

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, April 15, 2016

MPD WELCOMES THREE NEW DOGS TO THE CANINE CORPS

The Metropolitan Police Department Canine Corps would like to announce the graduation of three new dogs to our ranks. The new canines are dual purpose Patrol and Firearms Detection. Please join us in congratulating Officer Johnny Barrios and K-9 "Art", Officer Patrick Hogan and K-9 "Carado", and Officer Michael Wiess and K-9 "Boh". After six months of strenuous training, these teams are ready for the street. The Canine Corps would like to thank Officer Sean Corcoran for instructing the Patrol Class, and Officer Grant Sullivan and Officer Abraham Lazarus for instructing the Firearms Detection Class.



Pictured above, from left to right: Ofc. J. Barrios & Art; Ofc. S. Corcoran (Patrol Class Inst.); Ofc. G. Sullivan (Firearm Detect. Inst.); Ofc. Patrick Hogan & Carado; and Ofc. Michael Weiss & Boh. Not Pictured: Ofc. A. Lazarus (Assist. Firearm Detect Inst.)

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- » The Canine Corps is part of the Metropolitan Police Department's Special Operations Division, and includes other specialized units like the Harbor Patrol Unit, Horse Mounted Unit, Air Support Unit and others.
- » Every member assigned to a specialized unit starts off as a patrol officer. Interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement? Learn more at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/joinmpdc>

APRIL IS NATIONAL 911 EDUCATION MONTH

For forty years, 9-1-1 has served as the vital link between the American public and emergency services. Emergencies don't happen very often. But when they do, you want to get help fast. No one wants to spend time looking up the phone number. That's why 911 was created — to make it easy. In the United States and Canada, dialing 911 on your telephone is the fastest way you can get help for yourself or someone else. In 2008, April was identified National 9-1-1 Education Month.



In Washington, DC, the Office of Unified Communications oversees the designated call center for all District emergency 911 calls and for all District non-emergency and citywide 311 calls. Dial 911 to request police, fire, and emergency medical services for life-threatening situations. 911 is designed for contacting the MPD and the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (FEMS) in all situations requiring an onsite response by MPD or FEMS. 911 is a toll-free call accessible through residential, wireless, and pay telephones throughout the District

Most people know that 911 is for people emergencies only, but you may need to remind young people how and when to use 911 responsibly. Never call 911 as a joke or just to see what might happen. When the emergency dispatcher has to take the time to talk to people who don't have a real emergency, other people who call and do need help right away might have to wait.

If you do have to call 911 in an emergency, be sure to stay on the phone. Do not hang up until the 911 operator tells you it's okay to do so. That way, you can be sure that the operator has all the information to get help to you fast!

- » DC Government uses Smart911, a handy app that lets you create a safety profile online. Download the app at: <https://www.smart911.com>
- » For information on calling 911 in the District of Columbia, go to: <http://ouc.dc.gov/page/about-911>
- » Dial 311, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to request scheduled services such as trash removal, pothole repair, bulk pick-ups and recycling collection. For more information on 311 and to download a smartphone app, go to <http://ouc.dc.gov/page/about-311>
- » Learn more about the Office of Unified Communications (OUC), which manages 9-1-1 communications for the District of Columbia at <http://ouc.dc.gov>

GET CRIME ALERTS FROM MPD THROUGH ALERTDC

AlertDC enables the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to notify you quickly about crimes in your neighborhood that may affect you, your home or your business. This system enables the District to provide you with critical information in situations such as traffic conditions, government closures, public safety incidents and severe weather. Get the alerts you want — directly from the District of Columbia's public safety officials and emergency manager. When an incident or emergency occurs, District officials can quickly notify you using this emergency alert and warning system. AlertDC is your personal connection to real-time updates and instructions to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community.

The District of Columbia government does not charge a fee for this service. It's free! However, your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to get messages on your cell phone or wireless device. Contact your carrier to find out how much these messages may cost you under your current plan. You can choose to stop getting messages at any time.

When crime occurs in your community, the sooner police learn about it, the quicker they can respond. Since rapid police response increases the likelihood of a crime being solved with an arrest or the gathering of important evidence in a crime, taking action to report what you know is vital to a case being closed. Most arrests occur within minutes of a crime, not hours after it is reported. If you have actionable information regarding a crime, CALL 911 DO NOT TAKE ACTION ON YOUR OWN!

It is important to note, however, that details of a crime can be difficult to ascertain at first glance. The information can be mis-categorized or a certain element recorded inaccurately in the initial reporting of the crime. In those instances where the first report of a crime contains erroneous information, a follow-up message will be relayed to provide updated details."

» Be aware of crimes in your area. Sign up for free at:

<http://hsema.dc.gov/page/alertdc>



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>.

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>.

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