

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia



Friday, August 3, 2012

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SET FOR THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

On Tuesday, August 7, thousands of DC residents are expected to join with their neighbors, police officers and other community leaders in celebrating National Night Out (NNO). From community cookouts to open houses – block parties, candlelight vigils and athletic events – DC is gearing up for the 29th annual celebration of “America’s Night Out Against Crime.” **The citywide kickoff has been changed. It will now begin at 6 pm at the Rosedale Recreation Center in the Fifth Police District.** Public safety characters McGruff the Crime Dog® and the National Knight® will be available to meet attendees and have their photos taken. In addition to the numerous activities taking place at the kickoff event, communities across DC – in all seven police districts – have scheduled NNO events during the late afternoon and evening hours.

National Night Out is an annual event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, that takes place on the first Tuesday in August. Each year, the Metropolitan Police Department actively participates in National Night Out by rallying community members throughout the District of Columbia to join with neighbors and police officers in their PSAs to be a part of this annual event.

The National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 9,500 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

» A complete list of events scheduled to take place in the seven police districts is available online. For that and other information about National Night Out in DC, go to:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/NNO>

» Even if you can’t participate in an organized National Night Out event, you can still be involved. Residents are encouraged to turn on their exterior lights on the evening of August 7 — as a show of neighborhood solidarity against crime. Learn more about NNO at:

<http://www.nno.org>



METROPOLITAN POLICE EXPAND LITTERING ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

August 1, 2012, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) began Phase II of the Littering Enforcement Pilot project by expanding to the Sixth District. Phase I of this pilot began in the Fourth District on May 1, 2011. Members of the Sixth District will now be able to enforce laws against littering by writing Notices of Violation (NOVs) for pedestrians observed littering.

Throughout August, MPD will issue warnings to violators as they work with community partners to educate the public about littering enforcement. Beginning September 1, 2012, anyone violating the city’s littering law in the MPD’s Sixth District (which covers much of Ward 7 and a small portion of Ward 8) may be issued an actual NOV or be subject to arrest.

If an officer sees an individual intentionally or carelessly dropping waste material of any source on public space, in waterways, or on private property not controlled by the individual, he or she may receive a \$75 Notice of Violation (NOV) for littering. Failure to properly respond by following the instructions on the back of the NOV will result in additional penalties.

Those cited are required to provide an accurate name and address to the issuing officer. Those who refuse or fail to provide an accurate name and address can be arrested. Upon conviction, non-cooperative litterers will be fined an additional \$100 to \$250 by the D.C. Superior Court.

While the pilot is in effect, MPD will continue citywide enforcement of the prohibition against disposing, causing, or allowing the disposal of litter from a vehicle on any public or private property, subject to a \$100 traffic ticket.

» Learn more about the Littering Enforcement Pilot Project at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/littering>

NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS DEPLOYED CITYWIDE; WARNINGS TO BE ISSUED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2

On July 31, 2012, the Metropolitan Police Department announced the deployment of 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 will commence on August 1, 2012, when violators will begin receiving warning citations. On Monday September 3, 2012, MPD will begin issuing live moving citations to violators. The new photo enforcement locations are as follows. Unless noted the speed limit is 25 mph:

- » 200 block 17th Street, NE (southbound)
- » 1800 block Harvard Street, NW (northwestbound)
- » 1700 block North Portal Drive, NW (southwestbound)
- » 700 block Franklin Street, NE (westbound)
- » 1400 block New York Avenue, NE (northeastbound) (35 mph)
- » 3700 block Massachusetts Avenue, SE (southeastbound)
- » 4300 block Texas Avenue, SE (southbound)
- » 4800 block Texas Avenue, SE (northbound)
- » DC295, 0.4 miles south of Burroughs Avenue, NE (southbound) (45 mph)
- » 2200 block K Street, NW (westbound)
- » 400 block Riggs Road, NE (northbound)



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

» Learn more about automated traffic enforcement online at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/photoenforcement>

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 8/3/12
2012: 53	
2011: 63	
% Change: -15.9%	
Closure Rate: 77.4% (41 closures)	
Adult Arrests	(week end. 7/28/12)
Total Arrests: 746	
Weapons: 14	
Robbery: 13	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 17	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 4	
Narcotics: 119	
Juvenile Activity	(week end. 7/28/12)
Total Arrests: 57	
Weapons: 3	
Robbery: 10	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 2	
Narcotics: 2	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 7/30/12
July: 142	
2012 Total: 1,117	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 8/3/12
2012: 9	
2011: 24	
% Change: -62.5%	

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 Use the CyberTipline to report 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>.

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