

# 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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## METROPOLITAN POLICE ANTI-LITTERING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM EXPANDED CITYWIDE

On Monday, September 1, 2014, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) launched citywide enforcement of the District of Columbia's anti-littering laws, allowing officers to issue \$75 Notices of Violation (NOV) to any pedestrian observed littering. The citywide enforcement comes after warnings were issued during the month of August.

If an officer sees a person dropping waste material of any kind on public space, in waterways, or on someone else's private property, the person may receive a \$75 NOV for littering. Anyone issued the NOV is required to provide their accurate name and address to the officer. Those who refuse or fail to provide their accurate name and address can be arrested and, upon conviction, be fined an additional \$100 to \$250 by the D.C. Superior Court. Failure to respond to a littering ticket by either paying the fine or appealing the ticket to the Office of Administrative Hearings will result in a doubling of the fine.

MPD officers can also issue \$100 traffic tickets to the driver of any vehicle where an officer observes either the driver or any passenger toss trash of any kind onto someone else's private property or onto any public space, such as streets, alleys, or sidewalks.

- » Learn more about MPD's Littering Enforcement, read past reports and download the flier at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/littering>
- » If you have questions, please contact Senior Police Officer Keith DuBeau (Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm, at 202.345.1007 or [keith.dubeau@dc.gov](mailto:keith.dubeau@dc.gov))



## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is sponsored annually in September by the US Department of Homeland Security's "Ready" campaign. It

is designed to encourage individuals across the nation to take steps to increase their preparedness, including making a family emergency plan, making an emergency supply kit, and being informed about the different emergencies that may affect them. This year, National Preparedness Month will focus on encouraging Americans to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness. We are encouraging all Americans to join the readiness team and truly help themselves, their neighbors, and their communities to be ready.

The MPD offers a number of recommendations on how people can prepare for a possible emergency situation. The first thing to consider are the basic necessities for survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. Households should create an emergency supply kit that provides these necessities for every person (and pet) who lives there. Families should also create a plan and review it as a group so everyone knows where to go, who to contact, and how to reach each other in the event of an emergency. In addition to the recommendations offered by the MPD, the DC Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMA) offers a number of preparedness guides and other emergency planning tools for reference.

Whether you plan to shelter in place or evacuate—which clearly depends on the emergency circumstances—it's important to monitor the news (on TV, the radio, or the internet) for information and official instructions. If you live in the District of Columbia, you may want to register with Alert DC to receive regular emergency alerts via email or text.

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- » Plan TODAY for what's on the way. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. To learn how to prepare & to sign up for critical emergency alerts, go to: <http://www.72hours.dc.gov>
- » Get of preparedness guides and other emergency planning tools from DC HSEMA online at: <http://hsema.dc.gov>
- » Did you know DC Alert provides emergency and police alerts, sent directly to your email, cell phone, pager or PDA? To register, go to: <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/>
- » Get more information on how you can take steps to prepare for an emergency online at: <http://www.ready.gov/september>

## STREET CLOSURES FOR “BEAT THE DEADLINE 5K” AND NATION’S TRIATHLON

The Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Transportation wish to inform the public of two events scheduled for this weekend. The Beat the Deadline 5K is set to begin at 7:30 am on Saturday, September 6, 2014. The race will begin at 13th and F Streets, NW, and the course will take runners through portions of downtown DC. Street closures are expected to end around 9:30 am.

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, the Nation’s Triathlon scheduled will take place in Washington, DC. The 14th Street Bridge HOV outbound lanes will be closed to traffic from 5:30 am to 1 pm; other streets will be closed as necessary.

Swimmers will enter the Potomac River from West Potomac Park (south of Independence Avenue) and swim under the Memorial Bridge. Bicyclists will then ride a 40K course that covers portions of Rock Creek Parkway (up to Connecticut Avenue, NW); the Whitehurst Freeway (just beyond Key Bridge), the 14th Street Bridge and I-395 (making a u-turn near the Pentagon). The final leg of the triathlon will take runners on a 10K race around East and West Potomac Parks. The transition area for the bike and run portions of the race and the finish line will be in West Potomac Park, at Ohio Drive and West Basin Drive, SW.

Below is a list of closed streets as well as alternative routes that can be used during the event:

- Ramp for Westbound 395 toward Maine, Avenue will be closed to traffic (Alternate routes will be 14th Street Bridge, 9th Street Tunnel and 12th Street Tunnel)
- Potomac River Freeway will be closed to traffic. (Alternate routes will be 23rd Street, NW, Constitution Avenue, NW and Virginia Avenue, NW)
- East and westbound M Street, NW and south Wisconsin Avenue, NW, will remain open to traffic during the event. Whitehurst Freeway will not open inbound or outbound from 5:30 am to approximately 1:00 pm. \*

Motorists traveling in the area of these events may experience delays and should consider alternative routes if possible. The Metropolitan Police Department and the District Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists to pay full attention whenever operating any motor vehicle and to be mindful of heavy pedestrian traffic that may be associated with special events. These street closings are subject to change without notice based upon unanticipated events and prevailing conditions.

» Read the complete news release, which includes a list of street closures and alternative routes at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov>

» For more information about the Nation’s Triathlon, including course maps, go to: <http://www.nationstri.com>

### 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>.

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

Send an e-mail to **KAYLIN CASTELLI**, Manager of Internet Communications, at [kaylin.castelli@dc.gov](mailto:kaylin.castelli@dc.gov)

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