

# 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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## NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS DEPLOYED

The Metropolitan Police Department announced today the deployment of new photo enforced locations beginning on or about November 3, 2014. The deployment locations for the Photo Enforcement Units will be sites where speeding and pedestrian safety has been identified to be a problem.

The 30 day educational phase, or “warning period”, will commence on November 3, 2014. During this period, violators will receive warning citations. After the 30 day warning period, MPD will begin issuing live moving citations to violators. The new photo enforcement locations are as follows:

### Speed (25 mph)

- 600 block of Maryland Avenue, NE (southwestbound)
- 3600 block of Park Place, NW (southwestbound)
- 2600 block Lincoln Road, NE (northbound)
- 3100 block of 4th Street, NE (northbound)
- 3100 block of 4th Street, NE (southbound)
- 4000 block 12th Street, NE (northeastbound)

### Stop Sign

- Fessenden Street e/b @ 44th Street, NW
- North Capitol, NE at Chillum (southwestbound)



» For more information about automated enforcement in the District of Columbia, log onto: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/dc-streetsafe-automated-traffic-enforcement>.

## MPD PARTNERS WITH CSOSA TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Metropolitan Police Department’s Victim Services Branch and the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency teamed up to address Domestic Violence in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On October 28, 2014, these two government agencies facilitated a forum style training initiative. The event brought awareness to not only domestic violence. The training also addressed the issues that impact victims, survivors, and service providers. Expert panelists from organizations such as HIPS, J. Frances and Associates, My Healthy DC and the Crime Victim Compensation Program provided insight on the prevalence of domestic violence and sexual assault and discussed resources to help. Attendees were able to attend a workshop focusing on the impact of sexual assault on the “tween youth” population by older offenders. Moreover, panelists also provided an open forum discussion for service providers, case managers, public servants and victim specialist to share their ideas. These exchanged ideas help to create a discussion on recognizing and coping with the vicarious trauma of assisting individuals in crisis. Helpful tools were presented that included self-care and stress management for service providers, and first responders. Approximately 80 participants attended the event, which was located at 633 Indiana Avenue NW. Although this event marks the closing of this year’s domestic violence awareness month, a common commitment to victims is shared among many governmental agencies, working together to eradicate domestic violence in our communities.

» A list of organizations and telephone numbers to contact for help and support is provided in the domestic violence resources section, at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/domesticviolence>

» Printable PDFs of all the MPD’s Domestic Violence brochures are available online at: [http://mpdc.dc.gov/dv\\_brochures](http://mpdc.dc.gov/dv_brochures)

» The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides a number of resources for victims of domestic violence and suggestions on how to raise awareness. Get details online at <http://www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth.php>

» For more information about the Crime Victims Compensation Program, visit: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/victimassistance>

» The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides 24-hour assistance for shelter, counseling programs and resources across the country and can be reached at: 1-800-799-SAFE

## DRIVERS AND WALKERS SHOULD REMEMBER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AS DAYLIGHT HOURS GROW SHORTER

As the season changes and we lose an hour of daylight, the Metropolitan Police Department would like to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings to ensure the safe travels of other drivers and pedestrians on our city streets. Many of us are now commuting home from work in the darkness. We all need to exercise extra caution and take responsibility for our personal safety and the safety of those around us.

Drivers are reminded to turn on vehicle headlights and be vigilant in looking out for pedestrians. As the weather gets colder, watch the road, as wet or icy spots are considerably harder to see in the dark.

When walking or exercising in the dusk or dark, keep the following tips in mind:

- Stay on the sidewalk, not in the street; only cross the street in crosswalks with traffic control devices.
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Never run between cars into the street.
- Wear clothing that allows drivers and people to see you. That means no dark clothes after dark or early in the morning.
- Exercising outdoors at dusk or at night can be dangerous without some type of reflective device on your clothing. Many athletic shoes have reflective qualities built in, but also consider a vest complete with reflective tape.
- Keep alert! Dawn and dusk offer convenient shadows for muggers and other crooks.



Our officers will continue to enforce traffic safety laws and assist motorists and pedestrians in need. Your participation in ensuring traffic and public safety is critical, and we greatly appreciate your attention to this important matter.

- » The MPD offers safety tips for walkers, runners and bikers online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/sharetheroad>
- » For more safety tips for you and your children, call (202) 234-9404 or see the DC action for Children website at: <http://www.dcactionforchildren.org/>
- » Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 2, so remember to reset your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night!

### 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>.

**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>.

**Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline.** The CyberTipline is a Congressionally-mandated means for reporting crimes against children. 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>.

**Support the Washington DC Police Foundation.** The Washington DC Police Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that brings together the business, civic, and other professional communities to promote public safety by providing financial and in-kind resources to the MPD, expanding public safety awareness, and advancing public safety policy and initiatives. Learn more about the extraordinary support the Washington DC Police Foundation provides to the MPD. Learn more about the Foundation at <http://www.dcpolicefoundation.org>.

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