



Annual Awards

2026

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DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



A Brief History of the Metropolitan Police Department

In 1790, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA ceded portions of their territory for the purpose of establishing the Federal City. For the next 10 years, the Federal City was policed by constables appointed by these two states. In 1802, when the original charter of Washington was approved, police authority was centralized and power was granted to the city itself to establish patrols, impose fines, and establish inspection and licensing procedures. Until the creation of the Metropolitan Police Department in 1861, the city had only an auxiliary watch with one captain and 15 policemen.



In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln took personal interest in founding a regular police department for the District of Columbia. It was a time of constant danger in the Nation's Capital. With the beginning of the Civil War, an army was billeted in the city, government employees were increased by ten-fold, and hordes of unsavory elements descended upon the District's few square miles. President Lincoln personally dispatched an emissary from the newly created Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners to New York City to become familiar with that system, which itself was based on the world-acclaimed Metropolitan London Police Department.

The ideas and knowledge gained from this study led to the creation of the Metropolitan Police Department on August 6, 1861. In September of that year, attorney William B. Webb was appointed as the first Superintendent of the Police, with an authorized force of 10 sergeants and a number of patrolmen as needed, but not to exceed 150. Up to 10 precincts were authorized. The Superintendent of Police was paid \$1,500 annually, with sergeants earning \$600 and patrolmen \$480.

The sergeants and most of the personnel for two precincts were sworn in that September. Officers had to be US citizens, able to read and write the English language, have been DC residents for two years, never convicted of a crime, between 25 and 45 years of age, and at least five feet, six inches tall. The men went to work right away in 12-hour shifts, seven days a week with no days off and no vacations. They were issued neither equipment nor badges, and they had to obtain their own handguns. The first arrest made by a Metropolitan Police officer was on a charge of intoxication.



Program of Events



Welcome to the 26th Annual Metropolitan Police Department Awards Ceremony, honoring the employees of the MPD and our law enforcement partners, civic organizations, and residents who have helped to make a difference in our communities over the past year. This year, our ceremony will celebrate outstanding contributions to the Department's overall mission.

Master of Ceremonies	Marissa Mitchell, Fox 5 News
Presentation of Colors	MPD Honor Guard DC Pipes & Drum Corps
National Anthem	Sergeant Tamika Hampton
Invocation	Pastor Jerry West
In Memoriam	Accompanied by TAPS
Welcome	Interim Chief Jeffery W. Carroll

Presentation of Awards

- COP Special Award Recipients
- Amin Muslim Professional Staff Manager of the Year
- Cadet Corps Member of the Year
- Sworn Bureau Employees of the Year
- District Detectives of the Year
- Sexual Assault Unit Detective of the Year
- Homicide Detective of the Year
- Detective of the Year—Agency-Wide
- Professional Staff Bureau Employees of the Year
- Deborah R. Ennis Professional Staff Employee of the Year
- Volunteer Corps Member of the Year
- Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year
- Youth and Family Engagement Division Member of the Year
- School Resource Officer of the Year
- Community Engagement Award
- Community Policing Award
- Violent Crimes Suppression Division Member of the Year
- Special Operations Division Officer of the Year
- Sergeant of the Year
- Lieutenant of the Year
- Captain of the Year
- Commander of the Year
- Field Training Officer of the Year
- District Officers of the Year
- Officer of the Year—Agency-Wide
- Unit of the Year

Closing Remarks	Interim Chief Jeffery W. Carroll
Benediction	Pastor Jerry West



Annual Awards In Memoriam

2026

The Department is saddened to have said goodbye to these members in 2025. Their contributions to our agency were many and varied, and their service to the city will not be forgotten.



Darrell "Woody" DeSwarte

Firearms Training Instructor

END OF WATCH: January 6, 2025



Officer Demond James

Sixth District

END OF WATCH: June 28, 2025



*The **Chief of Police Special Awards** are given to residents, businesses, other agencies and community members who have helped advance the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department. These individuals are advocates and supporters who've helped strengthen community connections and have made significant contributions to help keep DC neighborhoods safe and vibrant.*

DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTIONS

Kim Brunson

Kim Brunson has provided exceptional support to MPD investigative units through her consistent, rapid, and highly accurate provision of critical video evidence. Managing surveillance for multiple apartment complexes, she proactively supplies all relevant footage during major incidents, regularly going beyond expectations in her duties in analyzing video to identify potential persons of interest.

Her reliability, accessibility, and collaborative spirit have made her an indispensable partner to detectives across our agency. Ms. Brunson's dedication significantly strengthens investigative outcomes, and her contributions remain vital to numerous cases throughout the city.





URBAN OUTREACH

Wil Stroman

Pastor Wil Stroman's commitment to serving the community dates back to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, when families across Ward 7 were experiencing unprecedented hardship. Since that time, he has consistently stepped forward to meet urgent needs with dignity, humility, and resolve. In 2025 alone, Pastor Stroman and Urban Outreach distributed more than 25,000 meals to families in crisis, demonstrating both scale and a sustained dedication to the well-being of our community.

A vital partner to the Sixth District, Pastor Stroman has supported countless community events, outreach efforts, and mentorship programs, strengthening trust and deepening engagement between residents and public safety professionals. Known for his open-door policy and his refusal to turn anyone away, he embodies service rooted in faith, humility, and action.



Amin Muslim Professional Staff Manager of the Year



TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU > EVIDENCE CONTROL
EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY DIVISION

Robert Sutton

Robert Sutton has shown exceptional leadership, integrity, and steadfast commitment to the mission of MPD. As a manager of the Evidence and Property Division, Sutton upholds the highest standards of accountability, organization, and precision. His professionalism ensures the secure handling, preservation, and management of evidence and property, maintaining the integrity essential to successful investigations.

Beyond managing complex daily operations, Sutton consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and readiness to support any task. He embodies the qualities central to this award—leadership, service, accountability, and excellence. His impact on the staff, the division, and the Department as a whole is significant to the mission of MPD.





