

# WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

*A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia*



Friday, June 26, 2015

## MPD HARBOR PATROL TO CRACK DOWN ON IMPAIRED BOATERS DURING OPERATION DRY WATER

Operation Dry Water is a national weekend of Boating Under the Influence (BUI) education and enforcement aimed at reducing alcohol and drug-related accidents and fatalities. Members of MPD's Harbor Patrol will be out in force June 26-28 for Operation Dry Water, conducting Boating while Under the Influence (BUI) Operations and handing out harbor safety information.

More than 17 percent of boating fatalities result from alcohol use. States have gotten tougher in recent years in enforcing laws against this high-risk behavior. Operating a recreational vessel with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher is against federal and most state laws. Boaters caught operating under the influence will find their voyage terminated and their vessel impounded. Additionally, penalties can include arrest, fines, loss of boating privileges, even loss of driving privileges.

Operation Dry Water has been a highly successful effort to draw public attention to the hazards of BUI.

Operation Dry Water is a national weekend of BUI detection and enforcement; it is aimed at reducing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities, and fostering a stronger, more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water. Coordinated by the National Association of State Boating

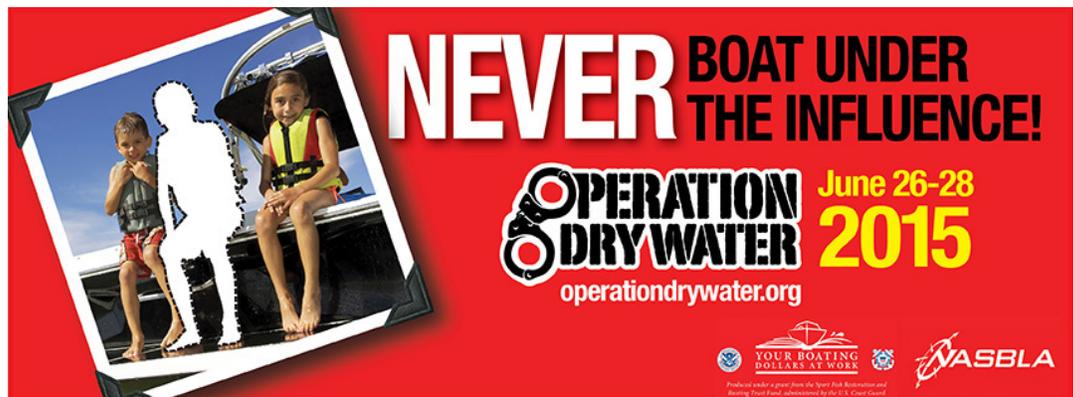
Law Administrators and working with the states, the USCG and other partner agencies, Operation Dry Water will increase the number of BUI patrols to collect and report BUI and safety compliance data.

Boating Under the Influence (BUI) is dangerous and illegal. BUI is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Learn more about the effects of BUI.

So have fun out on the water, but be safe. Remember: if you boat under the influence:

- Your voyage will be terminated
- Your boat may be impounded, and
- You may be arrested.
- Penalties can include fine, imprisonment, impoundment of your boat, loss of boating privileges and even loss of driving privileges.

- » Learn more about the MPD's Harbor Patrol at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/harborpatrol>
- » The DC Harbor Patrol hosts boating safety course throughout the boating season. Get details on registering to participate in a boating safety course at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/boatingsafety>
- » Get more information about the Operation Dry Water initiative at: <http://www.operationdrywater.org/>



## EIGHTEEN NEW OFFICERS MEMBERS 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, June 26, 2015, at the Maurice T. Turner, Jr. Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC.



Awards presented during the ceremony recognized the accomplishments of the new members listed in the table below.

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.

### Recruit Class 2014-8 Awardees

Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Allison Bingner
Firearms Training Award	Officer Jendy Olivo
Physical Skills Awards	Officer Aaron Dabney Officer Shannon Gardner

- » Check out our video: "It's a great time to be MPD. Are you the one?" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQa5jcyjW-U>
- » 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>

#### 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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