

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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EIGHTEEN NEW OFFICERS ARE HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 18 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, December 12, 2014, at the Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC.

Awards presented during the ceremony recognized the following new members' accomplishments:

Award	Name
Academic Training Award	Officer Thomas Duvall IV
Firearms Training Award	Officer Carl Lindemuth
Vehicle Skills Awards	Officer Peter McGlothlan
Physical Skills Awards	Officer Taniqua Brumfield Officer Peter McGlothlan



The new officers all completed approximately 28 weeks of training at the police academy, which includes a full program of physical, classroom, and firearms training to prepare them for the challenges of being a police officer. The subjects covered include laws of arrest, search and seizure, criminal law, traffic regulations, human relations, community policing, and ethics. In addition, recruit officers receive skills training in firearms, operation of emergency police vehicles, self-defense, advanced first aid, and much more.

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.

WATCH OUT FOR CHARITY SCAMS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is traditionally a time of giving, with many charities seeking contributions to help the less fortunate. But it can also be a time when some con artists try to take advantage of other peoples' generosity by going door-to-door for "charitable donations" — when there is really no charity involved. If someone shows up at your door asking for donations, always ask for identification and look at it carefully. It's also a good idea to request printed information about the charity, or a phone number or website that you can contact for more information. Also, find out how the funds will be used. Be especially wary of people who ask for cash only or of children out soliciting funds

who are not accompanied by an adult. If you are not satisfied with the answers you get, there is a simple solution: don't give — at least not right away, until you have had a chance to do your research. As an alternative, help a charitable organization you are familiar with.



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» For more information on becoming a police officer in the MPD visit the police recruiting website at: <http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>

» The MPD is looking for volunteers to join the MPD's Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPD in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details on the Reserve Corps and other volunteer programs are available at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/volunteer-opportunities-mpdc>

» For more information on charity and other scams, visit: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/scams>

» Charity scams are just one type of crime that can happen during the holidays. For a list of winter holiday safety tips for shoppers, travelers and when you're at home, check out: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/holidaysafety>

SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER, PAY ATTENTION ON ROADWAYS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

From an NLEOMF News Release

The period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day can be a particularly dangerous time for law enforcement, as millions of Americans take to the roads, and officers step up safety patrols. Forty-three law enforcement officers died in traffic-related incidents in 2013. Those forty-three men and women left behind family, colleagues, neighbors, and friends who faced tragic loss instead of holiday cheer.

In August 2011, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) initiated an innovative partnership to promote law enforcement officer safety on the roadways and reduce the number of traffic-related fatalities. In addition to maintaining a safe speed and driving only when sober, drivers need to be especially mindful of officers who will be out enforcing traffic laws.

The Memorial Fund's Drive Safely campaign promotes a number of actions motorists can take to protect law enforcement officers, other drivers, and themselves:

Slow down and "Move Over." If you see emergency vehicles stopped by the side of the road, slow down and safely move over one lane if possible. All fifty states have enacted and are enforcing "Move Over" laws. Violators can be ticketed and fined.

Focus on driving. Avoid talking on your cell phone, texting, eating, or hunting for items in your vehicle while driving. When traveling 55 mph or faster, a two-second distraction can be deadly. Adjust your speed for road conditions, especially snow and ice.

Get out of the way of emergency vehicles. If an emergency vehicle has its lights or siren activated, slow down, move to the right, and stop if possible. Once the vehicle passes, do not follow it too closely.

Stay off the shoulder. Driving on the shoulder of a roadway is not only illegal—it's dangerous. Emergency vehicles use the shoulder to get to emergencies faster, where a few seconds can mean the difference between life and death.

Watch officers' hands as they direct traffic. And listen for whistles or other audible signals from officers on how to proceed.

"We want to make sure that our peace officers have the chance to enjoy this holiday season. The Memorial Fund's Drive Safely campaign reminds motorists to pay special attention to officers on the roads, obey Move Over laws, and follow other common-sense traffic safety measures," said Memorial Fund Chairman & CEO Craig W. Floyd.

"Our law enforcement officers will dedicate time away from their own families so the rest of us can travel safely during the holidays," he said. "Every time we get behind the wheel — and especially during the holidays — we owe these brave men and women our full attention and consideration."

» For more information, safety tips and resources, visit:
<http://www.LawMemorial.org/DriveSafely>

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>.

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