REDUCE YOUR RISK OF BECOMING A ROBBERY VICTIM

Robbery and assault are serious crimes. While money is often the motivation, these incidents are considered crimes of violence because they involve the threat or actual use of physical violence. Year to date, robberies have decreased nine percent compared to last year, and assaults have decreased by three percent. Members of the public have been helpful in providing information that has led to arrests. Robbery arrests made in the past week include the arrest of a suspect who robbed a woman at knifepoint while in a building in the 400 block of H Street, NW and the arrest of two suspects who brandished a handgun and demanded the property of a man who had been walking in the 4400 block of Ord Street, NE.

The basic rules of robbery prevention are to be sensible and to be alert. The following tips will also help reduce the risk of robbery or assault.

Personal Safety Tips on the Street

- If possible, don't walk alone during late-night hours. Walk in groups whenever you can—there is always safety in numbers.
- Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible.
- Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. Walk close to the curb, avoiding doorways, bushes, and other potential hiding places.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. If you are wearing headphones, don't turn up the volume so high that you cannot hear outside noises.
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash, or displaying expensive jewelry in public.

Basic Street Smarts

- Wherever you are, stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace. Don't stop to talk to strangers.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property—don't give up your life. Report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims. Self defense measures are most effective when applied as preventive steps—avoiding the crime in the first place. These measures include running away, hiding, screaming, and raising an alarm—remember, more people will respond to someone yelling "Fire" than they will to "Help!"

Anyone who is the victim of a crime or witnesses a crime in progress should call 911 immediately. Individuals who have information regarding crimes should call police at 202-727-9099. Additionally information may be submitted to the TEXT TIP LINE by text messaging 50411. The MPD currently offers a reward of up to $10,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any robbery committed in the District of Columbia.

» Get more tips on guarding against robbery and assault at:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/robbery

» For more details on the recent arrests made by the MPD, read the March 8, 2013 news release at:
http://mpdc.dc.gov

» The MPD encourages members of the public to visit our YouTube page, view videos of cases, and contact police if they recognize persons of interest at:
http://www.youtube.com/OfficialDCPolice

WARNING PERIOD FOR NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS ENDED ON MARCH 4

On Tuesday, January 29, 2013, the Metropolitan Police Department announced the deployment of new photo enforced locations. During the 30-day educational phase, which began on February 1, violators received warning citations. On Monday, March 4, 2013, MPD began issuing live moving citations to violators.

The new vehicle-based photo enforcement locations are as follows. Unless otherwise noted, the speed limit is 25 mph:

- 1000 block Pennsylvania Avenue, SE (30 mph)
- 1300 block Pennsylvania Avenue, SE (30 mph)
- 700 block Maryland Avenue, NE
- 1200 block Maryland Avenue, NE
- 300 block H Street, NE eastbound
- 5100 block 13th Street, NW southbound
- 1800 block Montana Avenue, NE
- 3000 block Rhode Island Avenue, NE (30 mph)
- 1200 block Mt. Olivet Road, NE
- 5400 block N H Burroughs Avenue, NE (30 mph)
- 5000 block Benning Road, NE (30 mph)
- 3600 Jay Street, NE
- 1200 block Branch Avenue, SE
- 100 block Malcolm X Avenue, SE (30 mph)
- 2300 block Good Hope Road, SE

The new portable photo enforcement locations are as follows:

- 300 block 17th Street, SE
- 2200 block K Street, NW
- 600 block Missouri Avenue, NW
- 7700 block 16th Street, NW (30 mph)
- 3900 block Pennsylvania Avenue, SE (30 mph)
- 2500 block Naylor Road, SE

» Read the complete news release at:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/

» Learn more about automated traffic enforcement at:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/photoenforcement

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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 CyberTipline is a Congressionally-mandated means for reporting 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.**