

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia



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MPD WELCOMES FORTY-SEVEN NEW OFFICERS

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 47 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, February 11, 2011, at the Gallaudet University's Elstad Auditorium in Northeast DC.

During the ceremony training awards were presented to officers from both graduating recruit classes. Recruit Class 2010-1 Officer Phillip McHugh received the Academic and Vehicle Skills Awards; Officer William Ryan got the Firearms Award; and Officers Ursula Tutt and Joseph Mulcay were recognized with the Physical Skills Awards. The following officers from Recruit Class 2010-2 were also recognized: Officer William Karabelas (Academic); Officers Christopher Glascock and Jay McKeown (Vehicle Skills); Officer Vincent Forrest (Firearms); and Officers Kirriya Washington and Derek Tarr (Physical Skills). The new officers all completed approximately 24 weeks of training at the police academy, which includes a full program of physical, classroom, and firearms training to prepare them for the challenges of being a police officer. The subjects covered include laws of arrest, search and seizure, criminal law, traffic regulations, human relations, community policing, and ethics. In addition, recruit officers receive skills training in firearms, operation of emergency police vehicles, self-defense, advanced first aid, and much more.

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is focused on building a crime-fighting partnership with the community, and developing our own promise and potential as a department. Police work requires a certain type of individual — one who has strong interpersonal skills and the motivation to work with our partners to help build strong, safe and healthy communities throughout the District of Columbia.

» For more information on becoming a police officer in the MPD visit the police recruiting website at: <http://dcpolice.jobs>

» The MPD is looking for volunteers to join the MPD's Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPD in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/reservecorps>

ONLINE SERVICE REQUEST CENTER MAKES REQUESTING CITY SERVICES A SIMPLE CLICK AWAY

From trash pick-up to traffic signals, the DC Government's Service Request Center makes it easy to submit requests online. In three simple steps, you can request a city service with an easy way to monitor its progress. Just select a service type, enter the service location. Through the Service Request Center, you'll also receive a tracking number, allowing you to check the status of your request.

Public safety and city services go hand in hand. Ensuring that an abandoned auto is quickly towed or having graffiti removed promptly has a doubly-positive effect. It fosters pride in the community, while at the same time, it sends a clear message to potential vandals letting them know their actions will not be tolerated.

Visitors to the Service Request Center can report abandoned vehicles, request alley cleaning or repair, ask snow removal, register for DMV services, request graffiti clean-up or removal, file complaints or commendations of DC Government employee driving, report illegal dumping or posters, report certain parking violations, request the replacement of street signs, get a street light repaired, and so much more. So the next time you see a problem that requires a city service, take action and report it to the Service Request Center.

» Need to request a city service? Call 3-1-1 or visit: <http://311.dc.gov/>

DETECTIVES, FORENSIC OFFICERS COLLABORATE TO END VIOLENCE

On Friday, November 12, 2010, four members of the Todd Place Crew were convicted by a jury for a series of violent crimes committed in the spring of 2008. The Todd Place Crew was involved in murder, assaults, and drug trafficking and were the first defendants to be convicted under the Criminal Street Gang Statute passed by the D.C. Council in 2006.

The Todd Place Crew have a decade-long history of violence which erupted in the spring of 2008. On Monday, April 14, 2008, William Foster, a Todd Place Crew member and leader, was fatally shot. Foster's half-brother Joseph Jenkins, along with other members of the Todd Place Crew, including James Bates, Darnell Anderson, and Edward Warren, quickly planned to avenge their slain comrade.

This vengeance was exacted over the course of the next three months, beginning with the homicide of Gary O. English. English, a T Street Crew member was fatally wounded in a drive-by shooting on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. A 60-year-old passerby was also wounded. Three days after, two more people were shot on the 1200 block of Brentwood Road, NE.

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, another T Street Crew member was shot in the 1700 block of North Capitol Street, NE. The assailant fired over 26 shots, hitting the victim nine times.

On Monday, May 26, 2008, while on a porch in the 200 block of Randolph Place, NE, two more T Street Crew members were shot. The bloodshed culminated on Friday, July 25, 2008, when six more people, including two T Street Crew members, were shot on a porch in the 1700 block of Lincoln Road, NE.

United States Attorney Ronald Machen recognized the exemplary investigative work of the Metropolitan Police Department when he announced the verdict. Due to the efforts of the Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division and officers from the Fifth District and the Forensic Sciences Division, defendants Joseph Jenkins, James Bates, and Darnell Anderson, were apprehended and convicted of first degree murder while armed, assault with a deadly weapon, firearms, and other charges and defendant Edward Warren was convicted of obstruction of justice and weapons offences.

This is another fine example of excellent police work and the residents of Washington, DC can now rest knowing that these violent felons have been taken off the street. The hard work and dedication of these members helped lead to the arrest and conviction of several dangerous felons. These members were recognized during the February 2011 CHAMPS ceremony. They were among 17 MPD members honored during this month's ceremony.

» Read about their outstanding actions at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/CHAMPS>

» CHAMPS, which stands for Capital Hotels Award Metropolitan Police Service, is a monthly awards program sponsored by the Hotel Association of Washington, DC, in appreciation and support of the MPD's service to the community. This month's luncheon was held on February 3, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Northwest DC.

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

MPD's Annual Award Ceremony set for 2/17. MPD's 11th Annual Awards Ceremony is set for Thursday, February 17 from 6 to 9 PM at Gallaudet University's Elstad Auditorium. The auditorium is located at 800 Florida Avenue, NE. All are invited to attend the ceremony to show support for department members as well as partner agencies and community leaders who made a difference in 2010.

MPD Accepts Cell Phone Donations.

Did you recently get a new Blackberry, iPhone, or Droid? Are you wondering what to do with your old phone? Please consider contributing your old cell phone to someone in need. Phones are collected by Victim Specialists and distributed to clients through our partner agencies. For more information, including a list of donation sites, visit <http://mpdc.dc.gov/donatecellphone>.

Preventing terrorism is everybody's business. If you SEE something, SAY something. Call the Metropolitan Police

Department at (202) 727-9099 to report suspicious activity or behavior that has already occurred. Call 911 to report in-progress threats or emergencies. Learn more about steps you can take to help fight terrorism at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/operationTIPP>.

Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline. The CyberTipline is a Congressionally-mandated means for reporting crimes against children. Report crimes 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling **1-800-843-5678** or reporting crimes online at <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

DATA BOX

Homicides as of 2/11/11

2011: 10

2010: 10

% Change: No Change

Closure Rate: 50% (5 closures)

Adult Arrests week end. 2/5/11

Total Arrests: 942

Weapons: 11

Robbery: 8

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 7

Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 42

Narcotics: 203

Juvenile Activity week end. 2/5/11

Total Arrests: 60

Weapons: 0

Robbery: 7

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 2

Narcotics: 1

Firearm Recoveries as of 2/7/11

February: 40

2011 Total: 233

Traffic Fatalities as of 2/11/11

2011: 3

2010: 3

% Change: -40%

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