



# Surf Beach Facilitator



**No Certification or Experience Needed**



Each summer, the Ocean City Beach Patrol employs Surf Beach Facilitators (SBFs) to work alongside our Surf Rescue Technicians to keep the area in and around the surf beaches safe for all beach patrons, surfers and swimmers.

While we do not require a physical skills test for the SBF position, the role of SBFs requires them to be able to walk and run in the sand for much of their 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. shifts.



Our SBFs are very important in our mission of providing a safe environment, and enforcing the ordinances and rules of the surf beaches and the beach, in general. To that end, SBFs are trained along with SRTs in First Aid, CPR, use of AEDs, our Spinal Injury Immobilization technique, sand-hole-collapse rescue and other important skills.

The Beach Patrol strives to be very proactive in letting people know how the surf beaches work, and where they will be from day-to-day. In order to accomplish this goal, we interview all SBF candidates, in person, to assess their communication skills.





Surf Beach Facilitators make up a "crew", just as SRTs, and have a Crew Chief and an Assistant Crew Chief. The Crew Chief and Assistant conduct much of the training, supervision and scheduling of SBFs. They also plan fun, off-duty activities that help the SBF crew to have a chance to bond together, since they don't all work in the same area as often as SRTs do. They have gone to dinner together, planned surfing trips, group boat rides and other group trips. They are often invited to join SRTs in off-duty activities as well. While SBFs play a different role on the Beach Patrol than SRTs, they also share many responsibilities and are an integral part of our team.



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