

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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VISIT [INAUGURATION.DC.GOV](http://inauguration.dc.gov) FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO PREPARE FOR THIS HISTORIC EVENT

As the capital of the United States and seat of the federal government, the District of Columbia plays host every four years to the inauguration of the country's president and the related activities such as the inaugural parade, balls and galas and other festive events.

Through the DC Presidential Inaugural Committee (DC PIC) the Government of the District of Columbia provides logistical coordination and support for the inaugural activities, working in close coordination with its federal, regional and private sector partners to ensure seamless oversight and integrated management. Hundreds of thousands of American citizens from across the country will visit the District to take part in this historic event.

People planning to visit DC for this historic event should be prepared for large crowds, heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and numerous street closures. The District of Columbia's 2013 Presidential Inauguration website provides a single point of access to a variety of information people may need in preparing to visit the District of Columbia to commemorate the 57th Presidential Inauguration, including lodging information, transportation, security measures and closures.

» Whether you plan to be on the National Mall, on Pennsylvania Avenue, or at some other venue for this event, be prepared. Visit the DC government's Presidential '13 Inauguration website at: <http://inauguration.dc.gov>



JANUARY IS STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

Stalking is a crime that affects 6.6 million adults a year. One in 6 women and 1 in 19 men will experience stalking at some point in their lives. Many of these crimes will go unreported and unprosecuted. During National Stalking Awareness Month, MPD renews its commitment to provide support to all victims of stalking. It will also honor those victims who are no longer with us as a result of this crime.

STALKING: KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT.

Stalking occurs when a person repeatedly behaves or acts in a way that causes intense physical and emotion distress. It is a series of actions that puts a person in fear of his/her safety or the safety of family members. Stalking may include direct or indirect threats, harassment, or unwanted communication via phone, text messages, or emails. It may also include any behavior that would make a reasonable person feel threatened, intimidated, annoyed, or afraid. Many victims may feel forced to move or change jobs.

A stalker is much more likely to be someone known by the victim, than someone who is unknown. The stalker's behavior may start with small, annoying and persistent actions. Tragically, the behavior tends to escalate over time; and is sometimes followed by sexual assault or homicide. Stalking is a serious crime, like sexual assault and domestic violence. It's about power, control, domination and doing harm.

If a person believes he or she is being stalked, it's important to: find an ally; tell someone (family, roommates, trusted friends, and/or co-workers); contact the police to report the crime; formulate a safety plan; and keep a log of all communications, threats, email, mail or other contacts.

» For more information on stalking contact the MPD's Victim Services Branch at: (202) 724-4339

ONLINE SERVICE REQUEST CENTER MAKES REQUESTING CITY SERVICES A SIMPLE CLICK AWAY

From trash pick-up to traffic signals, the DC Government's Service Request Center makes it easy to submit requests online. In three simple steps, you can request a city service with an easy way to monitor its progress. Just select a service type, enter the service location. Through the Service Request Center, you'll also receive a tracking number, allowing you to check the status of your request.

Public safety and city services go hand in hand. Ensuring that an abandoned auto is quickly towed or having graffiti removed promptly has a doubly-positive effect. It fosters pride in the community, while at the same time, it sends a clear message to potential vandals letting them know their actions will not be tolerated.

Visitors to the Service Request Center can report abandoned vehicles, request alley cleaning or repair, ask snow removal, register for DMV services, request graffiti clean-up or removal, file complaints or commendations of DC Government employee driving, report illegal dumping or posters, report certain parking violations, request the replacement of street signs, get a street light repaired, and so much more. So the next time you see a problem that requires a city service, take action and report it to the Service Request Center.

» Need to request a city service? Call 3-1-1 or visit:
<http://311.dc.gov/>

REPORT INTERNET CRIMES THROUGH THE FBI'S IC3

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) receives, develops, and refers cyber crime complaints to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies. The IC3 gives cyber crime victims a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations.

Many complaints involved identity theft, such as loss of personally identifying data, and the unauthorized use of credit cards or bank accounts. The IC3 uses information from the complaints to detect emerging trends and proactively fight consumer victimization through educational efforts with project partners, various publications and the consumer education website, www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com.

» Learn more about the Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3) at:
<http://www.ic3.gov>

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>.

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