



FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
AWARDS CEREMONY
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Honoring the accomplishments of members of the Department and our community partners for their outstanding efforts over the past year

Elstad Auditorium at Gallaudet University

800 Florida Avenue, NE | Washington, DC

Doors Open at **6:00 PM** // Ceremony Begins at **7:00 PM**



Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police



Vincent C. Gray
Mayor

A BRIEF HISTORY

IN 1790, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA ceded portions of their territory for the purpose of establishing the Federal City. For the next 10 years, the Federal City was policed by constables appointed by these two states. In 1802, when the original charter of Washington was approved, police authority was centralized and power was granted to the city itself to establish patrols, impose fines, and establish inspection and licensing procedures. Until the creation of the Metropolitan Police Department in 1861, the city had only an auxiliary watch with one captain and 15 policemen.

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln took personal interest in founding a regular police department for the District of Columbia. It was a time of constant danger in the Nation's Capital. With the beginning of the Civil War, an army was billeted in the city, government employees were increased by ten-fold, and hordes of unsavory elements descended upon the District's few square miles.

President Lincoln personally dispatched an emissary from the newly created Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners to New York City to become familiar with that system, which itself was based on the world-acclaimed Metropolitan London Police Department.

The ideas and knowledge gained from this study led to the creation of the Metropolitan Police Department on August 6, 1861. In September of that year, attorney William B. Webb was appointed the first Superintendent of the Police, with an authorized force of 10 sergeants and a number of patrolmen as needed, but not to exceed 150. Up to 10 precincts were authorized. The Superintendent of Police was paid \$1,500 annually, with sergeants earning \$600 and patrolmen \$480.



The sergeants and most of the personnel for two precincts were sworn in that September. Officers had to be US citizens, able to read and write the English language, have been DC residents for two years, never convicted of a crime, between 25 and 45 years of age, and at least five feet, six inches tall. The men went to work right away in 12-hour shifts, seven days a week with no days off and

no vacations. They were issued neither equipment nor badges, and they had to obtain their own handguns. The first arrest made by a Metropolitan Police officer was on a charge of intoxication.



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Welcome to the Thirteenth Annual Metropolitan Police Department Awards Ceremony, honoring the employees of the MPDC and our law enforcement partners, civic organizations, and residents who have helped to make a difference in our communities over the past year. This year our ceremony will celebrate outstanding contributions to the Department's overall mission.

Master of Ceremonies Bruce Alan, WTOF
 Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard Master of Ceremonies
 National Anthem Sergeant Denise Garrett
 Invocation Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo
 Congratulatory Remarks. Deputy Mayor Paul Quander
 Welcome/Community Group Recognition . . Chief Cathy L. Lanier
 Presentation of Awards. Chief Cathy L. Lanier

Bureau Employees of the Year	Sergeant of the Year
District Officers of the Year	Lieutenant of the Year
Citizen Volunteer Corps	Captain of the Year
Reserve Member of the Year	Inspector of the Year
Citizen of the Year	Commander of the Year
COP Medal of Merit	Officer of the Year
COP Special Award	Detective of the Year
District Detectives of the Year	Civilian Employee of the Year
Vice Unit of the Year	Crime Suppression Team of the Year
CID Detective of the Year	Crime Reduction Award
Homicide Detective of the Year	PSA of the Year
Detective Sergeant of the Year	Best Performing District
MPO of the Year	Navy Yard Awards
School Resource Officer of the Year	

Closing Remarks. Chief Cathy L. Lanier
 Benediction Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo

BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

CORPORATE SUPPORT BUREAU/POLICE BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION

Sergeant Colin Hall

Sergeant Hall has supervised several projects including the DOES Summer Youth Employment Program, the 2014 Firearms Re-registration project and the daily operations associated with the three (3)-units he oversees. Sergeant Hall's attendance record is impeccable and he handles any issues that arise with tact and professionalism. Sergeant Hall understands the dynamics of his assignment and works hard to achieve the goals of his unit. Sergeant Hall's dedication to duty was acknowledged when he received a rating of Significantly Exceeds Expectations on his most recent performance evaluation. For these reasons, Sergeant Hall is Corporate Support Bureau Employee of the Year.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU/INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Sergeant Paulette Woodson

Sergeant Woodson's timeless dedication, flawless work ethic, team exuberance, and unparalleled professionalism has placed her as one of the most recognizable IAD agents. Sgt. Woodson is often described as proficient, thought-provoking, self-motivated and she is recognized as a team player with the utmost integrity. She spearheads her own professional development, constantly challenges herself through self-initiated outside training. When the IAD and FIB merged, Sergeant Woodson made the decision on further developing her skills through immediate responsiveness to all Use of Force scenes, as well as shadowing some of Detectives formerly that were in the FIB. As a result, she became a lead investigator on multiple IAD scenes. Her inquisitive nature did not stop there, but resonate in her leadership skills while identifying IAD's mission. Sergeant Woodson's skill in multi-tasking has proven beneficial to her peers, supervisors, and overall investigations. She is known for getting the facts. She has cultivated a well respected and long term relationship with several outside agencies, as well as other MPD units. For these reasons, Sergeant Paulette Woodson is the Internal Affairs Bureau Employee of the Year.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Sergeant Crystal Jones

Sergeant Jones is crucial to the operational success of the Investigative Services Bureau. She is responsible for the coordination of a number of administrative functions that are vital for day to day operations. She is dedicated and committed. Sergeant Jones displays tireless efforts and patience in managing her tasks and a multitude of assignments. She has proven to be an excellent supervisor and her dedication to duty is greatly appreciated. She is an exemplary performer and representative of both the Bureau and Department. This is the reason Sergeant Crystal Jones is the Investigative Services Bureau Employee of the Year.



HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU/INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Acting Captain Michael Pavlik

As the Official of the Criminal Intelligence Branch Captain Pavlik helps put the Intelligence in Intelligence Led Policing. Much of the day to day work of the CIB focuses on criminal gangs which are responsible for a significant amount of the serious crime in the District. Just as society has embraced social media, so have the criminals. Under Captain Pavlik's direction the Criminal Intelligence Branch began monitoring social media to identify gang members and evolving trends in criminal activity. The unit scored a significant success with convictions for violent assaults committed by members of the Show Out Crew whose members met and communicated primarily through social media. Under Captain Pavlik's leadership these investigations are handled efficiently with appropriate attention to the sensitive nature of parties involved. investigative services bureau



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Matthew Bromeland

Matthew [Matt] Bromeland saw a significant accretion of his duties and responsibilities during 2013. One important extraneous addition to his duties was the supervision of the Office of Research and Analytical Services (ORAS). The ORAS has a staff of 12 crime analysts who are responsible for providing all crime data and analysis services to the agency, as well as external partners. In addition to supervising the ORAS staff, Mr. Bromeland led the creation of a new unit of criminal research specialists.

