

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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JANUARY 9, 2015 IS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

On January 9, 2015, Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. and partnering organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide promoted National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.). In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that our citizens recognize the difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen, in public service to us all.

While National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day has passed, the Metropolitan Police Department invites you to continue showing support to law enforcement members who serves and protect our community.

Each day 780,000 police officers across our country put a badge on and go to work knowing they may face extremely dangerous situations. On average, between 105 and 203 officers die in the line of duty each year, 50,000 officers are assaulted in the line of duty each year, 14,000 officers are injured in the line of duty each year, and over 300 officers commit suicide each year. There is no other profession in the world, except possibly the military, where you will find these kinds of statistics.

Law enforcement officers play such an integral part in our society. Without law enforcement officers, chaos would reign. Have you ever thought about what you would do if you were in trouble – a car accident, a home invasion, an assault – and you did not have someone to call for help? No matter how much abuse law enforcement takes, they continue to do their job, and do it well. They are the guardians of our way of life and they deserve our support.

On January 9, we called our nation's citizens to action in support of law enforcement. Citizens who appreciate law enforcement and are discouraged about the negative attention being given to law enforcement are encouraged take time to show their support. You may have missed this local event, but you can show your support in a number of ways:

- Send a card of support to your local police department or state agency
- Share a positive story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media
- Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement

Most importantly, if you see a police officer, thank a police officer.



NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS DEPLOYED

Earlier this week, the Metropolitan Police Department announced the deployment of new photo enforced locations beginning on or about Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

The deployment locations for the Photo Enforcement Units are sites where speeding has been identified to be a problem. During the 30-day educational phase, violators will receive warning citations. After 30 days of warning tickets, MPD will begin issuing live moving citations to violators.

The new photo enforcement locations are as follows:

- Unit block 47th St SE // 25 mph speed limit
- 1600 block Minnesota Ave SE // 25 mph speed limit
- 2700 block Wade Rd SE // 25 mph speed limit
- 800 block Southern Ave SE // 30 mph speed limit
- 800 block Barnaby St SE // 25 mph speed limit

The speed cameras are part of several types of automated traffic enforcement the MPD uses as part of the DC Street Safe traffic safety campaign. DC Street Safe is aimed at using photo enforcement technologies to combat aggressive and dangerous driving habits that endanger some of our most vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vehicle drivers and passengers. Additionally, DC Street Safe allows traffic safety enforcement in areas and circumstances where it could be dangerous or impractical for police officers to pull over vehicles for violations. DC Street Safe is comprised of the following new technologies:

- Gridlock enforcement units that will improve traffic flow by targeting “blocking the box” at intersections;
- Portable stop sign enforcement units to reduce violations in residential neighborhoods;
- Portable crosswalk enforcement units that will enhance pedestrian safety at crosswalks near schools, parks, and recreation centers;
- Speed enforcement units that will focus on intersections with known speeding problems;
- Units that will enforce rules on oversized and overweight commercial vehicles in order to reduce infrastructure damage and enhance quality of life in our neighborhoods.

» For more information, including the locations of all automated enforcement units, and DC Street Safe videos, please visit: <http://www.DCStreetsafe.org>.

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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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