

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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WARNING PERIOD ENDS FOR NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS ENDS 12/21

On November 21, 2011, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) announced several new automated speed enforcement locations.

The deployment locations for the Photo Enforcement Units continues to be at sites with the highest number of crashes and injuries, calls for police service, and high speed volume. MPD also considers recommendations or requests from the Department of Transportation, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and civic or citizen associations.

The 30-day educational phase will end on December 21, 2011, when the 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 .3 miles south of Exit 1, north and south bound, 50 mph

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

WATCH OUT FOR CHARITY SCAMS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is traditionally a time of giving, with many charities seeking contributions to help the less fortunate. But it can also be a time when some con artists try to take advantage of other peoples' generosity by going door-to-door for "charitable donations" — when there is really no charity involved. If someone shows up at your door asking for donations, always ask for identification and look at it carefully. It's also a good idea to request printed information about the charity, or a phone number or website that you can contact for more information. Also, find out how the funds will be used. Be especially wary of people who ask for cash only or of children out soliciting funds who are not accompanied

by an adult. If you are not satisfied with the answers you get, there is a simple solution: don't give — at least not right away, until you have had a chance to do your research. As an alternative, help a charitable organization you are familiar with.

» For more information on charity and other scams, visit: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/scams>

» Charity scams are just one type of crime that can happen during the holidays. For a list of winter holiday safety tips for shoppers, travelers and when you're at home, check out: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/holidaysafety>



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MPD CONTINUES EFFORTS TO KEEP COMMUNITY MEMBERS EDUCATED ON FILING POLICE COMMENDATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is committed to providing quality, professional service to all members of the community. The MPD does its best to recognize individuals who provide exemplary service. Community members or visitors to DC who have had a positive experience with an MPD officer or civilian employee are invited to share their positive experiences by submitting a commendation.

Sometimes, however, individuals may feel that a member of the MPD has failed to meet that standard by engaging in misconduct or using excessive force. In these situations, individuals are encouraged to report this information to the MPD or the District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints (OPC). The Office of Police Complaints is a District Government agency that is independent of the MPD, and its mission is to receive, investigate, and resolve police misconduct complaints filed by the public against MPD and DC Housing Authority Police Department officers.

The MPD will investigate all complaints, including anonymous complaints, in a fair, thorough, and impartial manner. OPC has the authority to investigate complaints alleging harassment; use of unnecessary or excessive force; use of language or conduct that is insulting, demeaning, or humiliating; discrimination; retaliation for filing a complaint with OPC; or failure to wear required identification or refusal to provide name and badge number when requested to do so by a member of the public.

» For more information on filing a commendation or complaint, visit:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/citizencomplaints>

» OPC complaint forms and information sheets can be obtained by:

- Visiting OPC at 1400 I St., NW, # 700, Washington, DC 20005
- Calling OPC at (202) 727-3838
- Calling the OPC 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 866-588-0569
- Visiting OPC's website, <http://policecomplaints.dc.gov>

» OPC complaint forms can be submitted:

- In person or by mail to the address above
- By fax to (202) 727-9182
- By dropping forms off at any MPDC district station

» To file a complaint with the MPD, you may:

- Visit any MPD District station or facility
- Call (202) 727-4385 or the 24-hour hotline at 800-298-4006
- Visit MPD's website at mpdc.dc.gov
- Email the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) at citizen.complaints@dc.gov
- Call the IAB TTY number at (202) 898-1454
- Submit your complaint in person at any MPD facility or by mail to: Internal Affairs Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department, 51 N Street, NE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC
- Fax your complaint to (202) 727-5116

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

DC Public Library Offering Fine Forgiveness through 2/5. Do you have an overdue library book, CD or DVD? Check it in before February 5 and DC Public Library (DCPL) will forgive your fines. That's right! No fines, no fees, and no questions asked. The DCPL will forgive lost books as well. Regardless of how long you've had it and the condition it's in, check it in and discover the joy of using DC Public Library again. For more information visit <http://www.dclibrary.org/node/29020>.

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>.

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>.

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 12/16/11
2011: 106	
2010: 128	
% Change: -17.2	
Closure Rate: 87.7% (93 closures)	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 12/5/11
December: 143	
2011 Total: 1,774	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 12/16/11
2011: 31	
2010: 20	
% Change: 55%	

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