

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 AWARDED GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO HIRE VETERANS AS POLICE OFFICERS

On June 25, 2012, the Metropolitan Police Department announced it will be awarded funds from the US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to hire veterans as police officers, as part of President Obama's Veterans Job Corps initiative.

"The Metropolitan Police Department is pleased to be the recipient of a COPS Hiring Program award which allows us not only to put five additional officers on the street, but also to support the brave men and women who serve in the military," said Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier.

"Our veterans deserve good jobs and our residents deserve safe streets — and this grant helps achieve both," said Mayor Vincent C. Gray. "I am thankful that the Department of Justice has selected the Metropolitan Police Department to receive these funds."

The funding — approximately \$625,000 — will be specifically used to hire military veterans who served on active duty for a period of at least 180 days, any part of which occurred on or after September 11, 2001. The grant will cover just under half of the salary of the officers over a period of three years.

» Interested in becoming an officer with the Metropolitan Police Department? Get more information and apply online at: <http://policejobs.dc.gov>

» MPD also welcomes volunteers. To get information about becoming a member of MPD's Reserve Corps, go to <http://policejobs.dc.gov>

REMINDER TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES: CURFEW IN EFFECT YEAR-ROUND; SUMMER HOURS BEGAN JULY 1

The MPD offers this reminder to young people and their families concerning DC's teen curfew: From September 1 through June 30, DC's curfew for young people under the age of 17 starts at 11 pm, Sunday through Thursday nights, and at 12:01 am on weekends. Since Sunday, July 1, and continuing through August 31, DC's curfew starts at 12:01 am, and continues until 6 am seven days a week. This is an hour later than the weeknight curfew during school months. Under DC law, 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 during curfew hours, unless they are involved in certain exempted activities. These include work, school, religious, civic or organized recreational activities, as well as the exercise of First Amendment rights. DC's curfew law applies to all young people who are in the District during curfew hours, regardless of whether they live inside or outside the city. During the first six months of 2012, the MPD has processed approximately 1,800 curfew violators.



» For complete details on DC's curfew law, including sample exemptions and alternative resources for young people, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/curfew>

» See the "Are You In?" campaign at MPD's YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_3h57Cb3w&list=PL271A4BA7489C09F6&index=6&feature=plpp_video

SUMMER IS A GOOD TIME TO PRACTICE BURGLARY PREVENTION

With many of us enjoying outdoor activities this summer, the chances of getting careless—and giving burglars an opportunity to strike—are, unfortunately, increased.

With the warm weather, both homeowners and apartment dwellers may be tempted to leave their doors unlocked or their windows open. Common excuses are that they are going outside for “only a few minutes” or they will “only be in the backyard.” But it only takes a few minutes for a burglar to enter a home through an unlocked door or an open window. Throughout the year, but especially during the summer, residents are reminded to have good locks installed on their doors—and to use them all the time, especially when they leave their homes. Ground-floor windows should be closed and locked when residents leave their homes, and window locks are recommended on all windows at all times. In addition, homeowners should keep ladders secured—preferably in a locked garage—at all times. Some burglars have been known to use a resident’s ladder to enter a second-story window. Most of all, residents are encouraged to look out for one another and call the police if they seem anything suspicious.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY: SHRED DOCUMENTS AT FT. TOTTEN

As our lives become more integrated with technology, keeping our private information confidential becomes more and more difficult. Your personal information is often requested, partially-completed credit card applications may be mailed to your residence often, and electronic transactions have become commonplace. Although all of this has the potential to simplify daily activities, it also makes it easy for someone to take advantage of the situation and steal your identity. There are several measures you can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft, including changing your passwords regularly, using secure web sites, and disposing of your personal paper documents properly.

The Department of Public Works holds monthly Household Hazardous Waste/E-Cycling/Personal Document Shredding, and the next drop-off will be on Saturday, July 7, between 8 AM and 3 PM at the Ft. Totten Transfer Station. In addition to permitting district residents may bring toxic items, such as pesticides, batteries and cleaning fluids to Ft. Totten, personal document shredding also is available and residents may bring up to five boxes of materials to be shredded. No business or commercial material will be accepted.

To accommodate residents whose religious beliefs prohibit them from using the Saturday drop-off, DPW will accept household hazardous waste and e-cyclables only on the Thursday before the first Saturday of the month (1 PM to 5 PM). While DPW normally offers personal document shredding on the first Saturday, items for shredding cannot be accepted on Thursdays because these documents cannot be protected until the shredding contractor arrives the first Saturday.

- » For a complete list of burglary prevention tips: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/burglary>
- » Traveling this summer? Make sure you install light timers, have your mail and newspapers picked up, and take other steps to make your home looks “lived in” while you are gone.
- » Get more burglary prevention tips in this informative video at MPD’s YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEKeBjivv1M&list=PL271A4BA7489C09F6&index=1&feature=plpp_video

- » For a list of all household hazardous waste and e-cyclables accepted by DPW, please click on the HHW link at: <http://www.dpw.dc.gov>
- » For more information on ways to protect your identity, and how to report identity theft to the police, go to <http://mpdc.dc.gov/safety>

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 7/6/12
2012: 45	
2011: 57	
% Change: -21.1%	
Closure Rate: 80.0% (36 closures)	
Adult Arrests	(week end. 6/30/12)
Total Arrests: 751	
Weapons: 9	
Robbery: 10	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 9	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 18	
Narcotics: 102	
Juvenile Activity	(week end. 6/30/12)
Total Arrests: 65	
Weapons: 2	
Robbery: 8	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 2	
Narcotics: 4	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 7/2/12
June: 136	
2012 Total: 975	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 7/6/12
2012: 8	
2011: 22	
% Change: -63.6%	

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://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>.

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>.

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