

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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NINE NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS DEPLOYED CITYWIDE

On November 21, 2011, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) announced several new automated speed enforcement locations. The deployment locations for the Photo Enforcement Units will continue to be at sites with the highest number of crashes and injuries, calls for police service, and high speed volume. MPD also considered recommendations or requests from the Department of Transportation, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and civic or citizen associations.

The 30-day educational phase began on November 21, 2011. During the educational phase, violators will receive warning citations. On December 21, 2011, MPD will begin issuing live moving citations to violators.

The new photo enforcement locations are as follows:

- 1900 block of Foxhall Road NW, north and south bound directions, 25 mph
- 2800 block of Calvert Street NW, east bound, 25 mph
- 2300 block of Connecticut Avenue NW, south bound, 25 mph
- 100 block of Florida Avenue NW, east and west bound, 25 mph
- 4200 block of South Capitol SW, south bound, 25 mph
- 2300 block of Porter Street NW, east and west bound, 30 mph
- Canal Road NW .3 miles south of Arizona Avenue NW, north and south bound directions, 35 mph
- DC295 NE at Benning Road overpass, north bound, 45 mph
- DC295 SW .7 miles south of Exit 1, north and south bound, 50 mph

DC DMV TICKET AMNESTY PROGRAM ENDS JANUARY 2012

For the past five months, the District of Columbia has been conducting temporary ticket amnesty program that allows customers to pay older outstanding tickets without having to pay the penalty that would otherwise have been assessed on the ticket. But time is running out. The amnesty program ends on January 27, 2012. All open parking tickets, citations for moving violations and photo-enforcement tickets issued before January 1, 2010, qualify under the amnesty program.

“This program is an incentive for customers to pay off their old tickets,” said Mayor Gray. “In the current economic environment, we expect that many customers will take advantage of this opportunity to clear their debts to DMV at a lower cost – producing revenue results for the District.”

Under the program:

- Hearings cannot be requested on amnesty tickets.
- Amnesty tickets are eligible for a ticket-payment plan.
- Payments on tickets made prior to August 1, 2011 are not eligible for a refund.
- No points will be assessed on moving-violation tickets paid.

» Read the complete news release at <http://mpdc.dc.gov>

» For more information about automated speed enforcement in the District of Columbia, log onto: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/automatedenforcement>

» Want to pay an outstanding ticket? Customers can pay their amnesty tickets in a variety of ways:

- o Online: <http://dmv.dc.gov>
- o By Phone: (866) 893-5023
- o In Person: Visit the DMV Adjudication Services in person at 301 C Street, NW (Monday through Friday, 8:15 am - 4 pm)

» To learn more about the DMV's ticket amnesty program, e-mail DMVTicketAmnesty@dc.gov or visit:

<http://dmv.dc.gov/serv/ticket.shtm>

» Pay your ticket online at: https://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/dc_parking/info.jsp

FBI OFFERS ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

In advance of the holiday season, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center reminds shoppers to beware of cyber criminals and their aggressive and creative ways to steal money and personal information.

Scammers use many techniques to fool potential victims including fraudulent auction sales, reshipping merchandise purchased with a stolen credit card, sale of fraudulent or stolen gift cards through auction sites at discounted prices, and phishing e-mails advertising brand name merchandise for bargain prices or e-mails promoting the sale of merchandise that ends up being a counterfeit product.

Here are some tips you can use to avoid becoming a victim of cyber fraud:

- Do not respond to unsolicited (spam) e-mail.
- Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited e-mail.
- Be cautious of e-mail claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders. Always run a virus scan on attachment before opening.
- Avoid filling out forms contained in e-mail messages that ask for personal information.
- Always compare the link in the e-mail to the web address link you are directed to and determine if they match.
- Log on directly to the official Web site for the business identified in the e-mail, instead of "linking" to it from an unsolicited e-mail. If the e-mail appears to be from your bank, credit card issuer, or other company you deal with frequently, your statements or official correspondence from the business will provide the proper contact information.
- Contact the actual business that supposedly sent the e-mail to verify that the e-mail is genuine.
- If you are requested to act quickly or there is an emergency, it may be a scam. Fraudsters create a sense of urgency to get you to act impulsively.

» Read more and learn about e-scams and warnings at:
http://www.fbi.gov/news/news_blog/holiday-shopping-tips

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 11/25/11
2011: 100	
2010: 122	
% Change: -18%	
Closure Rate: 92% (92 closures)	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 11/21/11
November: 119	
2011 Total: 1,734	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 11/25/11
2011: 31	
2010: 20	
% Change: 55%	

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