

# 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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## HELP KEEP DC STREETS SAFE AND FREE OF OFF ROAD VEHICLES THROUGH THE BONUS TO PHONE US PROGRAM

It's against the law to ride dirt bikes and ATVs on DC's streets.

All-Terrain Vehicles and Dirt Bikes don't belong on city streets. Minibikes, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized bikes and multi-wheeled vehicles pose a danger to pedestrians and other motorists and are illegal to operate on DC's streets. If you see—or know the identity of—someone riding a dirt bike or ATV recklessly on DC streets, call or text the police. Help us keep our city safe. You could be eligible for a reward of \$250 for your information. Call (202) 727-9099 or text 50411 with your information.

Riders of ATVs and dirt bikes are openly breaking the law on DC streets. These riders do all kinds of tricks such as wheelies and riding on the sidewalks. ATVs and dirt bikes are illegal to ride on public streets in the District of Columbia, but MPD's chase policy prohibits officers from pursuing the vehicles. In fact, those familiar with the problem say that some riders come from other areas on stolen dirt bikes and ATVs because DC is known for its no chase policy.

What Dangers Do ATVs and Dirt Bikes Pose? A 25-year-old DC woman was with her 23-year-old cousin and a group of others as they crossed Alabama Avenue, SE, around 8 pm. The pedestrians had the right of way. A moment later, two dirt bikes came speeding toward the group. At least one of them popped a wheelie. The woman soon realized her younger cousin had never made it to the curb along with the rest of the group. The rider of the dirt bike popped a wheelie and caught the younger cousin's shirt in the handlebars of the bike. The impact threw the young woman into the path of an oncoming vehicle, partially pinning her under the tires. The woman suffered extensive injuries.

You can help MPD fight these riders who are breaking the law through Bonu\$ 2 Phone Us: Off Road. "Bonu\$ to Phone Us: Off Road" is a program that offers DC residents the ability to call (202) 727-9099 when they know the location of an ATV or dirt bike being operated illegally on public space in Washington, DC. If the information results in the confiscation of the dirt bike or ATV, the caller will be authorized to receive a \$250 reward.

Here's how it works. Let's say you see an ATV or dirt bike being operated illegally in the District of Columbia. You call the MPD's Command Information Center at (202) 727-9099 to report the incident and provide a description of the vehicle, its operator, and the location where it is being driven. Police respond, stop the operator, and confiscate the vehicle.

If your tip leads to a successful removal of an illegally-operated ATV or dirt bike, the CIC will provide you a Tip Tracking Number which you can use to follow up in a few days. Upon follow-up, the CIC staff will provide you with further instructions for collecting your reward.

If the tip leads to a successful confiscation, you will be eligible for the \$250 reward. The reward and payment collection instructions will be provided to you by the CIC staff.

Tips that do not lead to a successful confiscation will not be eligible for payment.

» Learn more about "Bonu\$ to Phone Us: Off Road" online at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/b2pu>

» If you see someone operating a minibike, dirt bike or ATV, let the MPD know:

o Call (202) 727-9099

o Text 50411



## MPD POLICE CADET PROGRAM PROVIDES REAL-LIFE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO DC STUDENTS INTERESTED IN POLICING

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.



The comprehensive benefits package includes a starting salary of \$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. Candidates must also pass a comprehensive background investigation that includes a medical examination, drug screening and a psychological evaluation; meet certain academic requirements and conform to Physical Fitness Standards.

- » For more information on joining the MPD Cadet Program, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/cadet>
- » Ever wonder what it takes to join the MPD? Check out the MPD's Physical Ability Test Video to see what's required: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/multimedia/physical-ability-test-video>

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

##### **DDOT's Vision Zero asks Bikeshare Riders to Share Safety Stories, Concerns.**

People on bikes are a particularly vulnerable population of travelers, and the Vision Zero team wants to ensure that this perspective is reflected in our safety strategies. Learn more and share info at <http://www.DCVisionZero.com>.

**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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