

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 ISSUES EMERGENCY CARE KITS TO PATROL OFFICERS

The Metropolitan Police Department began issuing emergency care kits, which include tourniquets, bandages and other supplies, to police officers throughout all seven districts this week.

Earlier this year, members of the department began participating in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) training, which provides officers with hands-on training in tactical medical treatment guidelines and the proper use of the supplies included in the emergency care kits.

The emergency care kits, in combination with the TECC training program, are designed to give officers the tools and knowledge to provide what could prove to be life-saving medical care for an injured fellow officer or citizen.

“Our officers are often the first to arrive on the scene of an emergency, and they are frequently confronted with serious medical situations. The emergency care kits and training allow us to provide vital medical attention during those first crucial minutes, which can often mean the difference between life and death,” said Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier.

Chief Lanier noted that just a couple weeks ago, members of the Sixth District responded to the scene of a stabbing and assisted a victim by using a belt as a tourniquet to stop the flow of blood. The officers administered aid until DC Fire and EMS arrived. One of the officers had recently received the TECC training.

More than 300 kits were issued to officers in all seven Districts. So far, more than 2,000 MPD officers have been trained in TECC.

» Read the complete news release at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov>

POLICE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM OFFERS COMMUNITY MEMBERS INSIGHT INTO THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE MPD

The Metropolitan Police Department’s Police Ride-Along program allows residents to accompany officers during their tour of duty in a police vehicle. “Ride-Along” means to be an official passenger in a patrol vehicle, accompanying a police officer during part of a normal tour of duty. The primary purpose of a police Ride-Along is to provide an opportunity for the community to see firsthand the day-to-day workings of law enforcement in the District of Columbia. The Ride-Along participant receives important insight into what it means to be a police officer. Criminal Justice students and individuals interested in law enforcement careers have found it particularly useful. The Ride-Along program fosters a better understanding of the challenges, hazards and rewards of the police officer’s role in the community.

Other Ride-Along goals are to:

- provide citizens the opportunity to get to know their police officers.
- offer citizens interested in a career in law enforcement an opportunity to examine the job.
- educate the community about the responsibilities of police officers.
- provide an opportunity for police officers to get to know their community.

» For additional contact information and to download an application to participate in the MPD’s Police Ride-Along program, go to:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/ridealong>

MPD TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE ON 9/27

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 10 am to 2 pm. The Metropolitan Police Department is providing the public with a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, to reduce the potential abuse of medications. We urge the community to take advantage of this opportunity to discard unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs from medicine cabinets, bedside tables, and kitchen drawers.

Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (over 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its seven previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 3.4 million pounds—more than 1,700 tons—of pills.

Drop Off Location	Address
First District	101 M St., SW Washington, DC 20024
1D Substation	500 E St., SE Washington, DC 20003
Second District	3320 Idaho Ave., NW Washington, DC 20016
Third District	1620 V St., NW Washington, DC 20009
Fourth District	6001 Georgia Ave., NW Washington, DC 20011
4D Substation	750 Park Rd., NW Washington, DC 20010
Fifth District	1805 Bladensburg Rd., NE Washington, DC 20002
Sixth District	100 42nd St., NE Washington, DC 20019
Seventh District	2455 Alabama Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020
Wisconsin Baptist Church	3920 Alton Place, NW

» Learn More about the Prescription Drug Take Back, and find a location where you can bring your drugs at:
http://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/



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>.

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