too late for this past summer but never too late to join our team. To learn more about this amazing opportunity ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) who can help you train or visit JoinBeachPatrol.com for training tips.



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