PATROL OPERATIONS > YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DIVISION

CADET CORPS BRANCH

Cadet Taylor Payton

Cadet Taylor Payton has shown outstanding performance, leadership, and exemplary conduct since the day she entered the Cadet Program. Through unwavering dedication, patience, and a consistently strong work ethic, she has distinguished herself as a reliable and respected member of her class.

Cadet Payton's ability to provide clear direction and constructive feedback has made her a natural leader and a model for her peers. Her fellow class officers trust her judgment, rely on her steady presence, and look to her as a standard bearer for professionalism and accountability.

A quick learner with exceptional character, Cadet Payton embodies the qualities every future officer should strive for. Her commitment to excellence, her maturity, and her willingness to lead by example have elevated the entire Cadet Corps.

Cadet Taylor Payton truly represents the future of this department—capable, confident, and committed to service.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE > OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

EOCOP**Officer Nathan Clarke**

Officer Nathan Clarke brought extraordinary heart, patience, and steadiness to his role in the EOCOP in 2025. In a position that required not only precision and quick thinking but also deep emotional awareness, he consistently demonstrated a rare ability to navigate each day with grace, respect, and genuine care for the people around him.

Officer Clarke listened fully, adapted thoughtfully, and created calm in moments where tension could have easily taken hold. His quiet strength, empathy, and unwavering professionalism supported operations through demanding periods and helped build a more grounded, collaborative environment for the entire team.

Officer Clarke's presence made the work better, the days smoother, and the team stronger. His impact was felt through steady reliability, kindness, and a commitment to doing the job the right way.





HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU > REAL TIME CRIME CENTER DIVISION

REAL TIME CRIME CENTER

Detective Julie Keaveny

Detective Julie Keaveny is recognized for her exceptional skill, steady leadership, and the vital role she plays within the Real Time Crime Center Operations Branch. She is widely regarded as one of the unit's most capable and dependable contributors, consistently delivering high quality work that strengthens both investigations and daily operations. Her ability to quickly assess unfolding situations, identify key leads, and support timely responses has repeatedly improved public safety outcomes across the city.

In addition to her investigative responsibilities, Detective Keaveny routinely steps into the role of shift supervisor—often with little notice—while still managing a full workload. She leads with calm judgment, strong awareness, and a commitment to ensuring the team functions smoothly during fastmoving, high pressure moments. Her reliability and work ethic have made her an essential part of the branch's success.





INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

ADMINISTRATION

Lieutenant Tameka Pringle

Lieutenant **Tameka Pringle** is a strong leader and problem solver. Leading the charge, along with a very small team, she has streamlined cases in the Internal Affairs Bureau without compromising quality. She consistently stands in the gaps, tirelessly assisting her peers, subordinates, and senior leadership.

Her work in IAB and her dedication to the mission of MPD is an example of excellence in public safety.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

ADMINISTRATION

Lieutenant Marija Giannakoulis

Lieutenant Marija Giannakoulis is recognized for her exceptional professionalism, reliability, and the critical role she played within the Investigative Services Bureau in 2025. Operating without an assigned supervisor, she reported directly to executive leadership and assumed responsibilities normally held at a higher rank. She managed complex administrative and use of force investigations, ensured deadlines were met, corrected deficiencies before review, and upheld the highest standards of accuracy and compliance.



Her impact extended far beyond casework. Lieutenant Giannakoulis provided centralized oversight across essential administrative functions, including compliance tracking, personnel accountability, outside employment reviews, grant coordination, and documentation for confidential funds. She also served as a trusted resource on policy and procedural matters, ensuring executive submissions were complete and audit ready.

She played a key role in coordinating administrative requirements for Special Operations Division activations and major events, often working beyond normal hours to ensure readiness and accuracy. Her initiative, ownership, and steady performance demonstrated readiness for increased responsibility and earned the confidence of her team.



ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE & WELLNESS BUREAU > HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION**Captain Sherrelle Williams**

Captain Sherrelle Williams is recognized for her adaptability, and steady leadership during a period of major transition within the Human Resources Management Division. When the division experienced multiple sudden departures—including its director, two HR Managers, and the sole Paid Family Leave Coordinator—she stepped into an expanded role without hesitation. Reporting directly to executive leadership, she ensured critical functions continued without disruption, managing complex administrative responsibilities while keeping daily operations on track.



Captain Williams quickly learned unfamiliar processes, maintained accountability across her areas of responsibility, and supported staff through a fast moving and demanding environment. Her reliability, responsiveness, and calm approach helped stabilize the division at a time when staffing was limited and workloads were high.



PATROL SERVICES NORTH
ADMINISTRATION

Captain Joseph Kuchta

As **Executive** Officer of Patrol Services North, **Captain Joseph Kuchta** keeps a complex administrative machine running smoothly with steady competence and exceptional attention to detail. His pride in his work and insistence on producing only the highest-quality products set the standard for the bureau, and his organizational skill makes difficult tasks look effortless.

Throughout 2025, Captain Kuchta consistently demonstrated professionalism, accountability, and a strong commitment to serving the Department and the District of Columbia.





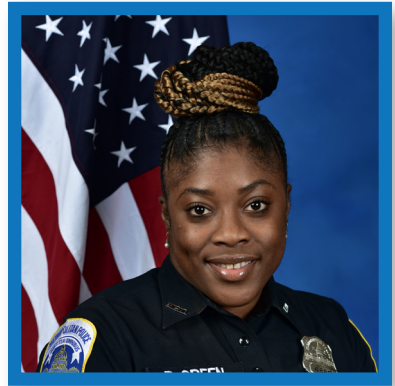
PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

ADMINISTRATION

Officer Brittany Green

Officer **Brittany Green**'s outstanding dedication and professionalism to the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is reflected in her diligent administrative assignments of Patrol Services South.

