

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia



Friday, March 15, 2013

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 over 200 officers over the course the next year. Individuals interested in joining the MPD should go online 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/multimedia/physical-ability-test-video>
- » 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/page/volunteer-opportunities-mpdc>

STREET CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION EXPECTED FOR ROCK AND ROLL MARATHON, ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The MPD wishes to advise the public that the 2013 Rock N Roll USA Marathon and Half Marathon are scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013. The race, which starts at 7:30 am, begins near the Washington Monument on Constitution Avenue, NW, and runs along Rock Creek Parkway, through Columbia Heights, south on North Capitol, further east to 13th Street, NE, before running through the Capitol Hill neighborhood and along the National Mall. Runners then head south, across the Anacostia River, where they will run along the river and Minnesota Avenue, SE, before reaching East Capitol Street, SE, which will take them to the finish line at RFK, DC Stadium Armory. In order to facilitate this event there will be no vehicular traffic allowed along the routes of the races. However, there will be bump routes to allow vehicles to cross when runners are not present. The course time limit for the marathon is 5.5 hours, while it's no guarantee, it would be safe to assume that roads will re-open by 1 pm. Individuals planning on visiting the District of Columbia on Saturday morning, to watch the marathon or for some other event, are strongly encouraged to take public transportation.

Additionally, on Sunday, March 17, 2013, the St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place in the District of Columbia. The parade will take place at 12 noon (rain or shine) and will proceed down Constitution Avenue, from 7th to 17th Streets, NW. In conjunction with this event, there will be several street closures that motorists should take into consideration.

- » Street closure information on these events is available in the MPD's News Room, at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov>
- » Get more information about the 2013 Rock N Roll USA Marathon and Half Marathon, including course maps at: <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/usa/event-details>
- » Plan on attending the St. Patrick's Day Parade? Get more information online at: <http://dcstpatparade.com/>

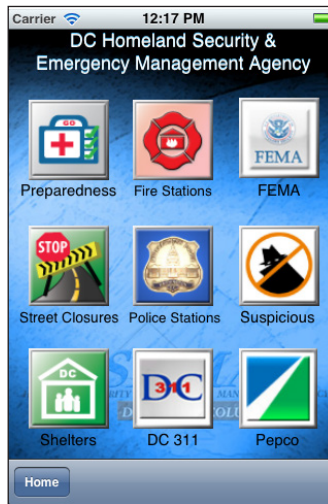
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY CREATES MOBILE APP TO KEEP COMMUNITY PREPARED

No one is ever ready for an emergency but you can be prepared. When you know where to get information, have the right supplies, and have a plan for you, your loved ones, and your pets, you can protect yourself and your family before a crisis and for at least 72 hours afterwards.

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) iPhone/iPad application contains important information you can use before, during and after an emergency or disaster such as:

- Emergency evacuation routes that lead you out of the District
- Alert DC emergency text alerts
- Current weather outlooks from the National Weather Service
- Disaster safety tips
- Help lines that provide telephone numbers to essential emergency resources and information
- A calendars informing the public about emergency preparedness training, HSEMA Community Outreach events as well as special events such as marathons and street festivals
- A direct link to the local transit authority's (METRO) main website and twitter page
- List of shelters that are opened after a disaster occurs
- A direct link to FEMA's website,
- Maps of where District Police and Fire stations are located
- Regional preparedness links
- Steps to take to make a family emergency plan, a go kit, and much more!

The tools in this app help ensure that no matter where you are or what you are doing you'll be prepared. The app is free to download through your iPhone and iPad provider's app store.



» Learn more about the DC HSEMA iPhone/iPad application at:
<http://hsema.dc.gov/page/homeland-security-and-emergency-management-agency-mobile-app>

» For details on how to download the DC HSEMA iPhone/iPad application, go to:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dc-hsema/id560600892?mt=8>

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 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>.

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