

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 AND DC COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEEK CELL PHONES FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Did you get a new Blackberry, iPhone, Droid for the holidays? Are you wondering what to do with your old phone? If you have upgraded, please consider contributing your old cell phone to someone in need. The Metropolitan Police Department has collaborated with the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence to collect unwanted gently-used cell phones (and charges and batteries if you have them) to distribute to victims who are living in domestic violence situations. Phones are collected by Victim Specialists and distributed to clients through our partner agencies, including: the Domestic Violence Intake Center at DC Superior Court and the Southeast Satellite Office at Greater Southeast Community Hospital.



Collection sites will be in every district and substation. Individuals may drop off their used and unwanted cell phones (and chargers/batteries, if you have them) in the designated boxes.

The DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence will handle all tax deduction requests. Individuals requesting to receive a tax deduction for their contribution may either mail them directly to the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, drop them off at any police district, or contact the Victim Services Branch to schedule a time to drop off your phones with a Victim Specialist at the Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters location.

The phones will be cleaned and programmed for the purposes of 911 only by the DC Coalition for Domestic Violence and will be provided to victims of domestic violence. These phones may be a valuable tool to those victims who do not have access to a telephone either a landline or cellular by connecting him/her to emergency services when needed.

» For more information on the cell phone collection program, visit
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/donatecellphone>

» To donate a cell phone, contact:
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DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
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SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN



The DC Government Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has begun taking applications for Summer 2012 placement. Slots fill up quickly, so please do not delay. If you know a DC resident between the ages of 14 – 21 who wants to work this summer, you can encourage him or her to apply. As part of the SYEP, young people can participate in MPD's Jr. Police Academy, a six-week summer program for students (ages 14 -17) who are curious about the law or interested in law enforcement, politics and the criminal justice system to gain an insider's perspective by learning about the criminal justice system and the internal operations of the MPD. Young people interested in these paid positions through the mayor's program can learn more by visiting the website for the DC Department of Employment Services. All applicants of the SYEP must be DC residents with proof of residency, including proof of last school attended.

» Students interested in the Jr. Police Academy (partnership program of the SYEP), can visit:
www.mpdc.dc.gov/JPA.

» Learn more about the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) by visiting the website for the DC Department of Employment Services at:
<http://www.does.dc.gov>

ONE CITY SUMMIT SET FOR FEBRUARY 11

DC residents are invited to join Mayor Vincent Gray and 1,000 other community members on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center for the "One City Summit" – a frank and open conversation about what needs to be done to create Washington, DC as One City.

At the event, you will have the opportunity to let your voice be heard by:

- » Voting on specific priorities for action in the coming year
- » Brainstorming new ideas about how the DC Government can work more effectively with its citizens
- » Identifying ways you can be more involved in future efforts to create a more unified city that works for everyone
- » Learning about current efforts to grow our economy, improve our schools, create more jobs, and other initiatives underway to move our city forward
- » Discussing some of the biggest challenges that prevent our city from becoming truly One City
- » Sharing your views in small group discussions and listening to neighbors from every part of the District

Along with other top city officials, Gray will be present all day to listen to your concerns and hear your ideas. A free lunch will be served to everyone who attends!

The One City Summit will offer residents from all parts of the District the chance to talk together, learn from each other, and help find solutions to the challenges we face. It will help Washington, DC become a more livable, vibrant and inclusive city - for everyone. Join Mayor Gray and your fellow District residents at this informative, interactive, high tech meeting to help identify priorities for the future.



» Residents are encouraged to register for the summit today by using the online form or calling (202) 709-5132. Don't miss out on the opportunity to let your voice be heard. For more information, visit:

<http://www.onecitysummit.dc.gov>

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>.

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 2/3/12
2012: 8	
2011: 9	
% Change: -11%	
Closure Rate: 37.5% (3 closures)	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 1/30/12
January: 191	
2012 Total: 191	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 2/3/12
2012: 3	
2011: 3	
% Change: No Change	

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