

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, February 7, 2014

MAYOR GRAY KICKS OFF MPD'S 6TH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND YOUTH INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On Friday, February 7, 2014, Mayor Vincent C. Gray joined public-safety officials to celebrate the start of construction that will transform the vacant Merritt Middle School into the new headquarters for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Sixth District Headquarters and MPD's Youth Investigations Division.

"The transformation of Merritt School for the Metropolitan Police Department is another example of how the District is leveraging every facility and asset possible to support the work of our first responders," Mayor Gray said. "This makes all of us safer."

The overall goal of the project is to convert the outdated, 38-year-old building into an 80,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility. The \$25 million project represents yet another significant investment in the Ward 7 community by the Gray Administration.

"The new site will allow us to provide our officers and residents with a brand-new facility and a more pleasant work environment to complement modern police operations and our community-outreach programs," said Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier.

The renovation project will transform the vacant building into an office building, with support spaces, a gymnasium and community room, on-site parking, extensive site improvements, and environmentally sustainable landscaping. The building's mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems will be replaced with modern, highly energy- and water efficient equipment that will reduce operational costs and allow the building to seek LEED Silver certification.

The first phase of the project will focus on transforming the base building into the Youth Investigations Division offices and is set to be completed by the end of 2014. The second phase of the project will build out the Sixth District headquarters and should be completed by summer, 2015.

"This is an exciting project for DGS in that we will be working to transform an aging structure into a modern, sustainable building that will directly benefit Ward 7 residents and the police officers who serve and protect residents and visitors in this community," said Brian J. Hanlon, Director of the District's Department of General Services (DGS).



» Read the complete news release:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/release/mayor-gray-kicks-mpd%E2%80%99s-6th-district-headquarters-and-youth-investigations-division>

» Learn more about the 6th Police District at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/welcome-sixth-district>

» The Youth Investigations Division is responsible for investigating child abuse and neglect, investigating juvenile missing persons, managing the juvenile processing center, and investigating internet crimes against children. Learn more about the Youth Investigations Division at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/youth-investigations-division>



MPD SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR SEVERAL CIVILIAN CAREER VACANCIES

The MPD is currently accepting applications for a variety of full-time positions for civilian employees in the agency. The full-time positions include three IT Specialists – Customer Support (CS-11); several Legal Instruments Examiners (CS-07); an IT Applications Software Specialist (CS-14); three IT Data Management/System Admin Specialists (CS-14); and a Bilingual Community Outreach Coordinator (CS-11). The closing dates for these positions vary so please check the listing online for complete information including the salaries, tours of duty, qualification requirements and other elements of the jobs. The MPD employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operations and management positions.

DCFEMS RELEASES APP FOR MOBILE DEVICES

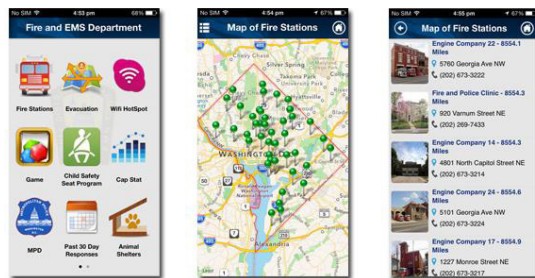
In November 2013 DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DCFEMS) announced the launch of its mobile app for Apple, Android and Windows devices.

“Smartphones and other mobile devices can help people access a lot of information quickly,” said DCFEMS Chief Kenneth B. Ellerbe. “This app is another way for people to interact with the Department and get information that can help in an emergency.”

The app contains safety and emergency information for users that includes:

- Steps to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR);
- Steps to perform abdominal thrusts;
- Steps to create a family emergency plan;
- Finding the nearest engine company based on your location;
- Evacuation routes to exit the District; and
- Updates from DCFEMS Facebook and Twitter feeds

The app was developed in partnership with DataNet Systems Corporation, a District-based information technology firm that focuses on application and software development solutions for government agencies.



- » Details on the current civilian vacancies, including the minimum requirements and application procedures, can be found online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/become-civilian-employee>
- » For information about sworn career opportunities in the MPD – including recruit and lateral-hire officers – go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/become-police-officer>
- » The MPD is also 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 at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/66482>

- » Get more information about the DCFEMS App at: <http://fems.dc.gov/release/dcfems-releases-app-mobile-devices>

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>.

Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline. 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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