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Advisory Radio Stations

To improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Ocean City, the Town of Ocean City has installed a FM emergency advisory radio system. **WPSB 99.5 FM** is broadcast from the 65th Street Public Safety Radio Tower and can be received in the greater Ocean City area. **WWOP 100.3 FM** also broadcasts the same programming from a tower near Ocean Pines and can be heard as you approach or depart the Ocean City area.

The primary use of this station is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area and how to respond to them. An emergency could consist of severe weather or any other condition that could affect the well-being of the public in the Ocean City area.

This non-commercial radio station is managed by the Emergency Services Department, and in non-emergency situations, the station broadcasts community information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Messages that play on a 10 to 15 minute cycle include emergency preparedness information. Having a non-commercial FCC license does not allow any commercial broadcasting.

The FM radio system was acquired by the Town with a Homeland Security grant.

Be sure to keep your FM radio dial tuned to

99.5 or 100.3 for additional emergency preparedness information or emergency advisories

Director Fred Webster has just dictated 7 announcements on this safety station:

1. Fog Safety
2. Winter Preparations
3. Christmas Tree Disposal
4. Snow Emergency Plan
5. Cold Temperature Tips
6. Winter Driving Preparedness
7. Berlin Homeowner Convenience Center

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Apps and Websites

I do like to know what is going on around me and even abroad because of family.

Here's a few more sites for your use:

1. www.weather.com/apps
Weather Channel App
2. www.firescope.org/ics-forms
ICS forms Both word and pdf

3. www.spc.noaa.gov
Storm Prediction Center
4. preview.weather.gov/hti
Hurricane Threats & Impacts
5. www.chart.state.md.us
Can view live traffic cameras all over the state. Even has a mobile app.

VOLUNTEER



News: Texas & Missouri

How sad is it about what has happened in Texas and Mississippi., floods and tornados. I am curious about how prepared the citizens were and how aware they were of the warnings? I will be optimistic on their behalf and think that this was just a bad event.

Check out this sentence from CBS and what the governor of Missouri said,

"Torrential downpours have swollen the Mississippi River, which could reach about 13 feet above its flood stage in St. Louis. Flooding could affect about 18 million people in states living along the river, from Minnesota to Louisiana.

In Missouri, flooding is blamed for at least 13 deaths – 12 of which the governor called 'preventable' – and is forcing mandatory evacuations."

Here's a description about what happened in Texas..

"A tornado that blew through Garland, Texas, killing eight people Saturday night has been classified as an EF4, with winds up to 200 mph.

It was one of two confirmed tornadoes that tore through North Texas in a storm that killed 11 people, including an infant. The National Weather Service confirmed that the tornado that touched ground in Rowlett was an EF3."

Maryland is a pretty benign state as far as natural disasters go. We are lucky! Sometimes I think that it is just a matter of time until something significant happens here.

So my point is again...

BE AWARE & BE PREPARED



*"Never, no matter
what may be the
progress of science,
will honest men who
have regard for their
reputation venture to
predict the weather."*

Arago's Admonition

Pets

Here's a link to the ASPCA, a good source on pet health and preparedness, such as animal poison control: 888-426-4435.

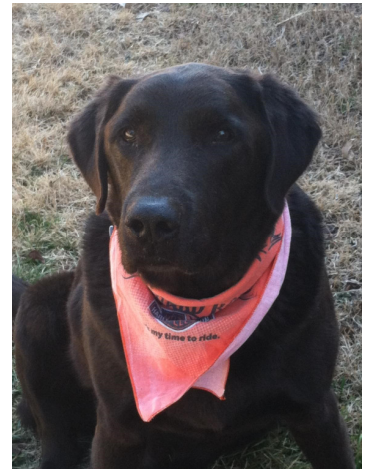
www.aspcapro.org

As a side note...did you know that your dog may be able to give blood to a dog blood bank to help save a life?

On the right is my dog Harley. He gave blood at the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank

out of Annapolis for years. They came to Salisbury and Cambridge for collections. I read about it in the Dailey Times. He started out giving a half pint then graduated to a full pint. Once he reached 10 yrs. of age he stopped.

Think about it, red and white blood cells, heart, lung, liver and also a mammal!!



Outreach

If you are a member or know of any church, civic group, club, association, business or municipality, we (and maybe one of you) will come and give a presentation about preparedness and Emergency Management. We can do this nights, days, or weekends, what ever is convenient to the group that requests us.



CPR is as easy as C - A - B



Compressions
Push hard and fast
on the center of
the victim's chest

Airway
Tilt the victim's head
back and lift the chin
to open the airway

Breathing
Give mouth-to-mouth
rescue breaths

Early chest compression can immediately circulate oxygen that is still in the bloodstream. By changing the sequence, chest compressions are initiated sooner and the delay in ventilation should be minimal.

2010 International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations

1. Tap and shout "are you OK?"
2. Yell for help and get someone to call 911.
3. Look to see if any breathing or gasping.
4. Push hard and fast, give 30 compressions.
5. Open the airway and give 2 breaths.
6. Repeat sets of 30 compressions and 2 breaths.
7. Hands only CPR IS acceptable!!!!!!

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Awareness and CERT can be for Businesses too!

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is committed to incorporating the private sector into the emergency management framework to provide a voice to the business community during emergencies and increases information sharing between the private and public sectors.

This is called the **Private Sector integration Program** (<http://memamaryland.gov/community/pages/PSIPWelcome.aspx>).

Benefits of Joining:

1. Preparedness resources & interaction with state, local and federal agencies.
2. Up to date emergency alerts
3. Access to Business Operations Center during activations
4. Virtual Business Operations Center access
5. Training and exercising



The next CERT class is scheduled to start **March 8th** at the **Fire Training Center in Newark, Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30.**
Call or email Tom Kane for information or to register.

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