

# 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'S POLICE CADET TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDES REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE TO FUTURE OFFICERS

The Police Cadet Training Program provides training and experience in the field of law enforcement to qualified individuals between the ages of 17 to 21 who have the desire to pursue a career with the Metropolitan Police Department. The program is designed to prepare candidates for entrance into MPD's Recruit Program.

Currently, there are sixteen cadets in the program. The Cadets will gain familiarization with the daily operations of the department and its rich history through temporary assignments throughout the department's police districts and specialized units. Here are some of the assignments they have participated in:

- Operation MAD (Make A Difference) Reading Project
- National Night Out
- Assisting Senior Citizens in Holiday Celebrations (Thanksgiving & New Year's Eve Party)
- Shop with A COP (Wal-Mart & Target Companies)
- Beat the Streets Summer Activities
- Connecting with former cadets
- Assisting ERT train in emergency simulation drills

All cadets are paid a salary and receive up to 60 credit hours of education from The University of District of Columbia Community College.

» Know a young person from DC who might be interested in becoming a cadet? Information regarding benefits and minimum requirements can be found at:

<http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>



## IMPROVE THE LIKELIHOOD 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.

Many smartphones now have a “locator” function that allows its owner to track it. Be sure to turn on the location services or download an app so you can follow your phone even if you lose it.



- » 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>

### 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>.

#### Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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