The department hired nine criminal research specialists to assist in the day-to-day work of detectives involved in major criminal investigations. Mr. Bromeland continues to oversee and coordinate the establishment of the objectives, policies, and operations of this new unit.

Mr. Bromeland also monitored, reviewed and advised the chief of police on some of the most complex special projects that were assigned to bureau heads across the department. It was Mr. Bromeland's responsibility to ensure thorough follow-up, the proper and timely completion of each of the projects designed to improve operational efficiency throughout the department. Following the tragedy on September 16, 2013 at the Navy Yard, Mr. Bromeland was assigned as the lead for the internal review of the department's response to the incident. To say the least this was a demanding, massive, and complex undertaking. As a result of his internal review, MPD is using this information to develop and continue training for MPD members and our law enforcement partners, the purchase of the appropriate equipment and the creation and review of departmental policies. Mr. Bromeland is a committed and dedicated public servant. His selflessness to the MPD and to the citizens of the District of Columbia is worthy of recognition as the Executive Office of the Chief of Police Bureau Employee of the Year.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

STRATEGIC SERVICES BUREAU/POLICY AND STANDARDS DIVISION

Maureen O'Connell

Ms. O'Connell is often described as one of the most intelligent and hardworking members in the department. When a priority arises, you can be assured she will do whatever it requires to accomplish the goal. Considered one of the most complex efforts is the department's promotional process. Ms. O'Connell's willingness to take a lead role in overseeing the proctor training and proctor assignments demonstrate her dedication to the success of the mission. The quality of the work she produces is unparalleled and she is truly an asset to the department.



PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU

Officer Dora Garcia

Officer Garcia has been assigned to the PSSSB admin staff from its inception. She has many roles in our Bureau. She creates, compiles, monitors and completes numerous reports that are critical to the function of PSSSB. She serves as an alternate in the time & attendance area, and can always be counted upon when the payroll is closing early. Officer Garcia is always professional and accountable. She's a team player and always assists when needed without prompting. She utilizes her bilingual skills to address the concerns of our citizens when they visit our location. She is the "Spirit Officer" and our cheerleader. She seeks to give both professionally and personally. Officer Garcia is a major contributor in every area of PSSSB. Thank you Officer Garcia for a job well done! For this we honor you as the Patrol Services and School Security Bureau Employee of the Year.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Tara Tindall

Officer Tindall is the model for community policing. She is well recognized on the streets of the First District by those who live and work in the community, as well as the offenders on her beat. Officer Tindall is a dedicated community police officer who goes out of her way to understand the issues and mechanics of the neighborhood, and works to resolve quality of life issues before they become problems. She has been nominated for 14 Commanders Commendations in the past year for her involvement in numerous cases, including her work in handling 7 robbery cases, as well as gun and burglary cases. She is well regarded with detectives and peers as a strong resource for neighborhood intelligence. She uses investigative techniques with the latest technologies, such as cell phones, to help catch criminals. Officer Tindall's professionalism and dedication are transparent in the work she does every day on behalf of the citizens of the First District.



SECOND DISTRICT

Officer Robert Fennell

Officer Fennell truly exemplifies the characteristics of an excellent officer. He has repeatedly shown that he is committed and dedicated to the enforcement of the laws of the District of Columbia. His motivation and commitment has made a positive impact in the Second District and in his PSA. Officer Fennell enjoys working in the community and it shows his daily interaction and constant visibility in the community. In addition, he does an outstanding job in keeping his command officials abreast of pertinent information that is vital to the daily operational success of the Second District as a whole.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Officer Martin Fosso

With 24 years of experience, Officer Fosso consistently demonstrates the best of the policing profession. As a crime scene technician, he responds to a variety of investigative needs throughout the Third District, while he remains rooted in his assigned PSA. He is always willing to assist fellow officers. He's extremely attentive and he regularly interacts with citizens on his beat. One example of his successes include a robbery case. Officer Fosso was advised by a complainant that he was robbed at knife point. Just a short time later, Officer Fosso observed two subjects fitting the description down to the very detail. The suspect in the case was positively identified. This is one of many examples that demonstrate his attention to detail, professionalism and keen intuition that he brings to his daily performance within PSA 305.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Derrick Hyman

Officer Derrick Hyman is an exceptional performer in the Fourth District's vice unit. Officer Hyman's tireless efforts have improved the quality of life the residents within the Fourth District community, as well as the District of Columbia on a whole. During 2013, Officer Hyman had 50 arrests for misdemeanor and felony, 10 drug related search warrants, the recovery of 8 firearms and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition, and the seizure of a variety of illegal drugs, including 542 grams of powder cocaine, 44 grams crack cocaine, 26 grams of heroin, 1 pound of marijuana, and almost \$3,000 in U.S. currency. Officer Hyman's dedication and perseverance has truly help to make the streets of the Fourth District safer.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer Eric Hairston

Officer Eric Hairston takes great pride in being a member of the Metropolitan Police Department and the Fifth Police District. As a 10 year veteran of our Patrol Section, he openly shares his experience, tactical knowledge and officer safety and survival skills with all that will listen. He is a leader and considered a role model amongst his peers and the Officials here at 5D. Eric is hardworking and dedicated to serving others.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Mark Dega

Officer Mark Dega has accepted and embraced the responsibility of crime scene search duties within the Sixth District. During 2013, Officer Dega processed approximately 385 crime scenes. This was done in addition to his other responsibilities within the district. Using his exceptional skill and proficiency while processing scenes has greatly increased the efficiency of the Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Dega has completed his duties with outstanding skill, diligence, productivity and judgment. He's a commendable employee and for these reasons Officer Dega is the Sixth District Officer of the Year.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer Anthony Allen

Officer Allen received PSA 704 Officer of the Year Award from the Ward 8 CAC. He is an exemplary officer for not only the Seventh District but also as a model for the entire Department. He is recognized for his professionalism with citizens and co-workers alike. Officer Allen creates a positive work environment by setting a daily tone of enthusiasm and commitment as he works tirelessly to needs of the citizens of the District of Columbia.



Officer Allen is punctual and professional at all times and is deeply committed providing public service to our residents. He has received numerous citizen recognition letters and commendations from his commanding officer and has been acknowledged for making a difference in his PSA by having a no tolerance for criminal activities.

The residents of PSA 704 have an expectation that incidents and offenses reported to Officer Allen will be given prompt attention. Officer Allen has made numerous justifiable stops for suspicious activities that have resulted in multiple arrests and prosecution. Officer Allen uses all available investigative techniques to bring closure to reported offenses.

Officer Anthony Allen is an exemplary employee and has constant dedication to his profession and work ethics that allow him to excel as a member of the Metropolitan Police Department.

