

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 RESERVE CORPS CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MPD AND THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON, DC

During World War II, District of Columbia residents were protected by the Civil Defense Force, which was organized to assist against the threat of attack on the Nation's Capital. After the war, while civil defense was no longer a top priority, it became apparent that an organized reserve force would benefit the municipal police by assisting them in carrying out their everyday responsibilities.

The Metropolitan Police Reserve Corps was established in November 1948. Public law passed in 1950 gave authority to the Chief of Police, at his discretion, to select, organize, train, and equip certain residents of the District and the metropolitan area in a special reserve unit known as the Metropolitan Police Reserve Corps. The members of this force served without pay.

Members of the new Reserve Corps were first deployed on October 31, 1951, to guard fire alarm boxes to prevent the sounding of false alarms Halloween Night. Since then, they have continued to make enormous contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia and aided the career members of the Department in keeping the city safe and secure.

In honor of the Corps' 60th anniversary, [Officer Gary Miller](#) designed a modern logomark to give the unit a new identity and brand. The unit's new tagline, "Excellence in Volunteer Policing" — developed by [Commander Richard Southby](#) — is incorporated into the logo and will serve as an inspirational motto. The design bridges the unique role of volunteer officers, showing, via a split image of a man wearing the tricorner hat, the dual identity each plays in both their regular and police careers.



» Learn more about the Reserve Corps' rich history and current news in the latest edition of *The Reserve Lookout*, the Corps' semi-annual newsletter, available at:
<http://t.co/CSjx9c0v>

» See archived editions of the Reserve Lookout by visiting:
<http://www.mpd.cdc.gov/lookout>

» The Reserve Corps division is always looking for more volunteers to help grow its ranks. Join the Reserve Corps today at:
<https://oap.mpdonline.com/public/instructions.aspx>



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE DC EMPLOYEE FOR A CAFRITZ AWARD, NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 18

Mark your calendar now to nominate an exemplary DC government employee for The 2012 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Awards! The nomination period is now open through Friday, November 18, 2011. During this period, you may submit the Nominations Form via fax to (202) 994-5389, email to director@cafritzawards.org, or online at <http://nominate.cafritzawards.org>. As you consider individuals who merit recognition, keep in mind the following five criteria:

- » Solved an extraordinary problem or goal
- » Brought positive recognition to the city
- » Consistently achieved excellence in overall performance
- » Implemented an innovative idea
- » Demonstrated inspirational leadership

For additional information about the awards, including information about the previous winners, please visit www.cafritzawards.org. You also may call (202) 994-5390 or email director@cafritzawards.org. Help us celebrate the individuals that exemplify the best in public service!



» Learn more by visiting the Cafritz Awards on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/CafritzAwards>

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Join the MPD Reserve Corps. The MPD Reserve Corps, a volunteer policing program is seeking new members. Applications are now being accepted at <http://dcpolice.jobs>.

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>.

Preventing terrorism is everybody's business. If you SEE something, SAY

something. Call the MPD at (202) 727-9099 to report suspicious activity that has already occurred. Call 911 to report in-progress threats or emergencies. Learn how you can help fight terrorism at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/operationTIPP>.

MPD Celebrates 150 Years. The Metropolitan Police Department turned 150 on August 6. Look for a special decal on most marked vehicles to highlight and celebrate this landmark in the agency's history. In addition, many of our uniformed officers have chosen to honor the sesquicentennial by wearing a commemorative badge through September 30, 2011.

In honor of the milestone, additional information about the Department's

history is being added to our website, including the biographies of every Chief of Police since 1861, a history of the badge, and more each week. Special banners highlighting the anniversary are also being displayed at MPD Headquarters and other facilities.

To see the special section, visit www.mpdc.dc.gov/150th.



DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 10/14/11
2011: 86	
2010: 103	
% Change: -16.5%	
Closure Rate: 93.0% (80 closures)	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 10/10/11
October: 24	
2011 Total: 1,475	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 10/14/11
2011: 29	
2010: 20	
% Change: 45.0%	

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