She ensures that various administrative matters are properly received, monitored, vetted, and tracked in accordance with MPD policy. Officer Jenkins-Green is an asset to the Metropolitan Police Department.





TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU >

ADMINISTRATION

Lieutenant Stefeni Thomas

Recognized for her high standards of professionalism, dedication, and service—both within the department as well as her interactions with the public through the Records Division, **Lieutenant Stefeni Thomas** brings an exceptionally positive attitude to her work, serving as a role model for those around her. Her professionalism, patience, and willingness to support others have made her a highly respected and valued member of the Technical Services Bureau. She approaches every assignment with integrity and a strong commitment to excellence, frequently going above and beyond what is expected. Her ability to maintain composure and professionalism while delivering exceptional service reflects positively on the department and fosters a productive, supportive work environment.



Beyond her technical and supervisory strengths, Lt. Thomas is known for her dependability, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to assisting both the public and her colleagues. Her positive demeanor and dedication to duty consistently demonstrate the qualities expected of an outstanding law enforcement professional.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

FIRST DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT**Detective Jonathan Beatty**

Detective Jonathan Beatty's proactive approach to case triage, prioritizing investigations based on risk, urgency, and community impact, has reduced backlog, accelerated resolutions, and improved service to victims. He routinely goes beyond his assigned duties, coordinating with other units and external partners to ensure critical information is shared quickly and accurately. In complex investigations, he willingly assumes additional responsibilities, often working extended hours to ensure cases are thoroughly prepared for prosecutorial review.



Detective Beatty's meticulous documentation, attention to detail, and strategic investigative methods strengthen case integrity and contribute to stronger prosecutorial outcomes. He also serves as an informal mentor, offering guidance on investigative strategy, case organization, and effective communication—positively influencing team performance and morale. His measurable impact includes exceeding closure benchmarks, reducing outstanding caseloads, improving victim notifications, and enhancing collaboration with prosecutors.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

SECOND DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Detective Nick Oliver

Detective Nick Oliver's unwavering pursuit of justice, exceptional investigative ability, and consistent delivery of strong case results have made him an invaluable asset to the Department and the community he serves. His work routinely goes beyond the standard expectations, and his efforts have directly contributed to the identification and arrest of numerous felony offenders.

Detective Oliver regularly takes on extra responsibilities, managing each crisis while completing intricate investigations. When called upon, he proves time and time to be a reliable source, fostering a positive work environment and making the job for everyone around him much better. His dedication, skill, and impact exemplify the highest standards of investigative excellence.



Third District Detective of the Year



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

THIRD DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Detective Roberto Amengual

Detective Roberto Amengual's outstanding dedication, professionalism, and unwavering pursuit of justice has made him invaluable to the Department and his team. His exhaustive work following the March 2025 assault of a 3D CST member who was struck and seriously injured by an illegal ATV, led to the identification of the offender and the building of a meticulous, airtight case.

Throughout the investigation, he conducted exhaustive work—identifying a suspect, securing and analyzing phone records, and preparing detailed search and arrest warrants. His careful documentation and legally sound approach ensured every step strengthened the case and moved it closer to resolution. Throughout 2025 his work consistently exemplified the highest standards of investigative excellence.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

FOURTH DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Detective Carlos Stevens

Detective Carlos Stevens is this year's Fourth District Detective of the Year for his exceptional dedication, steady judgment, and consistently high-quality investigative work. Throughout the past year, he has been a dependable force within the detective unit, approaching every case with care, persistence, and a strong sense of responsibility to the community.

One standout example of Detective Stevens' impact is his work on an armed robbery investigation. He built trust with the victim, gathered accurate information, canvassed extensively, and reviewed significant amounts of video to uncover key evidence. His well-crafted warrants and effective coordination with partner agencies ensured the case moved forward efficiently and thoroughly.

At the same time, Detective Stevens led a separate narcotics investigation with a federal partner, managing controlled purchases, confidential informants, and multiple moving parts across both cases. Balancing these complex responsibilities required strong organization, clear communication, and a calm, focused approach—qualities he demonstrates daily. Detective Stevens' consistent performance, strong work ethic, and positive influence on his colleagues elevate the entire unit.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR
**Fifth District Detective
of the Year**



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

FIFTH DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Detective Cassandra Velez

Detective **Cassandra Velez**'s steady professionalism, strong investigative instincts, and consistent commitment to the community she serves has proved invaluable to 5D and the Department. Throughout the year, she has managed her caseload with care and precision, approaching each assignment with focus, fairness, and a determination to see every case through.

Detective Velez's deep familiarity with the neighborhoods she serves is one of her greatest strengths. She remembers people, locations, and patterns from prior incidents, using that knowledge to move investigations forward efficiently. Her interactions with residents reflect genuine respect and understanding, allowing her to build trust, gather meaningful information, and strengthen community cooperation. She also maintains clear communications with attorneys and prepares thoroughly for court, ensuring her cases are ready for the next step.

Within the detective unit, Detective Velez is a dependable teammate who shares information freely, assists with follow-ups, and identifies links between cases by reviewing arrests and ongoing investigations. Detective Velez has closed a significant number of felony cases and supports newer detectives with patient, practical guidance. Her dedication, steady work ethic, and ability to connect with anyone make her highly deserving of this recognition.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

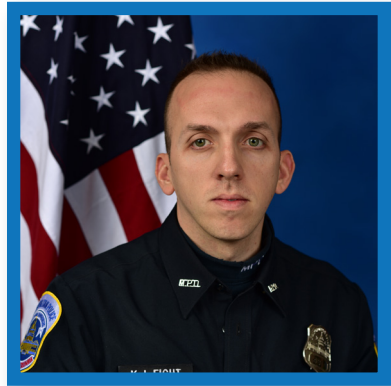
SIXTH DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Detective Kevin Ficht

Detective Kevin Ficht is recognized for his steady commitment to thorough investigations, his reliability within the squad, and his meaningful impact on the community. In a district where property crimes affect residents and businesses daily, Detective Ficht ensures these cases receive the attention and persistence they deserve. His work has helped restore confidence among victims who often feel overlooked, reinforcing that every case matters.

