

# 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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## CONSIDER A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE MPD

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is focused on building a crime-fighting partnership with the community, and developing our own promise and potential as a department. Police work requires a certain type of individual — one who has strong interpersonal skills and the motivation to work with our partners to help build strong, safe and healthy communities throughout the District of Columbia.

The MPD has a rolling admissions process. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply online and will be notified within 24 hours if they have been selected to attend a New Candidate Orientation, the next step in the police officer selection process. The MPD expects to hire more than 200 officers over the course the next year. Individuals interested in joining the MPD should go to [dcpolicejobs.dc.gov](http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov) to apply and to get complete details on the police officer selection process.

MPD offers a great starting salary and benefits and has opportunities for advancement through our competitive promotional process. If you choose the Metropolitan Police Department, you will learn hands-on from some of the best public safety professionals in the country and get a chance to make a difference.

- » For more information on becoming a police officer in the MPD visit the police recruiting website at: <http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>
- » Think you have what it takes? Check out the MPD's Physical Ability Test Video to see what's required: [http://mpdc.dc.gov/video\\_abilitytest](http://mpdc.dc.gov/video_abilitytest)
- » The MPD is looking for volunteers to join the MPD's Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPD in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details on the Reserve Corps and other volunteer programs are available at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/volunteer>

## IMPROVE THE LIKLIHOOD OF RECOVERING A STOLEN PHONE BY RECORDING ITS SERIAL NUMBER IN ADVANCE

The Metropolitan Police Department has made progress in recovering stolen property, particularly stolen personal electronics, like cell phones. There are several businesses that purchase used cell phones, both in the District of Columbia and in surrounding jurisdictions, and sometimes stolen phones are sold to these establishments. Often, the best chance to locate stolen property sold to these stores is within the first 24-48 hours after the theft. For that reason, it is imperative that police get the serial number to these stolen devices as quickly as possible.

Oftentimes, when a victim of a theft calls to report the crime, he or she will not have a record of the serial number for the device. For that reason, cell phone, smart phone and tablet owners are encouraged record the serial numbers for these small but pricey devices, and keep the information in a place where you can easily obtain and provide it to the MPD if you are a victim of a crime.

Find the serial number of your cell phone:

- A serial number is usually displayed inside the device, under the battery.
- If you still have the original packaging, the serial number is often printed on the box/packaging.
- The customer service section of the service provider for your phone should have the serial number.

- » Get tips on reducing your risk of becoming a victim of pickpocketing or theft at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/theftbrochure>
- » View photos of appliances and electronic property recovered by the MPD at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/lostandfound>
- » Stolen smart phone? Brick it! By bricking your phone, you will permanently disable your device and help us eliminate the black market for stolen smart phones: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/brickit>

## GET READY FOR RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING SEASON, STARTING MARCH 1

The 2013 residential street sweeping season begins Friday, March 1. Signs are posted that identify the days of the week and hours of the day when parking restrictions will be enforced so the sweepers can clean the streets effectively. Parking enforcement of residential sweeping violations will begin Monday, March 11, to give motorists a few days to get used to the parking restrictions.

“The residential street sweeping program is among our most successful operations to keep DC streets clean,” said Department of Public Works (DPW) Director William O. Howland Jr. “We have expanded it over the years to accommodate more and more residents willing to move their cars to allow the sweepers access to the curb lane where debris and pollutants collect. We also want to make sure commuters and visitors are aware that the parking restriction applies to all motorists and a \$30 ticket can be issued for violating the restriction.”

Mr. Howland noted that beginning in 2012, DPW established March 1 through October 31 as residential street sweeping season and this information appears on the signs posted where the program is in effect.

He cautioned motorists to avoid parking along sweeping routes before that day’s restriction ends. “A supervisor follows behind the sweeper and may require the block to be swept again, so no one should park until the end of the posted sweeping period,” he said.

Beginning March 11, parked cars also may be towed to allow the sweepers access to the curbside. Generally, parking is prohibited for two hours while sweeping is underway.

DPW street sweepers cover about 4,000 lane miles monthly, removing litter and pollutants by brushing them onto a conveyor system, which transports the material into a debris hopper. The sweeper also emits a fine spray of water to help control dust. In addition to sweeping residential streets during spring, summer and fall, DPW also sweeps commercial streets overnight year-round, and parking restrictions also apply.

» For more information about street sweeping, go to:  
<http://1.usa.gov/DPWstreetalley>

### 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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