CITIZEN VOLUNTEER CORPS OF THE YEAR

Geraldine Jackson

Ms. Jackson consistently goes above and beyond to help the Testing and Assessment Branch (TAB) perform their required functions. As a dedicated team member, Ms. Jackson has volunteered over 1,000 hours this year to help the TAB be successful in administering entry-level examinations and promotional examinations. Ms. Jackson is dependable and always maintains a professional appearance. Her colleagues describe her as a remarkable person with the best work ethics that surely rivals many of today's CEO's. Ms. Jackson has volunteered with MPD for over two years and remains one of the most dedicated individuals, providing excellent customer service to both internal and external customers. The work she performs for TAB would require the efforts of obtaining a full time staff member to replace her voluntary contributions. There are many outstanding volunteers; however, Ms. Jackson consistently goes above and beyond the 10-hour per month expectation to remain a participant in the Citizen Volunteers Corps program. It's the members like Ms. Jackson that help to shape this department's success.



POZELL RESERVE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Reserve Officer Tam Vieth

R/O Vieth has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the MPD through his volunteer service in the Special Operations Division as a Harley Davidson Motorcycle officer. Through extensive training this year, he graduated to the rank of Level I Reserve officer, and served over 800 hours of volunteer service time. He was instrumental in the Department's communications upgrades, especially with communications equipment in the helicopter fleet. R/O Vieth also volunteered to be an escort officer for the 2013 9-11 Anniversary Ride, riding 1,000 miles on his motorcycle over a 3-day period to ensure the safety of 1500 ride participants. R/O Vieth is a Field Training Officer for newer reservists, and also dedicates his efforts to traffic safety, for both vehicle and pedestrian safety campaigns. R/O Vieth also consistently demonstrates his commitment to the reduction of crime within the city by actively participating in Reserve Corps activations in 3D, 4D, 5D, 6D, and 7D, as well as special events such as the 2013 presidential Inauguration, various All Hands on Deck weekends, Howard Homecoming, and the IMF/ World Bank meetings. R/O Vieth is hereby recognized for selfless volunteer service to a grateful Department.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Patricia Sneed

Ms. Sneed deserves this recognition for her quick reaction in locating a 3 year old that had been reported missing in her neighborhood. From her home she heard a screaming child at approximately 0420 hours. Ms. Sneed looked through her window and observed a child running on Minnesota Avenue in little to no clothing, no shoes or socks in 30-degree weather. Her immediate reaction was to go after the child. Ms. Sneed was able to catch up to the child, provide her coat and took the child with her to notify the police. At the same time, the mother of the child was notifying the police of her missing child. Ms. Sneed's actions were honorable and courageous on that cold morning. It was her quick thinking and determination to get involved which very well may have saved a child from becoming a tragedy. Ms. Sneed, who has her own health issues, did not think of herself. When asked she will tell you getting involved was her primary focus when she saw a helpless child, alone in the dark, barely clothed in frigid weather. Ms. Sneed's actions were none less than heroic and it is citizens like her that are a true blessing to our community.

George Corey, Esq.

Cynthia Krus, Esq.

It is with great honor and delight that we recognize Mr. George Corey Esq. and Mrs. Cynthia Krus Esq. for being exemplary citizens that reside in the Second District. Mr. Corey serves as the sitting Chairperson of the Second District's Citizen Advisory Counsel (CAC). Mr. Corey always takes time out his personal schedule to attend the monthly meetings. He directs and serves food at the annual luncheon held to appreciate the members of the Second District. Mr. Corey (Safety Chairperson) and his wife Ms. Cynthia Krus are strong supporters of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association. They also are strong supporters of the non-profit Bread for the City where Mrs. Krus serves as Secretary. Their support in the Second District and in the city at large goes a long way to positively impact the lives of many people. Mr. Corey and Mrs. Krus also lead by example. They encourage the residents to become proactive in the prevention of crime by partnering with their PSA officers. They are enthusiastic leaders who are dependable, responsible, honest, and courteous. They fund a large portion of Second District's most expensive function the Annual Second District Officers Awards Banquet. The men, women and families are grateful for their support in doing things to keep the momentum going. Without a doubt the overall support of this dynamic husband and wife duo has an impact in fighting crime and providing quality service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Carolyn Steptoe

Ms. Carolyn Steptoe exemplifies outstanding community service in the Brookland Community. For the last few years, Ms. Steptoe has been the ANC for the Brookland Community. Ms. Steptoe works closely with PSA 504 to address quality of life and crime in the neighborhood. Her dedication to the community has led to a reduction of out-of control college parties, drinking, and disorderly calls. She worked closely with the PSA to build a strong partnership with the university and in the neighborhood. This has fostered a positive relationship and a noticeable reduction in the number of calls for service as a result the parties. On a daily basis you can find Ms. Steptoe showing her dedication to the community. She is not afraid to face community issues head-on and this is reflected throughout the community, businesses and citizens in PSA 504.

Dr. Joanne Perkins

Dr. Joanne Perkins of the World Missions Church has provided vast outreach to WARD 5, her neighborhood but also city-wide. MPD is a part of her daily efforts and provides many resources to MPD. Dr Joanne Perkins, an angel to the city holds 6 Rally's each year (Back To School, Prayer, Scholarship, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Walk), which she has done tirelessly for over a decade. She provides outreach services and resources to disadvantaged families and in-need youth. Dr. Perkins has personally provided scholarships to some of the youth MPD has referred to her (16 young men and women have gone to college due to her efforts). Dr. Perkins has provided thousands of turkeys to MPD to distribute to families among many other services. She continues to provide, to give, and to care for the impoverished citizens in the District of Columbia. Dr. Perkins truly exemplifies a true community activist and worker. Her partnership with MPD is invaluable and we thank her for her kindness and the ability to bridge the gap in the community.

COP MEDAL OF MERIT

COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY

Carol Holloway

Ms. Carol Holloway has long served as a valuable friend and partner to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The relationship between Ms. Holloway and MPD began when Carol was a Community Supervision Officer and continued to grow throughout the years. She quickly built a reputation with MPD officers and command staff as a knowledgeable and indispensable resource. She has worked closely with MPD on several initiatives

and programs, and she is always available to assist. She has regularly responded to requests for assistance, often on her own time and at all times, day or night, to ensure critical issues are addressed quickly and safely. From daily collaboration in the field to special requests, Carol repeatedly goes above and beyond to provide valuable assistance and help MPD increase public safety and build safe neighborhoods. Carol's breadth of knowledge regarding criminal justice databases is unmatched and is complemented by her personal knowledge of offenders, their families, and associates. MPD has grown to rely on Carol's presence at all tactical and strategic briefings, where she regularly contributes some piece of pertinent information. Carol Holloway is an essential asset to the MPD-CSOSA partnership, and we are proud to recognize her tonight with the Metropolitan Police Department's Medal of Merit for her dedicated service and contributions to enhancing public safety in DC.

CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD

FIFTH DISTRICT

Commissioner Kathy Henderson

Commissioner Henderson is being recognized for her community-based leadership and unwavering support of the Metropolitan Police Department. Commissioner Henderson has been an instrumental community leader, demonstrated by her work on a variety of initiatives in the Fifth District, including serving as a 5D ANC Representative from 1998-2013, 5D05 ANC Chairperson in 2012. She has led a landlord roundtable forum, sponsored a series of neighborhood crime meetings, and participated in several Mayoral neighborhood walkthroughs. In addition, Commissioner Henderson has assisted in coordinating the annual National Night Out event, ANC 5D community clean ups, and supported the Starburst Plaza. Commissioner Henderson has consistently and conscientiously demonstrated commitment to her neighborhood and her work with the Metropolitan Police Department has helped to increase the quality of life in her community.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Debbie Smith Steiner

Ms. Debbie Smith Steiner has been a tireless advocate of the MPD's Fifth Police District and our eyes and ears in the Edgewood Community. Never too busy to e-mail, call or visit, Debbie is our go-to community advocate and she gets things accomplished. She constantly looks to partner with MPD. We are thankful for her dedication, commitment to serve others, and for supporting PSA 502 and 5D. Debbie Steiner defines commitment to excellent and making a difference in our community. No issues large or small escapes her reach and we are both proud and honored to have her on our team. From organizing community clean ups, cutting down tennis shoes from the power lines, to taking part in our outdoor roll calls, Debbie is a tireless advocate for MPD, the Fifth Police District and PSA 502.

DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Detective Raymond Stargel

Detective Stargel is assigned to robbery investigations at the First District. During the course of the year he has successfully closed dozens of cases. Of note however, is his ability to work with the community to develop leads, and his ability to work with his colleagues to develop links in cases. In addition, Detective Stargel has an excellent recollection of facts and subjects. While assisting another detective with debriefing a suspect in a robbery case that he had not investigated, Detective Stargel recognized that a tattoo on the arrestees arm resembled one from a BOLO poster produced the week before. Using tactful investigation interview skills, Detective Stargel was able to get the arrestee to admit that he was the subject in the BOLO photo, admit his role in the robbery, and then to finally provide information leading to the identity of his accomplice. These examples are indicative of the hard work and dedication that detective Stargel has displayed during this year. He has taken his experience and mentored the new investigators in the unit. He continues to take pride in his work and a personal ownership in solving his cases. Detective Stargel is the First District's Detective of the Year.



SECOND DISTRICT

Detective Thomas Rosenberg

Detective Rosenberg is known for his keen investigate techniques that makes him a stand-out among others. After a reported robbery of a local restaurant, Detective Rosenberg was assigned as the lead detective in the case. Through his years of training and knowledge obtained on the department, Detective Rosenberg obtained enough information to identify a suspect. Further investigation of the suspect led to the suspect admitting to other crimes he had committed in the city - one of them being Assault with Intent to Kill While Armed. The work of Detective Rosenberg in investigating this case is indicative of the work ethic displayed on a daily basis. His keen observation and skill along with the ability to follow a lead to its conclusion is what detective work is all about and Detective Rosenberg leads the way. We are honored to have Detective Thomas Rosenberg as the Second District's Detective of the Year.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Detective Anita Maulfair

In March 2013, Detective Maulfair returned to work after a long-term absence. Immediately upon returning it was hard for her colleagues to remember she had been absent for an extended period. Detective Maulfair didn't waste a moment before she requested to be assigned to some tough criminal cases that involved various offenses. The officials had to remind Detective Maulfair she was not completely back to full-duty status. However, that didn't prevent her from being an integral part of the detective unit. She involved herself in any criminal investigation that occurred during, before or after her tour of duty. She utilized her investigative skills to assist her fellow detectives and detective officials by conducting investigative follow-up, re-interviewing complainants, submitting requests to MPD specialized units, search of databases, preparing BOLOs and so much more. In spite of her limitations, she maintains a positive attitude and continues to demonstrate good work ethic/integrity. Detective Maulfair has never complained or used an excuse in handling an assignment. She is an exceptional detective and an asset to the Criminal Investigations Division/Third District DU. Therefore, it is with honor that we recognize Detective Anita Maulfair as the Third District's Detective of the Year.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Detective Curtis Prince

Detective Curtis Princes' work throughout this year is difficult to put into a page of the ceremony brochure, but the impact is broad he has proven to be a valued member of the Fourth District. He exemplifies what it is to be a good detective dedicated to the mission of the agency. His work is held in high regard with the citizens and among his colleagues. Detective Prince is always willing to help out in a case or take on a challenging case that many detectives would find too difficult to close. Detective Prince has an uncanny ability to put people at ease which allows him to gather information that might otherwise be lost. Often his supervisor(s) will rely on his Detective Prince to handle complex cases and to provide assistance when requested from partner agencies and other law enforcement. Detective Prince aggressively pursues leads; witnesses and any piece of evidence that would help him close a case. He is always willing to work long hours, on his days off and even modifies his tour to get the job done. Detective Princes' work stands out among his colleagues.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Detective Thomas Stein

During 2013 Detective Thomas Stein was assigned to investigate property crimes in the Fifth District. He has maintained a closure rate of 70% closing out 102 of 142 assigned cases including 84 property crimes. The national average of closures of these types of cases is around 11%, which is also consistent with the closure rates of MPDC detectives assigned to similar cases. These closures include the arrest of several serial burglars. Detective Stein has assisted in the recovery of hundreds of stolen items that have been returned to their rightful owners. This includes the recovery of over 500 suspected stolen items in one investigation of a suspect that was acting as a fence for stolen items. The investigation into the suspect for the international trafficking of stolen goods was a major victory for MPD into combating property crimes in 2013. Detective Stein's preparation and investigation into his cases include one of the highest conviction rates in all of his arrest cases. Detective Stein is a team player and is always the first to assist the supervisor, detectives, and officers with any task that they need help with. He is a leader and example to all of the officers of the department and he is truly the Fifth District's Detective of the year.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Detective Jeffrey Dixon

Throughout 2013, Detective Jeffrey Dixon assigned to the Sixth District Detective Unit has consistently performed his duties to a high standard. Detective Dixon was the lead in several significant cases that resulted closure. In June 2013, a quadruple shooting occurred while the victims were attending a graduation party. Through Detective Dixon's tireless efforts four (4) suspects have been identified. In July 2013, Detective Dixon was assigned a domestic parental kidnapping. With hard work and determination Detective Dixon was able to obtain the location of the child and reunite the child with his parent. In addition, Detective Dixon secured an arrest warrant for the



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

suspect. The closure of this case was evident in Detective Dixon's commitment to provide quality investigative techniques to the residents of the Sixth District. In October 2013, Detective Dixon was assigned to investigate a forced entry / home invasion when a man was forced into his residence and the occupants of the residence tied up and robbed. Detective Dixon was able to trace the subjects to an abandoned house. Following a subsequent declaration of a barricade, five (5) individuals were arrested and charged with this offense. Working with his colleagues side by side, Detective Dixon was able to coordinate, facilitate, and organize these complex investigations, which ultimately resulted in closures. As these cases are evolving through the judicial process, Detective Dixon maintains a close knowledge of each case and consistently provides detailed updates to his supervising official. Detective Dixon always performs at his best and provides an unmatched standard of service few members can rival.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Detective Justin Bolding

Detective Bolding has created programs to assist his colleagues and officials to produce better work products. His ability to multi-task and deliver a comprehensive head-on final product in a proficient manner makes him a valued asset to the department. Overall his attitude, work habits and professional growth and development has earned him the honor of the Seventh District's Detective of the Year.



