

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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KNOW THE LAW ABOUT MINI BIKES AND OTHER VEHICLES

Like cars and trucks, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, Segways, and mopeds must be operated safely on city streets. Minibikes, ATVs, and dirt bikes are designed for off-road use and may not be driven on city streets, sidewalks, or any other public space within the District of Columbia.

What can I ride on city streets? It is illegal to ride or operate a minibike, dirt bike or All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) anywhere on public space in the District of Columbia (including streets, sidewalks, alleyways, bike lanes, public trails and other public locations).

It is okay to ride mopeds, motorized bicycles, and motorcycles on the street, but not on city sidewalks. Note that non-motorized bicycles and Segways are permitted to be ridden on the sidewalk in neighborhoods outside the Central Business District or any area specifically prohibited by the Mayor.

No matter what or where you ride, obey traffic and safety laws and yield to pedestrians. And don't forget to wear a helmet for your own protection!

What can I ride on city streets?

It is **illegal** to ride or operate a minibike, dirt bike or All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) on the District's streets or sidewalks. It is okay to ride bicycles, mopeds, motorized bicycles, Segways, and motorcycles on the street, but not on city sidewalks.

No matter what or where you ride, obey traffic and safety laws and yield to pedestrians. And don't forget to wear a helmet for your own protection!

Don't give and ride an illegal ride. Abide by the law knowing what you can or can not ride!

To learn more, visit www.dmv.dc.gov

» Get more information on non-traditional motor vehicles and DC law through the DMV at: <http://www.dmv.dc.gov>

» Motorcycles, motorized bicycles, Segways, and mopeds must be operated safely on city streets. Get more information on operating your small vehicle in DC: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/minibike>

Illegal on Public Space	Legal on DC Streets (Not Sidewalks)	Legal on DC Streets or Sidewalks**
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Minibike Dirt Bike	Motorcycle Moped Motorized Bicycle	Bicycle (Non-Motorized) Segway

**Non-motorized bicycles and Segways may be ridden on the sidewalk in neighborhoods outside the central business district unless specifically prohibited by the Mayor.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is sponsored annually in September by the US Department of Homeland Security's "Ready" campaign. It is designed to encourage individuals across the nation to take steps to increase their preparedness, including making a family emergency plan, making an emergency supply kit, and being informed about the different emergencies that may affect them. This year, National Preparedness Month will focus on encouraging Americans to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness. We are encouraging all Americans to join the readiness team and truly help themselves, their neighbors, and their communities to be ready.

The MPD offers a number of recommendations on how people can prepare for a possible emergency situation. The first thing to consider are the basic necessities for survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. Households should create an emergency supply kit that provides these necessities for every person (and pet) who lives there. Families should also create a plan

» Download MPD's list of steps you can take to be prepared online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/preparednessmonth>

» Plan TODAY for what's on the way. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. To learn how to prepare & to sign up for critical emergency alerts, go to: <http://www.72hours.dc.gov>

» Did you know DC Alert provides emergency and police alerts, sent directly to your email, cell phone, pager or PDA? To register, go to: <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/>

» Prepare. Plan. Stay informed. Get more information on how you can take steps to prepare for an emergency online at: <http://www.ready.gov>

and review it as a group so everyone knows where to go, who to contact, and how to reach each other in the event of an emergency. In addition to the recommendations offered by the MPD, the DC Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMA) offers a number of preparedness guides and other emergency planning tools for reference.

Whether you plan to shelter in place or evacuate—which clearly depends on the emergency circumstances—it’s important to monitor the news (on TV, the radio, or the internet) for information and official instructions. If you live in the District of Columbia, you may want to register with Alert DC to receive regular emergency alerts via email or text.

STREET CLOSURES PLANNED FOR THIS WEEKEND INCLUDE ADAMS MORGAN DAY FESTIVAL AND NATION’S TRIATHLON

The Metropolitan Police Department would like to remind the public that street closures are planned for the Adams Morgan Day Festival and the Nations Triathlon both set for Sunday, September 9, 2012.

The Adams Morgan Day Festival will take place from 12 pm until approximately 7 pm. All street closures will be in effect from 4 am until approximately 10 pm. The festival will take place on 18th Street between Florida Avenue and Columbia Road, NW, and will include street closures in that area.

The 7th Annual Nation’s Triathlon TM will take place from 7am to 2pm on Sunday, September 9, 2012 in the Nation’s Capital. This USA Triathlon (USAT)-sanctioned Olympic distance triathlon includes a 1.5k swim in the Potomac River, 40k bike course through downtown DC, and a 10k run along Washington, DC’s monumental corridor finishing on the banks of the Potomac River adjacent to the Tidal Basin.

Roads will be closed and managed by US Park Police and DC Metropolitan Police.

Motorists traveling in the area of these events may experience delays and should consider alternative routes if possible. The Metropolitan Police Department and the District Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists to pay full attention whenever operating any motor vehicle and to be mindful of heavy pedestrian traffic that may be associated with special events. These street closings are subject to change without notice based upon unanticipated events and prevailing conditions.

- » A list of closed streets and alternate routes that can be used during the event are available on the MPD’s website at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov>
- » For a map of the routes or any further questions about this event please visit: <http://www.nationstri.com>

DATA BOX	
Homicides	as of 9/7/12
2012: 58	
2011: 76	
% Change: -23.7%	
Closure Rate: 82.8% (48 closures)	
Adult Arrests	(week end. 9/1/12)
Total Arrests: 719	
Weapons: 16	
Robbery: 13	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 7	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 49	
Narcotics: 93	
Juvenile Activity	(week end. 9/1/12)
Total Arrests: 49	
Weapons: 4	
Robbery: 4	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 1	
Narcotics: 1	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 9/5/12
September: 11	
2012 Total: 1,309	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 9/7/12
2012: 11	
2011: 27	
% Change: -59.3%	

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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