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IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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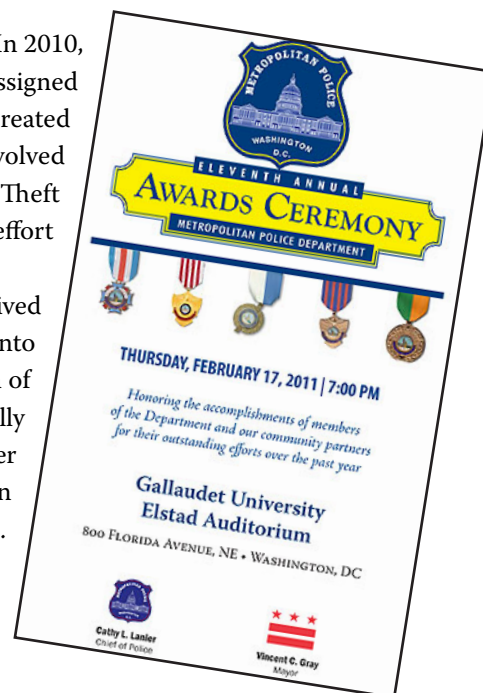
## MPD CELEBRATES EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AT METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 11TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

For the eleventh year in a row, the Metropolitan Police Department is honoring outstanding police officers, civilian employees, agency partners and community members who have helped to make DC neighborhoods safer over the past year. More than 60 individuals and organizations were recognized during the MPD's 11th Annual Awards Ceremony, held Wednesday evening, February 17, at the Town Hall Education, Arts, and Recreation Campus (THEARC), at 1901 Mississippi Avenue in Southeast DC.

Among the MPD employees being honored are the following:

- Fifth District **Officer Jason Bagshaw** received the Officer of the Year Medal. In 2010, Officer Bagshaw had 232 arrests including adults and juveniles. While assigned to a robbery detail in November and December, Officer Bagshaw also created an intelligence booklet containing individuals who are believed to be involved in robberies and those that hang out together based upon the Auto Theft investigations. When given an assignment, Officer Bagshaw gives a 110% effort to whatever task is set before him.
- **Detective Kenneth "Todd" Williams**, of the Criminal Investigations Division, received the Detective of the Year Medal. He took over the cold case investigation into the murder of Chandra Levy, which ultimately resulted in the conviction of Ingomar Guandique for First Degree Murder. Detective Williams successfully closed and helped in the conviction of defendants in the "no-body" murder cases of Yolanda Baker and Shaquita Bell. Detective Williams has shown great fortitude in working cold cases that many thought to be unsolvable.
- Seventh District **Sergeant Anthony Greene**, was named Sergeant of the Year. Under Greene's leadership, the Seventh District Crime Suppression Team (CST) made over 340 arrests in 2010 and recovered 44 firearms. Sergeant Greene believes that Customer Service is the first priority of the Department and he ensures that his officers live up to that motto. The citizens of the Seventh District hold Sergeant Greene in high esteem and don't hesitate to call on him because they know that he gets the job done.
- The Lieutenant of the Year award was presented to the Seventh District's **Lieutenant Damion Taylor**, who is a PSA Lieutenant for PSA 706. He has provided clear direction and leadership to the members of his staff in addressing the crime and community concerns in a highly volatile area. Additionally, Lieutenant Taylor has become an advocate for the community. He works closely with the area Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and he often provides citizens with detailed explanations on the DC Code and police policies and procedures to help them understand how their police department operates. Lieutenant Taylor consistently applies this knowledge to managing his PSA and providing unparalleled service to the 7D Community.

» Download the program book with details about all of the 11th Annual Awards Ceremony honorees online at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/heroes>



- Captain of the Year was awarded to **Captain Byron Hope** in the Seventh District. Hope has displayed a take charge attitude and has developed productive relationships with his coworkers and the residents of his three PSAs. He shares information readily with the members of the 7D Listserv and will respond to them anytime, day and night. Under the leadership of Captain Hope during FY 2010, PSA 703 overall crime declined by 29 percent. PSA 705 achieved an 11 percent overall reduction in crime.
- **Mrs. Maureen O'Connell**, of the Policy Standards Division, was named the Deborah R. Ennis Civilian Employee of the Year. Maureen is dedicated to assisting the MPD with reissuing, updating, and creating usable general orders. Over 70 General Orders were completed in 2010. She collaborates well with others, is very skilled and versed in MPD's rules and regulations, and is goal-oriented. She worked tirelessly in 2010, prioritizing orders that needed to be updated, and creating several working groups in order to get the work done. Through her efforts, MPD's members are provided valuable guidelines to utilize and follow.
- **Reserve Officer Adam Parkhomenko** was recognized with the Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year, his commitment to his volunteer position. Since November 2009, Parkhomenko has contributed over 1,450 hours of patrol service and was the arresting or assisting officer in more than 90 arrests. He has recovered narcotics on numerous occasions and has been instrumental in the recovery of several firearms and at least nine stolen vehicles. In June, Officer Parkhomenko received the Department's Achievement Medal for his work in apprehending a Robbery Force and Violence Suspect in Chinatown. Officer Parkhomenko's exceptional skills, knowledge, and abilities, combined with his strong work ethic and instincts, make him an outstanding Reserve Police Officer and a vital part of the 1D Reserve Corps platoon.

These individuals are just a few of the police officers, civilian employees and residents who were honored. In 2007, Chief of Police Cathy L. Lanier implemented a new approach to recognizing the Department's sworn and civilian members. Many members now receive their awards shortly after the commendable action. In 2010, over 500 members received awards at one of her regularly-scheduled crime briefings.

Other awards include the Bureau Employees of the Year, for members who work within one of the MPD's seven Bureaus and exhibit standout qualities of leadership, work ethic and commitment to service; the District Manager of the Year; Forensic Science Officer of the Year; District Officer of the Year; COP Special Award – Police Medal. The Best Performing District was awarded to the **Sixth Police District** and **PSA 703** was recognized as PSA of the Year.

The Chief of Police Special Award is presented to community members who have excelled in supporting crime prevention and community policing, and the Chief's Medal of Merit is given to members of other agencies who have assisted the MPD in significant operations.

#### NEWS & NOTES

### Also Noteworthy

#### 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 on the cell phone collection program, including a list of donation sites, visit <http://mpdc.dc.gov/donatecellphone>.

**If you SEE something, SAY something.** Call the MPD 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>.

## DATA BOX

### Homicides

as of 2/18/11

2011: 12

2010: 12

% Change: No Change

Closure Rate: 75% (9 closures)

### Adult Arrests

week end. 2/12/11

Total Arrests: 866

Weapons: 16

Robbery: 7

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 11

Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 13

Narcotics: 183

### Juvenile Activity

week end. 2/12/11

Total Arrests: 72

Weapons: 3

Robbery: 1

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 4

Narcotics: 6

### Firearm Recoveries

as of 2/14/11

February: 70

2011 Total: 263

### Traffic Fatalities

as of 2/18/11

2011: 4

2010: 3

% Change: 33%

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