

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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PHOTOS OF RECOVERED BIKES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Every year, the Metropolitan Police Department recovers hundreds of stolen and abandoned bicycles, and hundreds of lost and found electronic devices. This property is inventoried by the MPD's Evidence Control Branch. Property not claimed within 90 days of recovery is considered abandoned. The MPD will advertise this property as abandoned and may dispose of any property not claimed within the designated timeframe. Recovered property not claimed may be auctioned through www.govdeals.com or donated. Before any recovered bicycles are auctioned or donated, images will be posted online. The photo accounts for recovered bicycles and small electronic devices have recently been updated with current images of recently recovered property.

If you were a victim of a crime in which property was taken or if you lost an item in Washington, DC, please visit the MPD's Recovered Property webpage for links to the Flickr photo accounts with images as well as for information about how to claim any item of property pictured online. Any person or entity having a right of claim to any item of property pictured online must appear in person to the Evidence Control Branch. To claim property pictured via one of the links above, individuals must provide the MPD's Evidence Control Branch with the following information: Government Identification; bar code included with the bicycle image; and proof of ownership of property OR documentation that a police report was filed (CCN).

» For more information about viewing or claiming property recovered by the Metropolitan Police Department, go to:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/recoveredproperty>

» All recovered property is managed by the Evidence Control Branch. Members of the ECB may be contacted at:

17 DC Village Lane, SW
Washington, DC 20032
(202) 727-3230



MPD OFFERS REMINDERS ABOUT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

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. Drivers are reminded to be vigilant in looking out for pedestrians. When walking or exercising, especially in the early morning or at dusk or dark, pedestrians should 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.

Runners are also reminded to ALWAYS carry identification with them when they go out. If carrying a license seems too inconvenient, please consider purchasing an identification bracelet or tag for your shoe. New products designed especially for runners, bikers and other athletes have recently come on the market.

» The MPD offers safety tips for walkers, runners and bikers online at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/runners>

MPD'S CADET PROGRAM PREPARES YOUNG ADULTS FOR A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER

Join the Police Cadet Training Program and be a part of history by serving in the nation's capital. Get real experience in a solid, respected profession. It's an experience you'll never forget!

The Police Cadet Training Program provides training and experience in the field of law enforcement to qualified individuals



between the ages of 17 to 21 who have the desire to pursue a career with the Metropolitan Police Department. The program is designed to prepare candidates for entrance into the Metropolitan Police Officer Recruit Program. Our comprehensive benefits package includes a starting salary \$25,315–\$33,055 per year; full college tuition through the University of the District of Columbia; dental and health benefits; and annual and sick leave.

In addition, cadets will gain familiarization with the daily operations of the department and its rich history through temporary assignments throughout the department's police districts and specialized units. Cadets will participate in community policing activities, and interface with citizens and visitors of the District of Columbia. In order to enter the Police Cadet Training Program, candidates:

- Must be enrolled in a District of Columbia high school or have graduated from high school and received their diploma or a GED issued by the District of Columbia
- Be between 17 and 21 years of age and a senior enrolled in high school (Must not be 21 years by the date of hire)
- Pass a comprehensive background investigation that includes a medical examination, drug screening and a psychological evaluation
- Possess at least 20/100 vision, correctable to 20/30 in both eyes
- Possess, or acquire, a valid driver's license
- Receive an acceptable assessment of high school/college academic records before entry into the program
- Pass a college proficiency examination administered by the University of the District of Columbia
- Conform to Physical Fitness Standards
- Possess high moral character

» Get started today! To learn more about the exciting opportunities at MPD and apply online, go to:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/cadet>

» Like the MPD Cadet Program on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/mpdcadet>

» Follow the MPD Cadet Program on Twitter:

<http://www.twitter.com/MPDCadetCorps>

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>.

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>.

Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline. Report crimes 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-800-843-5678 or reporting crimes online at [http://](http://www.cybertipline.com)

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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/operationTIIPP>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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