Throughout the year, Detective Ficht managed a demanding caseload of burglaries and thefts with patience, careful analysis, and strong attention to detail. He has a keen ability to recognize patterns in offenses, locations, and suspect behavior—insight that has directly contributed to identifying offenders and securing successful outcomes. His consistency and thoughtful approach have earned the respect of both colleagues and supervisors.

A dependable presence within the detective office, Detective Ficht regularly supports newer detectives, offers guidance when needed, and steps in as the on-scene lead during busy weekends, often setting aside his own cases to help others gather evidence, recover video, or plan next steps. His leadership was especially impactful during a series of burglaries in the Greenway neighborhood, where his recognition of repeated patterns led to identifying a suspect, recovering stolen property, and securing multiple charges.



Seventh District Detective of the Year



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INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

SEVENTH DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Detective Corey Fenwick

Throughout the year, **Detective Corey Fenwick** handled a demanding case-load that included some of the District's most sensitive and challenging incidents. Despite the volume and complexity of his assignments, Detective Fenwick consistently approached each case with care, patience, and a determination to uncover the truth.

He managed approximately 99 cases over the past year, maintaining organized files, clear documentation, and consistent follow-up. His efforts led to 24 cases—ranging from assaults with dangerous weapons to robberies and felony domestic violence—being closed through arrest or warrant submission. In more than 60 additional cases, he pursued every available lead before completing the investigation, demonstrating thoroughness and responsibility in his work.

Detective Fenwick's ability to balance active investigations, support officers on major scenes, and work closely with prosecutors has strengthened both case outcomes and community safety. His reliability and steady presence make him a trusted member of the detective unit, and his work ethic sets a strong example for others.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION >
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH
SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT

Detective Anthony Padilla

Detective Anthony Padilla works tirelessly in support of survivors of sexual abuse and is a large part of the success of MPD's Sexual Assault Unit. He demonstrates the utmost care with each and every case, pursuing all avenues of investigation to identify suspects, and goes the extra mile to ensure victims are comfortable at each step of the process.

While balancing a heavy case load, he also completed his degree and always seeks out new opportunities for training. He collaborates with other detectives to share skills and investigative techniques and is always willing to lend a hand when needed.

Detective Padilla is a great example of what can be achieved when you mix hard work, preparation, and a passion for justice and the empowerment of survivors.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

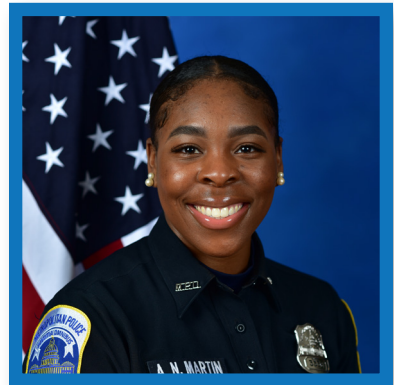
HOMICIDE BRANCH

Detective Anntoinette Martin

Detective Anntoinette Martin is awarded Homicide Detective of the Year for her exceptional dedication, steady professionalism, and the care she brings to every case. She consistently goes above what is required, working tirelessly to bring answers and a sense of relief to families affected by violent crime.

Throughout 2025, Detective Martin handled some of the branch's most demanding investigations, including two major cold case reviews. She advanced these cases through careful evidence examination, thorough canvassing, and strong analytical work. Her written documentation is considered among the best in the branch—clear, accurate, and dependable. Her search and arrest warrants are frequently used as examples for new detectives, and her case files consistently meet the highest expectations of prosecutors.

Detective Martin is also a trusted partner to surrounding jurisdictions and federal agencies, helping ensure complex investigations move forward smoothly. Equally important is the respect she shows to victims' families and community members. She keeps families informed, builds trust with witnesses, and reinforces confidence in the investigative process.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION >

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Detective Lucia Benjamin

Detective Lucia Benjamin represents the highest standard of investigative excellence within the Metropolitan Police Department. Her integrity, compassion, and relentless pursuit of justice have earned the trust of victims, families, colleagues, and the community.

Detective Benjamin regularly shows a balance of fairness with tenacity, pursuing every viable lead while maintaining objectivity in complex cases. Her work consistently showcases her creativity and determination.

Detective Benjamin's mastery of complex case-work, unwavering integrity, and dedication to victims make her the 2025 Detective of the Year.



EOCOP Professional Staff Employee of the Year



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE > OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

EOCOP

Carolyn Davis

Carolyn Davis' exceptional professionalism, steady leadership, and decades of dedicated service has become essential to the Department. Known for her reliability, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to supporting both departmental operations and community focused programs, her ability to keep high-priority tasks organized and on track has earned the trust and appreciation of those who depend on her work.

Ms. Davis has played a key role in youth and community engagement efforts. She supports programs that connect officers with young residents, helping coordinate youth camps, mascot based outreach, and other initiatives that build positive relationships and provide safe, supportive spaces for children and families. Her collaboration with internal units, city agencies, and community partners has helped these programs grow and thrive.





HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU > REAL TIME CRIME CENTER DIVISION

REAL TIME CRIME CENTER

Rapheal Tolver

Rapheal Tolver is recognized as the 2025 Homeland Security Bureau Professional Staff Member of the Year for his exceptional dedication, reliability, and wide ranging expertise within the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). He consistently exceeds expectations, supporting investigators, sworn personnel, and multiple critical functions with accuracy, initiative, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Mr. Tolver's versatility is one of his greatest strengths. He is fully trained and trusted to work across three demanding units—the RTCC, the Command Information Center (CIC), and the Teletype Unit. In RTCC operations, he

provides timely information that helps detectives move cases forward, contributing to the identification of suspects and the recovery of weapons and stolen property. In the CIC, he helps maintain daily situational awareness for leadership and field personnel. In the Teletype Unit, he handles urgent communications with precision, even under pressure.

