

# 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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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MPD

Chief Cathy Lanier, her Command Staff and all the members of the MPD wish our partners in the community a happy and peaceful holiday season.



## HOLIDAY REMINDER: DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE IN DC

Metropolitan Police officers are out in force this holiday season, looking for impaired drivers, speeders and other aggressive or unsafe drivers. Several sobriety checkpoints will be conducted between now and New Year's Day, as part of the MPD's holiday traffic safety detail. The MPD is also throwing its support behind both the designated driver and SoberRide programs this holiday season. Sponsored by the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), SoberRide provides holiday revelers with free cab rides home (up to \$50) every evening from 10 pm to 6 am, now through January 1. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30.00 fare), please call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). AT&T customers may dial #WRAP from their wireless phones. Please refer to the SoberRide information listed below for important details concerning this program. You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service.

The MPDC reminds motorists that DC has tough drunk driving laws, including a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) standard of .08, zero tolerance for youthful offenders, and penalties that include stiff fines, license revocation and the possibility of jail time, even for first offenders.

» Learn more about drunk driving laws in DC by going to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/dui>

» More details on SoberRide are available at:  
<http://www.wrap.org/soberride/>

## MPD OFFERS ONE-STOP WEBPAGE WITH FUN AND SAFE RESOURCES FOR KIDS

The Metropolitan Police Department takes safety for everyone seriously. Children need guidance and access to relevant and age-appropriate information throughout their development. The following resources are offered as a brief introduction to the many products and services available to help educate your child about a variety of topics — from issues like cyberbullying to getting to school safely to drug awareness and fire safety. The MPD is working to develop additional materials and more features in the near future, including interactive activities, puzzles, and more.



» Looking for safety information targeted to young people? Visit:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/safekids>

» If you have a resource or idea that you would like to see included on the "Fun and Safe for Kids" page, please contact the MPD at:  
[kevin.palmer@dc.gov](mailto:kevin.palmer@dc.gov)

## RESIDENTS REMINDED ABOUT REWARDS IN HOMICIDES, ROBBERIES, OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES

In an effort to enlist even more community support in solving crimes and prosecuting offenders, the MPD reminds members of the public that the Department operates and supports a number of reward programs. These programs offer members of the community substantial cash rewards for information that can help the MPD close cases. For example, the MPD offers a reward of up to \$25,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed

in the District of Columbia. This reward applies to recent cases or homicides that were committed years ago. The Department also offers an enhanced reward of up to \$5,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any robbery in DC. The reward amount increases to up to \$10,000 for information in robberies that involve a life-threatening injury to the victim.

Anyone with information about an unsolved homicide, robbery, or other crime in DC is asked to call the MPD's 24-hour or the Command Information Center (CIC) at (202) 727-9099. Anonymous information may be forwarded to the department's TEXT TIP LINE by text messaging 50411. And, of course, the Department continues to support the Crime Solvers program, which offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for other felony crimes. The Crime Solvers telephone number is (800) 673-2777. All calls to Crime Solvers are confidential, and callers need not provide their names.



- » Get details on rewards offered by the MPD at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/rewards>
- » Learn more about the MPD's 24/7 anonymous crime tip lines at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/tipline>
- » Flyers on unsolved homicide cases are posted on the MPD website at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/unsolvedhomicides>

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

**Tell Us How We're Doing.** MPD is now part of Grade DC. We invite you to share your thoughts on our service — positive or negative — through MPD's email groups, our social media, or by visiting the Grade DC website. Get more information at <http://grade.dc.gov>.

**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 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>.

#### Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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