VICE UNIT OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Fifth District Vice Unit

The Fifth District Vice Unit was tasked with various roles, all of which they filled with enthusiasm and dedication to duty. In their work with District and Federal Partners, Fifth District Vice accrued some very impressive stats throughout 2013. They have obtained and served over 100 search warrants. This led to one of the units most successful searches where they discovered a cocaine distribution network. Over 3 kilograms of cocaine, 2 handguns, and \$5000 cash was seized during this search. The investigation led to a cocaine smuggling ring operating through Cuba. In May 2013, a joint investigation with the Maryland State Police and FBI led to a seizure of over 1/2 kilogram of cocaine, 3 handguns, over \$5000 cash, and two luxury vehicles. In September 2013, the Fifth District Vice Unit conducted an operation to purchase a loaded handgun. The purchase of the loaded, chambered, 9MM pistol resulted in two arrests, one of which was a fugitive that was wanted on a parole violation and for armed robberies. Credit for the safe, secret, successful operation goes to the entire Vice team as they operated in unison. The Fifth District Vice Unit has developed such a positive reputation for obtaining and executing search warrants that units throughout the Department and outside agencies (Customs, MD State PD, Postal Inspectors, Sex Branch, US Marshals, ATF, FBI, etc.) have requested and received their assistance in a variety of serious investigations. Based on these specific examples, as well as over 400 arrests, \$61,000.00 cash seized, and growing respect among other law enforcement agencies the Fifth District Vice Unit is awarded the Vice Unit of the Year award.

CID DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE SECTION

Detective Michael Pavero

Detective Pavero has spent the last two years and several hundred hours working on a complex and convoluted long-term investigation that led to the indictment, arrest and charge of a mastermind criminal who is accused of diverting funds from a local Washington, DC based company. Through hard work, diligence and training, he was able to systematically uncover this crime and charge a suspect who became a multi-millionaire from theft. Detective Pavero should be commended for his tireless efforts which reflect the highest standards of police work and the finest traditions of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.



HOMICIDE DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE SECTION

Detective Michael Fulton

Detective Michael Fulton was assigned to Homicide Squad Three for a majority of the 2013. During this time Detective Fulton has closed three homicide cases, one current year case and two prior year cases. These cases were closed due to extensive investigations that were completed by Detective Fulton. Also in 2013, Detective Fulton closed a high publicized Assault With Intent to Kill (AWIK) case with thirteen shooting victims. The investigative efforts of Detective Fulton led to the arrest of the persons who were charged in the case. Detective Fulton currently has a UCR Homicide closure rate of 150% and an AWIK closure rate of 100%. The work ethic displayed by Detective Fulton is unparalleled and serves as an example of his dedication to the Metropolitan Police Department and the citizens of the District of Columbia.



DETECTIVE SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

SEX OFFENSES SECTION

Detective Sergeant Keith Reid

Sergeant Reid has been supervising sexual assault investigations for over 20 years. He has come to be known as the department's leading expert in cases involving sexual assault. Due to his vast knowledge in cases involving sexual assault and the governing laws, he has made an integral contribution to the reformation of the Sexual Assault Unit (SAU). Sergeant Reid provides training, mentoring, encouragement, and ongoing support to all of the detectives assigned to the SAU. Sergeant Reid continues to demonstrate his knowledge of policing by serving as an instructor at the Metropolitan Police Academy (MPA). When the department moved to change the approach and response to sexual assaults, he was at the helm of the training efforts the members received. He works collaboratively with the DC Rape Crisis Centers and teaches all MPD members on the best way to respond to a sexual assault. He further teaches members about the trauma associated with sexual assaults and dispels many myths. He has developed a rapport with many of our community organizations and forges a lasting and positive relationship with them. He provides training and assistance to many of the colleges and universities in the city, as well as the local nightlife bars / clubs. Sergeant Reid is an invaluable asset to MPD, citizens and visitors of D.C.



MASTER PATROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

FOURTH DISTRICT

MPO Edward Shymansky

Master Patrol Officer Edward Shymansky has accepted and embraced the responsibility of crime scene search duties within the Fourth District. During 2013, MPO Shymansky has processed approximately 449 crime scenes in addition to his other MPO responsibilities within the district. His expert skill and knowledge of policing has greatly increased the efficiency of the Metropolitan Police Department.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SCHOOL SECURITY DIVISION

Officer Michelle Rose

Officer Michelle Rose is a School Resource Officer that handles safety presentations in the D.C. School System. Some of her duties entail conducting mediation sessions with youth to resolve issues and to keep safety at the fore front. Officer Rose makes recommendations and implements plans with resources that are provided. She displays a willingness to facilitate school activities and programs that better the youth of the District. She works tireless hours and empowering youth to make positive choices and decisions. Officer Rose takes pride in our youth and will do whatever it takes to point our young people in the direction towards success.



SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Sergeant James Boteler

Under Sergeant Boteler's supervision, the 12 member Crime Suppression Team has been instrumental in enhancing the safety in the Third District. During 2013, the CST was responsible for the following activities: Over 750 arrests, with at least 40 arrests for robbery related offenses; 45 gun recoveries; seized over \$15,000; executed approximately 30 search warrants; and seized over \$100,000 in drugs. Because of the efforts of the CST under the leadership of Sergeant Boteler, many violent offenders have been removed from the streets of the District. Sergeant Boteler displays leadership, dedication to duty, and is always seen as mission focused.



LIEUTENANT OF THE YEAR

SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT

Lieutenant Vendette Parker

Lieutenant Vendette Parker is assigned to the Sexual Assault Unit [SAU], which last year, underwent sweeping changes after a review of the department's handling of sexual assault cases. Lieutenant Parker partnered with her officials and developed an extensive training to address the needs of the department in effort to move forward and better serve those in need. The training spanned the entire department focused on active and meaningful participation in the SART, and changes in policy/procedure regarding all aspects of sexual assault investigations. As a result of Lieutenant Parker's work and dedication to cultivating change, the department has shifted as such, that the unfortunate victims of sexual assault can rely on unparalleled assistance from the SAU. Lieutenant Parker is very conscientious and challenges the unit to be the best.



CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Inspector Morgan Kane

Inspector Kane was assigned to the Fifth District in December 2012. Immediately her influence on issues in the community, crime and community leaders, neighborhood groups, civic leaders, and others was apparent. She spends long hours, often personal time meeting with the community, neighborhood and civic leaders to develop a clear understanding of a myriad of concerns throughout the district. Inspector Kane has cultivated a positive relationship with the Officers, Supervisors and the Fifth District community. As a result it has enhanced our reputation in the community. She established a more efficient process for the PSA Lieutenants to do a critical assessment of their respective areas which created a stronger group of leaders in the Fifth District. She has empowered the member's on the midnight shift through her guidance. Inspector Kane served as the liaison point person for all matters relating to ABC establishments, the Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Agency, and the Fifth District Officers. She was one of four Summer Crime Initiative captains, and through her efforts in the Edgewood neighborhood, showed a 28% decrease in violent crime under her leadership.



INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU

Commander Deirdre Porter

Commander Dierdre Porter has successfully managed the administrative services of the Patrol Services and School Security Bureau (PSSSB) that included a thorough and comprehensive review over 2,000 investigations. She is extremely efficient in her tasks and oversight of the deliverables from her unit. Commander Porter is known around the department for her dedication to her role and to policing. She effortlessly meets the demands of largest bureau within the department. She also has sat on the Consortium of University's within the city and has established positive relationships with the police forces that serve the numerous colleges and universities. Commander Porter worked diligently to complete one of the most important MOU's for the department's ILEADS system which has been beneficial to the efficiency of the department. Her commitment to resolve issues is viewed as outstanding. Commander Porter leads seminars for PSSSB and for the Chiefs office. She serves as a liaison for the Juvenile Absconder Task Force and sits on the D.C. Retirement Board which oversees the retirement of MPD's officers. She is someone you can count on from beginning to end, no matter the task at hand. It's through efforts and dedication that she is recipient of the Inspector of the Year for 2013.



COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

SECOND DISTRICT

Commander Michael Reese

Commander Reese has been with the department for 28 years. Throughout his tenure he has been dedicated and committed. He has been assigned to the Second District for nearly three years and during this time he has changed the culture of the Second District. Thru his leadership and hands-on approach he has been able to lead on the Crime Reduction for both 2012 and in 2013 for the city. He uses strategic tactics to address crime, disorder and traffic issues. He also leads by example by walking foot-beats with his troops, attends roll calls and promotes networking and training for his members. During his tenure the citizens have submitted over 230 commendations to his team and he also has received numerous accolades for his teamwork and great leadership.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Officer Dorian DeSantis

Given the enormity of the rapidly-unfolding situation, MPD's Emergency Response Team (ERT) had responded to the Navy Yard. Officer Dorian DeSantis was among the first group of ERT personnel to arrive. Officer DeSantis entered the building and was quickly directed to the third floor, where first responders had last heard shots fired. Upon arriving on the third floor, Officer DeSantis was directed to the area where Officer Williams had been shot. Officer DeSantis teamed up with two United States Park Police (USPP) Officers. He directed one of the officers to provide cover at the intersecting hallways leading into the area in which Officer Williams had been shot. Officer DeSantis, with the other USPP officer, then entered the area and began searching for the shooter.

As Officer DeSantis rounded the partition to the last bank of cubicles, the gunman appeared just a few feet in front of him and fired, striking Officer DeSantis in the chest. Officer DeSantis immediately returned fire, neutralizing the gunman and putting an end to the tragic incident. Fortunately, the round fired from the handgun by Alexis was contained in the body armor worn by Officer DeSantis, preventing potentially serious or even fatal injury.

If it were not for the heroic and selfless actions of all the responding law enforcement personnel, especially Officer Dorian DeSantis, the gunman would likely have continued his murderous actions and taken many more lives. For these reasons, Officer Dorian DeSantis is awarded the Metropolitan Police Department's Blue Badge, Medal of Valor, and Medal of Honor for his actions related to the events of September 16, 2013, at the Washington Navy Yard. He is also awarded the 2013 Officer of the Year.



DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE SECTION

Detective Dwayne Partman

During 2013, Detective Partman was assigned five (5) homicide cases, to include a double homicide case. Each case required a great deal of investigative work and commitment to solve and eventually bring to closure. Detective Partman works each case aggressively. His passion and determination left no stone unturned and every lead was followed through. Detective Partman was able to secure eyewitness testimony and identify suspects. With a history of providing an outstanding work product along with an impeccable reputation with the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), Detective Partman had little to no difficulty securing arrest warrants closing four (4) cases this year. Also during this time period, Detective Partman had two (2) prior year (2012) homicide cases closed with arrest warrants. Following each closure, Detective Partman continues to work with the USAO preparing the cases for successful prosecution. In addition to the aforementioned accomplishments, Detective Partman also served as acting sergeant for the squad on numerous occasions. He was also tasked with training new detectives assigned to the squad. He has handled the additional duties with the same high standards and performance as he does with anything he touches. Detective Partman rose to the top by accomplishing some amazing results this year. His fine work has been recognized by his colleagues and other members of the law enforcement community and partners. His dedication is exemplary brings a positive light to the Metropolitan Police Department and the citizens of the District of Columbia. This is the kind of work that must be applauded.



DEBORAH ENNIS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

CORPORATE SUPPORT BUREAU

Leeann Turner

Ms. Leeann Turner serves as the Executive Director for the Corporate Support Bureau. To say that Ms. Turner is a true asset to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) would be an understatement. Throughout calendar year 2013, Ms. Turner performed a myriad of activities associated with the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the department. Ms. Turner is the primary point of contact for all major financial transactions, to include acquisitions for the MPD. She is an active participant on evaluation panels for all major contracts effecting the department. Ms. Turner serves as the go-between for the MPD, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Budget and Planning. She consistently reviews and makes recommendations to the chief of police on financial policy related initiatives. She monitors spending on all major contracts to ensure compliance and conformity to budget. Ms. Turner is definitely an expert when it comes to securing funding streams to meet agency priorities in cases of unbudgeted activities. One who believes in paradigm shifts and never shiest away from challenges, Ms. Turner is always looking at ways to improve the efficiencies of optimizing overall performance in each unit of the MPD. Ms. Turner has outstanding interpersonal skills and her pleasant demeanor is downright contagious at times. She goes out of her way to ensure that she provides prompt and excellent customer service to all levels of internal and external customers. She is always of the mindset of minimizing risk. She reviews and provides recommendations on all Memorandum of Understanding for the agency. She serves as the liaison with the Department of General Services on all facility related matters. In her oversight over the Human Resource Management Division, Ms. Turner reviews all Disciplinary Review Board investigations. She has revised hiring policies and practices to ensure fairness and has established attainable timelines to get personnel hired. To sum it up: You name it-She does it. Because of Ms. Turner's tireless efforts, exceptional performance and commitment to duty, she is definitely worthy of the recognition of being named the 2013 Deborah Ennis Civilian Employee of the Year.



