

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, August 21, 2015

MAYOR BOWSER AND POLICE CHIEF CATHY LANIER RELAUNCH ILLEGAL GUN INITIATIVE, INCREASE REWARD AMOUNT

On Wednesday, August 19, 2015, Mayor Muriel Bowser and Police Chief Cathy Lanier relaunched the District's illegal gun initiative, which seeks the public's help to identify violent offenders who carry illegal firearms. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) previously offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who has information that can lead them to an illegal firearm. Mayor Bowser and Chief Lanier announced new reward amounts of up to \$2,500 for a tip leading to an arrest and a seizure of an illegal gun (from \$1,000) and up to \$10,000 for a tip leading to an arrest and conviction in a shooting (from \$1,000).

"Illegal firearms are responsible for most homicides in the District. And illegal guns continue to make their way into the hands of violent criminals," said Mayor Bowser. "Our police department is making progress – but they cannot do it alone. Many of these illegal guns have high capacity magazines, which inflict maximum damage on victims, their families and our neighborhoods. With the public's help, we can get illegal firearms off the streets."

By helping MPD seize illegal guns, residents can help prevent more tragedies. Someone who would like to report an illegal gun, or who has information about ANY crime, should call (202) 727-9099. When you call, you are not obligated to identify yourself. Alternatively, you can text an anonymous tip to 50411.

"Our actions are clear: we need to get illegal guns off the street so people aren't put in harm's way," said Police Chief Lanier. "We are encouraging residents to step up and do the right thing by submitting tips that lead to the seizure of illegal guns."

So far this year, MPD has taken 944 illegal guns off the street.

- » Read the complete news release at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-and-police-chief-cathy-lanier-relaunch-illegal-gun-initiative-increase-reward>
- » Learn more about MPD's Illegal Gun Initiative at: <http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/guntips>
- » The MPD offers a \$25K reward for homicide information and a \$10K reward for shootings and robberies. Learn about this and other rewards programs at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/service/information-mpd-rewards>

GOT GUNS?
KNOW ABOUT AN ILLEGAL FIREARM? Don't stay silent. It could save a life.
(202) 727-9099
24 HOURS | 7 DAYS | GIVE YOUR TIP | GET PAID

GIVE A GUN TIP - GET UP TO \$2,500

If you know about an illegal firearm in your neighborhood, help prevent violent crime before it happens – by telling police. Your tip is completely anonymous – and you will be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,500. Call (202) 727-9099 if you know someone who has a gun or you know where illegal guns are being hidden in your community. You'll be doing the right thing and helping to take another gun off the street.

For details, visit www.mpdc.dc.gov/guntips

Calls to the anonymous Firearm Tip Line will be checked for security prior to transfer being made. Calls do not need to identify themselves to be eligible to receive reward. Tips are assigned a unique ABC Tip Number. In receive payment, calls must state this number. Additional instructions will be provided to callers. Payment will be made through a single use debit card through the Office of Finance and Treasury. No identification necessary.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from Crime Solvers of Washington, DC.

TWENTY-TWO NEW OFFICERS MEMBERS HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 22 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, August 21, 2015, at the Maurice T. Turner, Jr. Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC.

Awards presented during the ceremony recognized new members' accomplishments (see table below).



Recruit Class 2015-01 Awardees	
Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Christopher Kelly
Firearms Training Award	Officer Ali K. Echoles
Physical Skills Awards	Officer Robert Brown Officer Hannah Hess

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 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.

- » Check out our video: "It's a great time to be MPD. Are you the one?" at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQa5cyjW-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>.

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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