

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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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 more than 200 officers over the course the next year. Individuals interested in joining the MPD should go to dcpolicejobs.dc.gov 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>



MAYOR GRAY & DISTRICT AGENCIES TO LAUNCH 2014 ONE CITY YOUTH SUMMER INITIATIVE & TRUCK TOUCH

The District's annual agency-wide Truck Touch is partnering with One City Youth for the One City Youth Summer Initiative kickoff. City agencies and first responders will display the vehicles used to provide infrastructure support and emergency and medical services. Agencies also will provide information and a wide variety of mobile services, from health screenings to voter registration information.

As part of the One City Youth Summer Initiative, numerous agencies (including the Department of Parks and Recreation, the D.C. Public Library, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Serve DC, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Human Services) as well as community-based organizations will engage young people and their families in fun, safe, educational and recreational activities throughout the day. Some of the interactive activities for children and youth are the fun wagon, basketball tournaments, moon bounce, line dancing, arts and crafts and much more.

Government agencies and non-profits will also distribute information about programs and services available to District children and youth during the summer months. MPD will offer tips to keep young people safe. Members from MPD's Horse Mounted Unit and Helicopter Unit will be attending.

- » The 7th Annual City-Wide Truck Touch is set for Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 9 am -2 pm at RFK Stadium, Lot 7 (2400 East Capitol Street, NE). Read the full news release with all the details at: <http://dpw.dc.gov/>



KNOW THE LAW ABOUT FIREWORKS IN DC

As Independence Day approaches, you're bound to see more and more fireworks stands pop up along the roadside. Before you decided to make any purchases, the MPD is advising the public to know the law on fireworks in DC. District law prohibits all firecrackers, as well as any fireworks that explode (including cherry bombs, salutes, Roman candles, floral shells, and artillery shells) and any fireworks that launch after being lit (such as bottle rockets, parachutes, buzz-bombs, pinwheels, helicopters, and jumping jacks). Fireworks that have a side fuse or that contain mercury, arsenic or other dangerous materials are also prohibited. Among the fireworks that are allowed in the District are small sparklers, fountains, torches and other novelty items.



- » For detailed information on fireworks laws in DC, as well as useful links to fireworks safety tips, click on:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/fireworks>

USE IWATCH TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

You can help prevent terrorism in our backyard by paying attention and speaking up.

The Washington region is a special place, one that we are privileged to call home. Now, citizens can help protect our home from those who would do harm by calling attention to potential threats to our community.

Now, when you see something that just doesn't look right, you can quickly and easily make an



electronic record of what you observed and report it to local police for investigation and possible action. The information you provide could be the difference in preventing an attack on one of our nation's most cherished institutions or critical functions. Making a report is free, easy, and an important element of our shared responsibility to protect our nation from harm.

The iWATCH suspicious activity reporting tool enables users to provide detailed information about suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate possible criminal or terrorist activity

Every report is reviewed by analysts. Providing your contact information is required to ensure that MPD personnel can contact you to follow up with additional questions. If you prefer to make an anonymous report, contact the police at (202) 727-9099.

- » Report Suspicious Activity
- To report immediate threats or emergencies, call 911
 - To report suspicious activity or behavior, call (202) 727-9099
 - Make a report using iWATCH at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/iwatch>

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

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>.

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>.

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>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

Send an e-mail to **KAYLIN CASTELLI**, Manager of Internet Communications, at kaylin.castelli@dc.gov

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