CRIME SUPPRESSION AWARD

THIRD DISTRICT

Third District Crime Suppression Team

The Third District Crime Suppression Team (CST) worked tirelessly in 2013 to make a difference to the citizens and visitors of the Third District. For the second year in a row the Third District CST works with bravado and professionalism and exceeds all expectations placed before them. Through the actions of this exceptional team of MPD officers, they were able to prove to themselves, their command staff, and community that “good-old” police work, coupled with enthusiastic officers and distinguished leadership can quickly lead to meaningful and great successes. Members of the Third District CST conducted several target specific operations during the year which resulted in the apprehension of the criminals that operate within our city. The best way to further highlight the result of their hard work is to look at their successes and accomplishments. The Third District CST yielded the following statistics: 750 Criminal Arrests (Approx. 50 of which were Robbery related arrests), 50 Gun Recoveries, 20 vehicles seized for civil forfeiture, 30 search warrants executed, approximately \$150,000 in street-level narcotics seized, and approximately \$15,000 seized for civil forfeiture. Because of their performance, the Third District CST officers have shown that they have become an epic crime fighting unit.

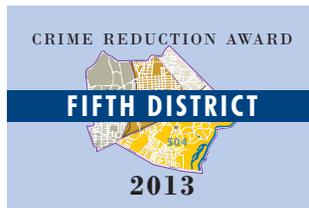
GREATEST CRIME REDUCTION

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU

Fifth District

One year ago, the Fifth District struggled against entrenched crime in their community. Neighborhoods like Edgewood, Saratoga, Trinidad and Rosedale witnessed increased crime that threatened the safety of residents.

The Fifth District rose to the challenge. With the infusion of new leadership, renewed focus, and armed with an aggressive crime-focused strategy, officers made a difference. A big difference. Violent crime decreased and residents began feeling an increased sense of safety and calm. In the end, the hard work and dedication demonstrated by 5D has earned the District the 2013 Crime Reduction Award of the year.



PATROL SERVICES AREA OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU/THIRD DISTRICT

PSA 307

During 2013 the members assigned to PSA 307 successfully drove crime down at an unbelievable rate. Robberies went down 45 percent which directly contributed to an overall reduction in violent crimes of 38 percent. PSA 307 deployed strategic tactics to accomplish this feat which included: distributing crime prevention brochures in the blocks where robberies were occurring; designating hot spots for focused police patrols when there were crime spikes; the PSA was divided into sections and each officer was assigned an area of responsibility; the Officers worked with the various community groups (French Street Community Association, Blagden Alley-Naylor Court Association, condo associations, and the ANC to address crime. The PSA worked with the ANC 2F Public Safety Committee to do outreach regarding crime concerns in the area of Logan Circle. Additionally, PSA 307 reduced their burglaries 54 percent and finished with an overall 11 percent reduction on property crime offenses that were reported.

These results were attained due to the hard work and dedication of PSA 307. Each member of PSA 307 submitted daily reports to their other team members as well as supervising officials. Daily information sharing reduced miscommunications and increased the awareness of problematic areas within the PSA.

BEST PERFORMING DISTRICT

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU

Second District

This year, the Second District is the best performing District of the Year. In 2013, Second District had the highest crime reduction with 4% overall. The continued efforts are notable during 2013 for forming the CAT unit that has driven down crime in the night life zones along Connecticut Avenue and Dupont Circle areas. Under the exemplary leadership of Commander Mike Reese, the Second District has increased their Officer productivity in all areas. Arrests have increased and Second District leads the city in addressing traffic safety. This year the Second District has received the most accolades in the entire department from the citizens, visitors and community partners in the Metropolitan area. The team at the Second District is described as highly functioning and highly performing as evidenced by the results that have been achieved over the last year. It's through their extraordinary actions on a daily basis that make them the Best Performing District.

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD



FBI/Washington Field Office

On September 16, 2013, members of the FBI's Washington Field Office responded to assist MPD at the Navy Yard. In addition to providing tactical assets to search Building 197 and other locations, Valarie Parlave, Assistant Director in Charge of Washington Field Office, personally responded to Incident Command to offer all of the resources of her agency. The FBI was instrumental in providing leadership and resources and coordinating operations during the course of this lengthy response and the subsequent investigation.

Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS)

Following the report of an active shooter at the Washington Navy Yard, members of the Naval Criminal Investigative Services responded to the scene. Several members of NCIS were instrumental in providing critical information about the facility and the suspect. NCIS agents were also some of the first law enforcement officers to respond into the building to search for the gunman. After an MPD officer was shot and injured by the assailant, NCIS Special Agents Brian Kelley and Edward Martin were instrumental in evacuating the injured officer down three floors and out of the building.

Naval District of Washington Police Department

Members of the Naval District of Washington (NDW) Police Department were among the initial officers to enter Building 197. Upon hearing the reports of an active shooter, the Chief of the NDW Police Department and several of his officers immediately formed search teams and entered the building. As other officers arrived on scene, additional NDW officers joined groups of MPD officers to search for the assailant.

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD



The United States Park Police

The United States Park Police are partners in many of our daily activities. On September 16, 2013, U.S. Park Police leadership staff immediately activated their agency's resources and responded to the command post to coordinate activities with MPD. Members of the U.S. Park Police made entry into the building side-by-side with MPD officers and were instrumental in bringing the gunman's rampage to an end. The U.S. Park Police Aviation Unit also played a critical role coordinating aviation assets and rescuing a victim and several of her colleagues from the rooftop of the building.

The U.S. Marshals Service

Upon hearing of the shooting, members of the United States Marshals Service immediately responded to the Washington Navy Yard. Once at the location, members of the U.S. Marshals Service also formed into active shooter teams with MPD members and helped to conduct a coordinated search of the facility.

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

CHIEF OF POLICE MEDAL OF MERIT



US PARK POLICE / EAGLE 1 AIR SUPPORT UNIT

Sergeant Kenneth Burchell, Pilot
Sergeant David Tolson, Rescue Technician
Officer Michael Abate, Rescue Technician

During the incident, the shooter entered one of the stairwells on the third floor and encountered several people evacuating down the stairs. Before the evacuating workers could all safely make their way back up the stairs and away from the shooter, the gunman fired his shotgun and seriously wounded a woman in her shoulder. The injured woman was led by her colleagues to the roof of the building, where one of them wrote a note requesting medical assistance and dropped it off the roof. The note was recovered by an MPD officer, who quickly notified other emergency responders. Sgt. Burchell, who was piloting U.S. Park Police's Helicopter Unit, Eagle 1, along with Rescue Technicians Sgt. Tolson and Ofc. Abate, had arrived at the Navy Yard to provide air support. Notified of the injured victim on the roof, the three men quickly responded and carefully evacuated the injured woman, who would survive her injuries, and several of her colleagues. For their courageous and selfless actions, Sgt. Kenneth Burchell, Sgt. David Tolson, and Ofc. Michael Abate are awarded the Metropolitan Police Department's Medal of Merit.