He is also known for stepping up when staffing is low or workloads are heavy. He volunteers for overtime, fills vacant shifts, and assists with tasks outside his normal duties. His patient guidance has helped train new personnel and strengthen overall unit performance. Through his steady work ethic, technical skill, and commitment to public safety, Mr. Tolver has made a lasting impact on the Homeland Security Bureau.



IAB Professional Staff Employee of the Year



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INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU > INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION

Shereen Mathews

Shereen Mathews is recognized for her exceptional professionalism, accuracy, and dedication to the Internal Affairs Bureau. She manages all outside employment applications for sworn personnel—a workload once handled by two staff members—and does so with efficiency, precision, and a welcoming attitude that makes every interaction positive and supportive.

In addition to this major responsibility, Ms. Mathews independently oversees several other programs within the division. Her strong organizational skills, consistent follow-through, and dependable work style ensure that high demand tasks are completed smoothly and on time. Colleagues frequently praise her responsiveness, reliability, and willingness to help, noting that her steady presence strengthens the entire office. Her upbeat attitude and commitment to doing things the right way has set a standard for others. Her ability to manage multiple priorities without sacrificing quality reflects a level of dedication that has become essential to the division's success.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

OFFICE OF CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

Casey Almony

Casey Almony's exceptional dedication, analytical skill, and foundational role in building the Office of Criminal Intelligence (OCI) has earned her the recognition of this year's Professional Staff Bureau Employee of the Year for MPD's Investigative Services Bureau. Throughout the past year, Ms. Almony has consistently demonstrated initiative, professionalism, and a deep commitment to strengthening the Department's ability to understand and prevent violent crime.

As one of the founding members of the OCI, Ms. Almony helped shape the unit from the ground up, playing a key role in developing its workflows, reporting systems, and analytical direction. Her creation of the Individuals of Focus system has become one of OCI's most valuable tools, helping officers and detectives identify high risk individuals and improving situational awareness across the city. Her leadership was also central to establishing the OCI Violent Crime Review, which now provides a clear, consistent assessment of shootings and violent incidents. This work has strengthened the Department's ability to anticipate and interrupt retaliatory violence.

One of her strongest contributions came during the PSA 502 Unlawful Discharge Project, where she produced a timely and accurate analysis that was later confirmed through investigation and highlighted by the Chief of Police.



OCWB Professional Staff Employee of the Year



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ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND WELLNESS BUREAU

ADMINISTRATION

Gelila Getaneh

Gelila Getaneh is recognized as the 2025 Organizational Culture Wellness Bureau Professional Staff Bureau Employee of the Year for her exceptional professionalism, initiative, and dedication in leading the DC Police Leadership Academy and other key programs. As Project Coordinator, she manages a complex, multi-session leadership academy that brings together law enforcement leaders from across the country. Her work requires extensive planning, coordination with outside partners, budgeting, and the ability to solve problems quickly—responsibilities she handles with remarkable skill and composure.



From the academy's daily operations to last minute logistical challenges, Ms. Getaneh consistently elevates every task she takes on. She anticipates needs before they arise, keeps countless moving parts organized, and ensures each session runs smoothly. Her calm, solutions focused approach was especially evident when she secured a new training space just days before a cohort began, allowing the program to continue without disruption.

Equally important is her positive attitude and collaborative spirit. She brings energy and professionalism to every interaction, supports colleagues across the OCWB team, and takes genuine pride in advancing MPD's mission. Her reliability, ownership of her work, and commitment to excellence have made her indispensable to the Bureau and to the Department.



PATROL SERVICES NORTH > SECOND DISTRICT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Kyi Branch

Kyi Branch is a visible presence throughout the District—welcoming residents, providing education, and bringing genuine warmth to every interaction. As a leader of the 2D Community Outreach team, Ms. Branch consistently plans and executes meaningful, well-designed engagement events that strengthen community relationships and enhance the Department's reputation across our city. She approaches each event with professionalism, creativity, and clear purpose, ensuring outreach efforts are both impactful and sustainable.



Ms. Branch takes personal pride in her role and is a visible presence throughout 2D, welcoming residents, fostering trust, and putting smiles on people's faces. Her events encourage cooperation with public safety initiatives and create lasting goodwill between the community and the Department. Her ability to translate community needs into thoughtful programming demonstrates exceptional judgement and commitment. She regularly goes above and beyond, adjusting her schedule and even contributing personal funds when necessary to ensure events meet the high standards she sets. Colleagues and community members rely on her steady, solution-oriented approach and her efforts exemplify the highest values of public service.



PATROL SERVICES SOUTH > SIXTH DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION

Truchel Robinson

Truchel Robinson serves as the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Coordinator for the Sixth District, where she plays an indispensable role in the daily management and oversight of the department's body worn camera program. In this position, Ms. Robinson acts as a critical link between law enforcement officers, technology partners, prosecutors, and the community.

Her meticulous attention to detail ensures the uninterrupted operation of all BWCs assigned to Sixth District personnel. Ms. Robinson's expertise directly supports the preservation, organization, and accessibility of vital digital evidence—evidence that strengthens accountability, protects the integrity of investigations, and builds trust between the Metropolitan Police Department and the public.

Ms. Robinson's professionalism, reliability, and unwavering dedication have made her an invaluable asset to the Sixth District. Her exceptional contributions reflect great credit upon herself and the Metropolitan Police Department.





TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU > INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT SERVICES

George Bolden

George Bolden is recognized for his steady reliability, technical skill, and the calm professionalism he brings to the DC Police Leadership Academy. As the program's primary IT support, he manages the technical needs of more than 50 guest speakers each cohort—each arriving with different devices, formats, and requirements. Because of his preparation and attention to detail, presentations run smoothly, and speakers consistently express confidence knowing he is there to support them.



