

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

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, the Metropolitan Police Department announced the deployment of new photo enforced locations beginning on or about March 23, 2015. The deployment locations for the Photo Enforcement Units will be sites where speeding has been identified to be a problem.

The 30-day educational phase, or “warning period”, will commence on or about March 23, 2015. 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:

- 6100 block of Eastern Avenue, NE (southeastbound)
- 3200 block of Fort Lincoln Drive, NE (southbound)
- 1900 block of Branch Avenue, SE (southbound)
- 1400 block of South Capitol Street, SE (northbound)
- 1400 block of South Capitol Street, SW (southbound)
- 600 block of Kenilworth Avenue, NE (southbound)

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:

- Portable stop sign enforcement units to reduce violations in residential neighborhoods;
- 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 about automated enforcement in the District of Columbia, log onto <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/dc-streetsafe-automated-traffic-enforcement>

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ANNUAL POTHOLEPALOOZA CAMPAIGN TO EXPEDITE POTHOLE REPAIRS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

On March 25, Mayor Muriel Bowser and District Department of Transportation (DDOT) kicked off the District's annual Potholepalooza, the District's "war on potholes" campaign to accelerate pothole repair time on roadways across the District.

Although Wednesday's event officially launched the Potholepalooza campaign, DDOT has already filled nearly 7,300 potholes in the last two weeks.



This year's Potholepalooza will run throughout the spring season until all potholes are filled. As part of the campaign, DDOT will add extra crews to fill potholes, with the goal of repairing identified locations within 48 hours. The normal day-to-day response time is within 72 hours. During Potholepalooza, residents and visitors are encouraged to submit requests for pothole repairs.

"We have a common enemy, the pothole, which is in need of eradication," said DDOT Director Dormsjo, "Today, by declaring war on potholes, we are making it our mission to conquer the enemy for a better tomorrow. We want you, DC's residents and commuters, to do your part for the war on potholes. Send us your requests, and make way for the crew and equipment that we'll be using to smooth our streets."

The first-ever Potholepalooza was held in 2009; over the past six campaigns, DDOT crews have filled more than 36,000 potholes. In 2014, DDOT received 2,310 service requests for pothole repairs during the month-long campaign and filled more than 13,000 potholes that season.

- » Residents and Commuters can report potholes to DDOT in a variety of ways:
 - o Call the Mayor's Call Center at 311
 - o Visit DDOT's online pothole repair site
 - o Tweet @DDOTDC and/or use hashtag #potholepalooza
 - o Email the Service Request Center
 - o Use DC's 311 smartphone app

- » DDOT will post daily updates online of the overall totals of potholes filled. Residents can track Potholepalooza campaign progress online using this interactive online map:
<http://ddot.dc.gov/service/pothole-repair>

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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