

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, February 12, 2016

NINETEEN NEW OFFICERS MEMBERS HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 15 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, February 12, 2016, at the Maurice T. Turner, Jr. Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC.

Awards presented during the ceremony recognized the following new members' accomplishments:

Recruit Class 2015-05 Awardees	
Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Christopher Cunneen
Firearms Training Award	Officer Adam Sotelo
Officer Daniel Levy	Officer Tiara Brown Officer Adam Sotelo

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.

NEXT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY SET TO BEGIN MARCH 8

The Metropolitan Police Department's Community Engagement Academy (CEA) provides interested citizens the opportunity to learn firsthand about police operations. Through the CAE, participants get a personal view of the positive aspects and challenges that confront officers on a daily basis. During the eight sessions and 33-hour training program, participants discuss and learn about the following items:

- Overview of our Recruit Training Program
- Common Policing Scenarios and Challenges
- Juvenile Issues and Youth Investigations
- Overview of Patrol Services and Station Tour
- Overview of 911 Communications



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

» To learn more and/or apply to the Community Engagement Academy, go to:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/community-engagement-academy>

» The MPD's CEA members and interns participated in the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's 'Bringing the Lessons Home' program. Check out this YouTube that documents their experience:
https://youtu.be/rXywj_duvMU

- Overview of Specialized Policing Units (eg, K-9, bomb squad, harbor patrol)
- Use of Force Discussion
- Discussion on Relevant Policing Topics with Command Staff Members

The next Community Engagement Academy begins March 8, 2016. Anyone interested in participating is asked to complete an “interest card” to initiate the application process by Friday, February 19, 2016.

MPD’S TEXT TIP LINE CAN NOW RECEIVE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

In addition to anonymously texting tips to the MPD, community members can now use their cell phone to send pictures or video about serious or violent crimes to the Metropolitan Police Department.

Give 5-0 the 411 with the MPD’s Text Tip Line: 50411. Text, photo and video messages are monitored by members of the department 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Tips on serious or violent crimes will be investigated by members of the department. If you would like a police response for any incident, please call 911. All tips may also be directed to (202) 727-9099 and may be eligible for a reward.

Message and Data Rates may apply.

Because the tip line is anonymous, the sender will not receive a response to the original message. The anonymous text tip line is not an emergency number. If you witness a crime in progress or have an emergency that requires the police, please call 911.



- » Learn more about the MPD’s Text Tip Line at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/service/text-police-50411>
- » The MPD rewards programs are designed to encourage individuals to step forward and provide police with information that will help solve crime and bring offenders to justice in DC. Get more information at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/rewards>

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

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>.

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>.

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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