What sets Mr. Bolden apart is not only his technical expertise but the reassuring presence he brings to the academy. Before he joined the team, technical issues were common and often stressful for presenters. Now, speakers routinely ask for him by name and visibly relax when he arrives. His work has transformed the program's reputation for professionalism and reliability.

Mr. Bolden also goes far beyond his formal duties. He helps with logistics, classroom setup, program flow, and even participates in discussions to keep sessions moving productively. His positive attitude, patience, and welcoming approach leave a lasting impression on participants and visiting chiefs alike. Through his consistency, initiative, and commitment to excellence, Mr. Bolden plays a key role in the academy's success and is highly deserving of this recognition.

Deborah R. Ennis Professional Staff Employee of the Year



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > HOMICIDE BRANCH

ADMINISTRATION

Patrice Jennings

Patrice Jennings has shown exceptional analytical skill, unwavering dedication, and has had a profound impact on MPD's Homicide Branch. Throughout 2025, Ms. Jennings played a critical role in many of the Department's most complex and high-profile homicide investigations. Her ability to analyze large datasets, identify patterns, and transform digital evidence into actionable intelligence directly advanced major case closures in 2025. Her work was instrumental in multiple high profile cases where her GPS analysis, CCTV review, BERLA work, and cell-site mapping identified suspects, clarified timelines, and produced breakthrough leads.



Beyond her casework, Ms. Jennings is a quiet leader who mentors interns and new analysts, supports detectives, and collaborates seamlessly with partner agencies. Her steadiness, integrity, and commitment to justice strengthen the entire branch.



PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

RESERVE CORPS DIVISION

Reserve Officer Matthew Ashburn

Reserve Officer Matthew Ashburn has done an excellent job with assisting the Special Liaison Branch. His outstanding work has bridged the gap between the LGBT community and the Department.

Although he is no longer volunteering with MPD, we sincerely appreciate everything he contributed as a reserve officer.



Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year



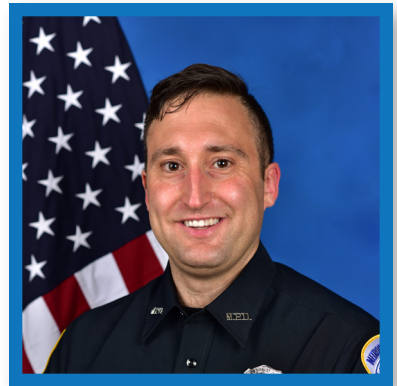
PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

RESERVE CORPS DIVISION

Reserve Officer Daniel Krueger

Reserve Officer Daniel Krueger has shown remarkable dedication, leadership, and service to the community. In 2025, while maintaining a full time job, he volunteered an extraordinary 565 hours—an achievement that reflects his deep commitment to public service and to the mission of the Department.

Officer Krueger also played a key role in training new reserve officers at the academy, helping prepare a class that went on to excel in the field. His guidance, professionalism, and steady support gave new recruits the confidence and foundation they needed to succeed.



Over the course of 2025, he regularly stepped in for high priority assignments and supported operations across all seven districts. Reserve Officer Krueger also led the Reserve Corps in enforcement activity, issuing 57 Notices of Infraction and contributing significantly to traffic safety. Since joining the Reserve Corps in 2020, Officer Krueger has become a trusted resource for his peers—known for his knowledge of traffic laws, willingness to help, and positive attitude. His service, leadership, and consistent reliability make him exceptionally deserving of this honor.



YFED Detective of the Year

PATROL OPERATIONS > YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION

Officer Hakim Tate

Officer Hakim Tate's work consistently goes beyond expectations, creating programs and opportunities that uplift young people and strengthen community connections. Through mentorship, educational activities, and imaginative engagement strategies, he has become a trusted and influential presence within the Youth and Family Engagement Division.

Officer Tate has played a key role in developing and supporting a wide range of youth focused initiatives, including seasonal camps, literacy and readiness programs, and community activities such as Honeybees and HypeItUp. He has also contributed to senior outreach, meal distribution efforts, and intergenerational programming, demonstrating a commitment to serving residents of all ages. His efforts have helped build trust, provide positive role models, and create safe, supportive spaces for youth.

Officer Tate arrives early, stays late, checks on families outside program hours, and maintains strong communication with coworkers and community partners. His calm presence, professionalism, and ability to connect with young people have earned widespread respect. Through his sustained commitment to youth engagement, mentorship, and community building, Officer Tate has made a lasting impact on the Department and the District of Columbia.





PATROL OPERATIONS > YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DIVISION

SCHOOL SAFETY BRANCH

Officer Tracy Taylor

Some officers are assigned to protect schools. **SRO Tracy Taylor** builds safer school communities around them. Through his daily presence, steady leadership, and genuine connection with students and staff, he represents the very best of school-based policing. At Eastern High School, SRO Taylor is affectionately known by students and staff as “Uncle Tracy,” a title that reflects the trust, respect, and relationships he has earned through consistent service.



SRO Taylor’s influence begins with mentorship, as students frequently approach him to discuss personal choices and life ambitions. He meets students where they are, listens without judgment, and provides guidance with both compassion and accountability. His ability to connect with young people helps prevent conflict before it escalates and reinforces the positive role a School Resource Officer can play in a student’s life.

Supporting both Eastern High School and Eliot-Hine Middle School, SRO Tracy manages demanding assignments with professionalism, flexibility, and consistency. He works closely with school administrators, counselors, teachers, and staff to address safety concerns, resolve conflicts, and maintain a stable learning environment. When tensions rise, SRO Taylor relies on communication, rapport, and sound judgment to de-escalate situations and restore order.

