

# 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 CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN POLICING THE NATION'S CAPITAL

On August 6, the Metropolitan Police Department will celebrate 150 years of continuous service to the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1861, the MPDC has grown in diversity as well as size and been on the front lines for much of this city's most colorful history. Tragic events such as the assassinations of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and James A. Garfield, and the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan — as well as happier events such as the many presidential, mayoral, and Council inaugurations, and national parades and marches — have made the MPDC experts in crowd management and in providing assured, professional service. Today's MPDC remains a remarkably diverse department. Nearly one in four of all sworn officers are women, placing the MPDC among the national leaders in this regard. Cathy L. Lanier made history when she was named the first permanent Commemorative Vehicle Decalfemale chief of the MPDC, beginning in 2007. Approximately 70 percent of the MPDC's sworn members are black, Hispanic or Asian, meaning that the department closely mirrors the makeup of the resident population it serves. As the Metropolitan Police Department strives to maintain its rich diversity, the department has also raised its hiring standards and taken other steps to enhance the professionalism of the force.

As part of the celebration, several of the MPDC's most recognizable and public buildings — including the Henry C. Daly Municipal Building (its Headquarters), the Traffic Safety and Specialized Enforcement Branch, and the First District Headquarters — will be adorned with a special banner commemorating the first 15 decades of our history. The Department has also commissioned a special ceremonial badge, which many of our sworn officers have chosen to wear in lieu of their standard badge during the official wearing period, through September 30, 2011. In addition, the Department's fleet of marked police vehicles — cruisers, transport vehicles, vans, and sport-utility vehicles — will be marked with a special decal (pictured above) that contains a facsimile of the 150th badge along with the slogans for the commemoration: "History in the Making" and "A Proud Past, A Vision for Tomorrow." Watch for these special emblems to begin appearing in your community soon.



» To learn more about the Department's sesquicentennial celebration and its history, go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/150th>

## DC'S CURFEW LAW — KNOW THE FACTS

The Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995 (DC Code 2-1541 et. seq.) states that persons under the age of 17 cannot remain in or on a street, park or other outdoor public place, in a vehicle or on the premises of any establishment within the District of Columbia during curfew hours, unless they are involved in certain exempted activities.

### What are the curfew hours?

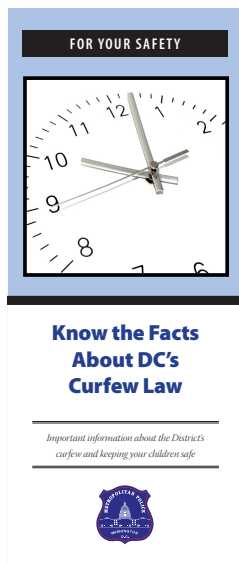
For the months of September through June: Curfew begins at 11 pm on Sunday through Thursday nights, and continues until 6 am the following day. Curfew hours are 12:01 am to 6 am on Saturday and Sunday (curfew on "Friday night" begins at 12:01 am Saturday; curfew on "Saturday night" begins at 12:01 am Sunday). During July and August only Curfew hours are 12:01 am to 6 am, seven days a week.

### Does the curfew law apply to non-District residents?

Yes. The curfew law applies to all persons under the age of 17 who are in the District of Columbia during curfew hours. This includes both District residents as well as young people who reside elsewhere.

### What are the penalties for violating the law?

A parent or legal guardian of a juvenile under the age of 17 commits an offense if he or she knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows, the minor to violate the curfew law. Any adult who violates the Juvenile Curfew Act is subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or community service. A minor who violates curfew may be ordered to perform up to 25 hours of community service.



» To learn more about the DC Curfew law, and see a video produced by cadets from the Department's Academy, go to:

<http://www.mpd.dc.gov/curfew>

» To download a brochure on this and other safety topics, go to:

<http://www.mpd.dc.gov/safety>

## DATA BOX

### Homicides as of 8/5/11

2011: 63

2010: 71

% Change: -11.3%

Closure Rate: 87.3% (55 closures)

### Adult Arrests week end. 7/30/11

Total Arrests: 970

Weapons: 13

Robbery: 21

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 12

Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 10

Narcotics: 199

### Juvenile Activity week end. 7/30/11

Total Arrests: 67

Weapons: 0

Robbery: 8

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 4

Narcotics: 4

### Firearm Recoveries as of 8/1/11

July: 154

August: 2

2011 Total: 1,082

### Traffic Fatalities as of 8/5/11

2011: 24

2010: 18

% Change: 33.3%

## NEWS & NOTES

### Also Noteworthy

**Screen on the Green.** HBO and Comcast are proud to announce the return of a favorite Washington summertime tradition. The free admission outdoor event will continue with screenings each Monday evening at sunset through August 15th. The location is the National Mall between 8th and 14th Streets. For further information regarding Screen on the Green, visit [www.hbo.com/screenonthegreen](http://www.hbo.com/screenonthegreen).

**Beautification Day 2011.** Roll up your

sleeves and transform our schools. Invest your time and resources in our youth, connect with your community and enhance our schools. This will be held Saturday, August 20th at 8:00am- 1:00pm. To register or donate, email [dcps.beautificationday@dc.gov](mailto:dcps.beautificationday@dc.gov) or call 442-5447.

**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>.

### Support the Washington DC Police

**Foundation.** The Washington, DC Police Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that brings together the business, civic, and other professional communities to promote public safety by providing financial and in-kind resources to the MPD, expanding public safety awareness, and advancing public safety policy and initiatives. Learn more about the extraordinary support the Washington DC Police Foundation provides to the MPD. Learn more about the Foundation at <http://www.dcpolicefoundation.org>.

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