

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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MPD CELEBRATES EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AT METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 13TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

For the thirteenth year in a row, the Metropolitan Police Department honored outstanding police officers, civilian employees, agency partners and community members who have helped to make DC neighborhoods safer over the past year. More than 60 individuals and organizations were recognized during the MPD's 13th Annual Awards Ceremony, held Thursday evening, February 28, at Gallaudet University's Elstad Auditorium, at 800 Florida Avenue, in Northeast DC. Some of MPD's honored employees include the following:

- **Reserve Sergeant Tom Flaherty** was named **Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year**. Tom Flaherty joined the Department as a Reserve Corps Member and has served since 2002. Over his tenure as co-platoon leader, the Second District Reserve Corps Platoon saw a substantial increase in involvement and hour contributions to the Department.
- **Second District Officer Antonial Atkins** received the **Officer of the Year Award** for his commitment to the community in the Second District. Through a series of "Meet and Greets" with established block captains in his PSA, he was able to enlist numerous residents in his effort to establish a cohesive relationship with police, stressing the importance of crime prevention. The result has been nothing short of extraordinary as this action has resulted in a reduction in all offenses in the areas where the "Meet and Greets" took place.
- The 2012 **Detective of the Year Award** was presented to **Detective Jonathan Shell**. Shell has investigated several older, or "cold" homicide cases along with his regular homicide cases. One of these cold cases – a violent beating homicide – stands out. Through his investigation, it was discovered that a cigarette butt left at the crime scene was never submitted for DNA testing. Detective Shell submitted the additional evidence for DNA testing, which resulted in a DNA hit on a suspect. The case was closed with an arrest.
- **Sergeants of the Year** for 2012 are Fifth District **Sergeant Duncan Bedlion** and NSID **Sergeant Curtis Sloan**. **Sergeant Duncan Bedlion** is one of the most detail-oriented supervisors in the MPD. The officers who work with him know that he will spend all his time on the street, that he will appear at every crime scene, that he will make good decisions based on the facts and evidence on hand, and that he will beat them

to most crime-in-progress calls. He is one of those "go-to" supervisors who managers know they can rely on to accomplish any mission well and thoroughly. **Sergeant Curtis Sloan** has been assigned to the Gun Recovery Unit (GRU) since it started several years ago. Sloan is instrumental in the planning and execution of the gun interdiction operations conducted by GRU throughout the city. These operations include the execution of search warrants, narcotics and gun purchases, and street deployment. In court, Sergeant Sloan is considered an expert in firearms and narcotics. In 2012 Sergeant Sloan played a key roll

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






THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
AWARDS CEREMONY
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Honoring the accomplishments of members
of the Department and our community partners
for their outstanding efforts over the past year

Elstad Auditorium at Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue, NE | Washington, DC

Doors Open at 6:00 PM // Ceremony Begins at 7:00 PM



Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police

Vincent C. Gray
Mayor

in the successful case involving a well-known defense attorney who was convicted of obstruction of justice for fabricating evidence.

- The MPD recognized Seventh District **Lieutenant Mustafa Haamid** as **Lieutenant of the Year**. Lieutenant Haamid implemented an aggressive crime fighting plan to combat burglaries in the Seventh District. Members of his team work in unison with the community throughout shifts and inform him of their daily activities. He conducted an annual spelling bee contest for community kids for the last three years, using his own money for the cash prize. In addition to his PSA, he manages SMU and a Robbery Burglary Unit which has netted over 30 robbery arrests this year.
- Second District **Captain Jeffrey Herold**, a 23-year veteran of the MPD, received the **Captain of the Year Award**. Captain Herold willingly accepts the tasks, attends morning Crime Briefings, and works closely with the Georgetown Business Improvement District and the Georgetown University. He is a national expert in Homeland Security issues and is consistently called upon to provide guidance and answer questions.
- **Deborah R. Ennis Civilian Employee of the Year Award** was presented to **Raphael “Hwi” Park** of the Strategic Services Bureau. Park has set the bar high for the Research and Analysis Branch’s responsiveness to the public and other agencies. Among other tasks, Hwi has taken it upon himself to train and mentor MPD interns and volunteers. He provides formal documentation he provides assists them when they are interviewing and in their career development. During Hwi’s first year with MPD, he has demonstrated his analytic skills by developing a number of data analysis tools and reports that are vital to the community as well as to members of the department.

These individuals are just a few of the police officers, civilian employees and residents who were honored. In 2007, Chief of Police Cathy L. Lanier implemented a new approach to recognizing the Department’s sworn and civilian members. Many members now receive their awards shortly after the commendable action. In 2012, over 300 members received awards at one of her regularly-scheduled crime briefings.

Other awards include the Bureau Employees of the Year, for members who work within one of the MPD’s seven Bureaus and exhibit standout qualities of leadership, work ethic and commitment to service; District Officer of the Year; School Resource Officer of the Year; Forensic Science Officer of the Year; and Master Patrol Officer of the Year. Several outstanding Units were also recognized. The **Best Performing District** was awarded to the **First Police District** and **PSA 201** was recognized as **PSA of the Year**.

The Chief of Police Special Award is presented to community members who have excelled in supporting crime prevention and community policing, and the Chief’s Medal of Merit is given to members of other agencies who have assisted the MPD in significant operations.

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>.

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