Present during arrival, dismissal, Safe Passage coverage, after-school activities, games, performances, and community events, SRO Taylor understands that visibility builds trust, and that trust improves safety. His presence reassures students, staff, parents, and community members that MPD is not only there to respond to emergencies, but also to support the school community every day. SRO Taylor has made a lasting and positive impact on the students, staff, and families he serves.



PATROL SERVICES NORTH > SPECIAL LIAISON BRANCH

LATINO LIAISON UNIT

Officer Guillermo Canales

Officer **Guillermo Canales** has demonstrated exceptional commitment to strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the Latino community through consistent outreach, engagement, and service. Throughout 2025, Officer Canales created meaningful opportunities for dialogue and trust-building, working to ensure that residents feel safe interacting with police and understanding the resources available to them. By regularly hosting events with community partners and creating welcoming spaces for engagement, he has helped bridge longstanding gaps between the Department and the community.



Beyond the district-level engagement, Officer Canales works closely with Latin American embassies to exchange information and strengthen international partnerships. He also participates in monthly radio interviews to keep residents informed about citywide events, safety resources, and public-service updaters. These proactive communications have helped increase awareness, encourage collaboration, and promote trust between MPD and the Latino community.



PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Joshua Hill

Officer Joshua Hill is recognized for his exceptional dedication to building trust, supporting vulnerable residents, and strengthening partnerships throughout the community. He consistently demonstrates that policing is rooted not only in enforcement, but in compassion, service, and meaningful connection.

In one standout incident, Officer Hill responded to a robbery in which a victim's rent money was stolen, placing them at risk of losing housing. Understanding the gravity of the situation, he led an initiative to work with community members to raise funds and replace the stolen rent—providing critical support during a difficult time.

Officer Hill routinely goes above and beyond his duties. He listens to residents' concerns, follows up proactively, and offers thoughtful solutions that address both immediate needs and long-term safety. His reliability and willingness to assist fellow officers make him a valued resource on every tour.





SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS > INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

VIOLENT CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION

Investigator John Streets

Investigator John Streets is recognized for his exceptional technical skill and long standing commitment to advancing violent crime investigations. A veteran of the Department and a decade long member of the Violent Crime Suppression Division, he brings deep expertise from his prior work in forensic and mobile crime units, where he processed major crime scenes, homicides, and hundreds of recovered firearms. This foundation has made him an invaluable asset within the electronic surveillance unit.



Investigator Streets is highly regarded for his ability to capture and extract video from a wide range of systems—work that has directly supported homicide investigations, the carjacking task force, and numerous specialized operations. He routinely makes himself available at all hours when critical incidents occur, demonstrating unwavering dedication to timely investigative support. His efforts have repeatedly contributed to identifying violent offenders and advancing complex cases. Beyond video recovery, he has spent countless hours securing physical and testimonial evidence that has supported indictments and convictions across the Criminal Investigations Division. Colleagues consistently note his positive attitude, responsiveness, and willingness to assist with any request.

Through his extensive experience, technical proficiency, and steady commitment to public safety, Investigator Streets has become a cornerstone of the unit's success.



SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS > HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

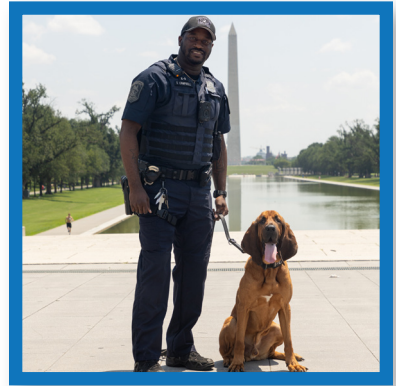
Officer Tyrone Campbell

Officer Tyrone Campbell and his canine partner Bubba have transformed MPD's bloodhound program into a lifesaving asset for the community. Managing frequent callbacks and responding patrol requests, Officer Campbell demonstrates reliability and a deep commitment to serving the city he calls home.

Officer Campbell and Bubba have successfully located multiple critical missing persons, directly contributing to safe reunifications and earning lifesaving recognition. Their work has strengthened investigations by providing accurate scent start points and refining search areas, saving valuable time and improving case outcomes. He has also supported outside agencies, extending the program's impact across jurisdictions.

Beyond operational success, Officer Campbell represents the Department with professionalism through demonstrations, community events, and media engagements that highlight the value of MPD's canine unit. Colleagues consistently note his calm attitude, teamwork, and willingness to learn and grow alongside his partner.

Through his dedication, strong work ethic, and transformative impact on the bloodhound program, Officer Campbell has become an essential part of the unit's success and is highly deserving of this recognition.





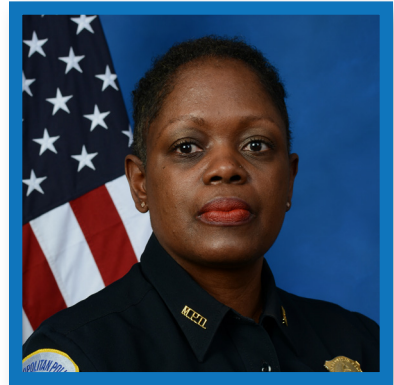
Sergeant of the Year

SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS > INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

DISTRICT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Sergeant Tiffani Cowan

Sergeant Tiffani Cowan is widely regarded as an exceptional leader whose professionalism, integrity, and genuine care for her team consistently elevate performance and morale across the unit. Known for her approachable and knowledgeable leadership style, she maintains open communication, provides steady guidance during complex situations, and ensures officers have the resources and support needed to excel. Her reliability and commitment have built deep trust and a cohesive, positive work environment.



A hallmark of Sergeant Cowan's impact is her dedication to mentorship and long term development. She invests in newly assigned officers and seasoned members alike, offering practical instruction on policing fundamentals, report writing, and decision making, while also supporting personal growth in areas such as financial planning and life challenges. Through team building efforts, recognition initiatives, and consistent encouragement, she fosters a culture rooted in professionalism, confidence, and respect.