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

CHIEF OF POLICE MEDAL OF MERIT



US NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Special Agent Brian Kelley
Special Agent Ed Martin

One of the initial active shooter teams that was formed and entered the building included Metropolitan Police K-9 Officer Scott Williams. While on the third floor, Officer Williams, MPD officer Emmanuel Smith, and NCIS agents Brian Kelley and Ed Martin entered a corridor to search several banks of cubicles for the shooter. As Officer Williams and his team approached the middle of the bank of cubicles, the shooter was watching the corridor from behind one of the cubicle partitions. As Officer Williams, who was leading the team, progressed down the corridor, the gunman fired at the officers, striking Officer Williams in both legs. Officer Williams immediately fell to the ground with serious injuries to his legs. With Officer Smith providing cover, Officer Williams was dragged to safety and evacuated down three flights of stairs by NCIS Special Agents Brian Kelley and Ed Martin. For their courageous and selfless actions, Special Agents Brian Kelley and Ed Martin are awarded the Metropolitan Police Department's Medal of Merit.

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

CHIEF OF POLICE MEDAL OF MERIT



US PARK POLICE

Officer Andrew Wong Officer Carl Hiott

U.S. Park Police Officers Carl Hiott and Andrew Wong had responded to the Navy Yard and quickly entered the building to search for the shooter. While on the third floor, the two officers teamed up with MPD Officer Dorian DeSantis in order to search for the shooter in the area where MPD Officer Scott Williams had just been shot and wounded.

With Officer Wong providing cover at the intersecting hallways leading into the cubicle area, Officer DeSantis and Officer Hiott entered the area and began searching for the shooter. As the two officers rounded the partition to the last bank of cubicles, the gunman appeared just a few feet in front of Officer DeSantis. The gunman fired at Officer DeSantis, who immediately returned fire. Seeing the gunman fire at Officer DeSantis, Officer Hiott engaged the gunman as well. As a testament to their professionalism and courage, the three officers immediately went back to work evacuating workers and searching the area for the possibility of an additional threat. For their courageous and selfless actions, U.S. Park Police Officers Carl Hiott and Andrew Wong are awarded the Metropolitan Police Department's Medal of Merit.

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

On the morning of Monday, September 16, 2013, a contract employee for the Navy carried out the most deadly workplace mass shooting to occur in the Nation's Capital in recent memory. The gunman entered the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command at 8:16 am, began firing indiscriminately from a shotgun he had secretly carried into the building. In the ensuing chaos, callers reported that a man with a shotgun was firing on workers in Building 197 at the Navy Yard. Law enforcement officers from both federal and local police agencies quickly made their way to the Navy Yard.

As the primary law enforcement agency for the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Police Department officials took the lead and coordinated tactical operations from the inner perimeter. They formed active shooter teams and entered Building 197 as the gunshots continued. There were 57 officers from the MPD who entered the building during the initial search for the shooter and many others who provided vital coordination and support on the scene.

Approximately 69 minutes after the gunman fired his first shots, killing 12 individuals and injuring several others – including two MPD police officers (Ofc. Scott Williams and Ofc. Dorian DeSantis), MPD Officer Desantis returned fire, neutralizing the gunman and putting an end to the tragic incident. All of the officers are to be commended for their heroic acts that day. The swift actions of our officers and the bravery they exhibited saved many lives on that day. There is no doubt that without the courageous action of these officers the death toll would have been significantly higher.

The following members are awarded the Metropolitan Police Department's Medal of Valor for their actions related to the events of September 16, 2013, at the Washington Navy Yard.

Commander Daniel Hickson	Officer Eric Coates	Officer Joseph Morquecho
Captain Andrew Solberg	Officer Bryant Collins	Officer James Petty
Lieutenant John Haines	Officer Wendell Cunningham	Officer Adam Powell
Lieutenant Larry Scott	Officer Vernon Dallas	Detective Joseph Radvansky
Lieutenant Allan Thomas	Officer Ralph Davis	Officer Gregory Rock
Sergeant Ronny Arce	Officer Timothy Dumantt	Officer Hogan Samels
Sergeant Tyrone Best	MPO Junis Fletcher	Officer Anthony Smith
Sergeant Raymond Chambers	Officer Thomas Gainer	Officer Emmanuel Smith
Sergeant Keith Jackson	Officer Stephen Giannini	Officer Daryl Stewart
Sergeant Daren Jones	Officer Paul Heithoff	Officer Daniel Thau
Sergeant Jeffrey Newbold	Officer David Hong	Officer Kevin Tolson
Sergeant Michael Wear	Officer Charles Johnson	Officer Juan Wallace
Officer Jose Acosta	Officer Terrance Liddell	Officer Mark Wascavage
Officer William Baker	Detective Shay Mattera	Officer Nathaniel Washington
Officer Johnny Barrios	Officer Gregory McCormick	Officer James Weaver
Detective John Bolden	Officer Matthew McFadyen	Officer Sayvon Weinfeld
Officer Frank Brown	Officer Sean Mclaughlin	Officer Carlton Wicker
Officer Stanley Brown	Officer Thomas Miller	Officer Albert Williams
Officer Lonnie Bruce	Detective Michael Miller	Officer Joseph Williams
	Officer Michael Millsaps	

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

MEDAL OF VALOR + MEDAL OF HONOR + BLUE BADGE MEDAL



SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Officer Scott Williams

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If it were not for the heroic and selfless actions of all the responding law enforcement personnel, Aaron Alexis would very likely have continued his rampage and taken many more lives. Officer Scott Williams heroically and without hesitation entered Building 197 in an effort to save innocent people and stop the gunman's rampage. As a result of his call to duty, Officer Williams was shot and received serious injury to both of his legs. Officer Scott Williams is awarded the Metropolitan Police Department's Blue Badge, Medal of Valor, and the Medal of Honor for his courageous actions related to the events of September 16, 2013, at the Washington Navy Yard.

NAVY YARD INCIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

MEDAL OF VALOR + MEDAL OF HONOR + BLUE BADGE MEDAL



SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Officer Dorian DeSantis

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL THANKS

The Metropolitan Police Department extends a special thank you to Gallaudet University for the use of its magnificent facility to host our Annual Awards Ceremony