Operationally, she leads from the front—responding across PSAs, managing incidents with calm precision, and ensuring fairness and accountability. Through compassionate leadership, operational excellence, and meaningful investment in her team, Sergeant Tiffani Cowan exemplifies the highest standards of service in policing.



PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

SECOND DISTRICT

Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin III

Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin III has consistently shown his outstanding leadership, steady presence, and deep commitment to both his officers and the community. Throughout his service in the District, he has set a clear example of what effective leadership looks like by showing up, staying engaged, and ensuring his team feels supported and prepared.

Lieutenant Garvin is known for being out in the field alongside his officers. He conducts patrols, checks on businesses, and speaks directly with residents and workers, reinforcing the importance of visibility and genuine connection. His guidance during challenging situations helps officers make sound decisions, and his consistent involvement builds trust both inside the unit and throughout the community.

Under his leadership, PSA 209 has seen meaningful progress, including a notable reduction in retail theft in one of the district's busiest commercial areas. These improvements reflect his ability to motivate his team, work collaboratively with community partners, and keep officers focused on the issues that matter most to residents.





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU > CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Captain Jeffrey Wade

Captain Jeffrey Wade has shown extraordinary leadership, exceptional performance, and unwavering commitment to the mission of MPD throughout 2025. Leading the Homicide Branch, Captain Wade oversaw Fresh Case detectives, the Special Victims Unit, CARFTE, Natural Death detectives, and the Major Case/Cold Case Squad with precision, accountability, and steadfast professionalism.

His leadership was especially critical during the Potomac Aircraft Collision in January 2025, a profoundly tragic event requiring extraordinary coordination, compassion, and operational clarity. Throughout the year, the branch also resolved numerous high-profile and complex cases, including the nationally recognized double homicide outside the Capital Jewish Museum and heartbreaking murder of three-year-old Honesty Cheadle.

Captain Wade's strategic oversight, commitment to investigative excellence, and unwavering dedication to victims and their families set the standard for leadership within MPD.





SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS > HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Commander Jason Bagshaw

Throughout a year defined by nonstop activity, **Commander Jason Bagshaw** remained the steady anchor of the Special Operations Division. Coordinating complex, high-risk operations with clarity, discipline, and unmatched focus, he exemplifies the core principles of leadership, approaching each day with determination, fully committed to the success of the Special Operations Division and MPD.

Commander Bagshaw meets challenges with resilience and an unshakeable commitment to mission success. His ability to pair rapid decisive action with thoughtful strategy ensured that every operation in 2025—whether a major demonstration, dignitary movement, or National Security Event—was executed safely, effectively, and with precision.

Commander Bagshaw's work ethic is equally extraordinary. Routinely working 16-hour days, often seven days a week, he leads from the front, setting a standard of dedication that inspires those around him. But it is not the hours alone that distinguish him—it is the exceptional leadership demonstrated in every one of those hours. Under his guidance, the Special Operations Division continues to operate at a level that stands as a model for agencies nationwide and his unwavering commitment to excellence distinguishes him as a leader of exceptional caliber.





PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

THIRD DISTRICT

Officer Casey Williams

Despite being relatively new to the Field Training Officer role, **Officer Williams** has already proven to be highly effective, shaping trainees into proactive and capable officers. His approach emphasizes understanding through guided questions, allowing trainees to think critically and build confidence in their decision-making.

Officer Williams' influence extends beyond the trainees. He routinely assists both probationary and certified members at scenes, ensuring officers have the support they need. His willingness to respond, guide, and reinforce proper practices reflects a deep commitment to department standards and overall officer success. Through dedication, guidance, and constant reinforcement of high standards, Officer Williams has made a lasting impact on the officers he has trained and the Department as a whole.





PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Cleveland Blake

In a field where dedication is paramount, **Officer Cleveland Blake**'s commitment to excellence is evident in his meticulous attention to detail and his readiness to tackle challenging assignments without hesitation. This strong foundation of reliability and perseverance not only enhances his own performance but also inspires those around him.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Officer Blake's compassionate outreach to vulnerable populations underscores his approach to public service. He consistently assists individuals experiencing homelessness, offering resources and support with empathy and respect, while extending the same level of help to anyone in need.





PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

SECOND DISTRICT

Officer Abdo Ali

Officer Abdo Ali's steady commitment to public safety and strong work ethic has had a measurable impact in one of the District's busiest areas. Through consistent visibility and daily engagement with residents, workers, and businesses, Officer Ali has become a trusted presence throughout the City Center and downtown corridors. His efforts have strengthened communication, improved responsiveness, and contributed to a safer environment for everyone who lives, works, or visits the area.



Officer Ali played a major role in reducing persistent retail theft and other property related crime by focusing on early detection of suspicious behavior, maintaining a strong presence, and addressing repeat offenders. Throughout 2025, he helped drive down theft incidents and made approximately 54 arrests connected to ongoing criminal activity. These efforts led to periods with no reported Part I offenses—an achievement that reflects meaningful progress in overall safety.

His instincts have also contributed to important arrests. While on patrol in PSA 209, he identified a suspicious individual who was later found to have active warrants in multiple states, helping close several open cases. Officer Ali's balanced approach—combining enforcement, communication, and problem solving—has earned him deep respect across the District.

Third District Officer of the Year



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PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

THIRD DISTRICT

Officer Harminder Jolly

Officer Harminder Jolly has demonstrated exemplary professionalism and unwavering dedication, consistently fulfilling his duties with integrity and commitment. His reliability and sound judgment are evident in his ability to respond effectively to complex and demanding situations.

Officer Jolly continually upholds the highest standards of conduct, serving as a model for his peers and contributing meaningfully to the Department's mission. Through his steadfast service and strong work ethic, Officer Jolly has made a significant and lasting impact on both the Department and the community.





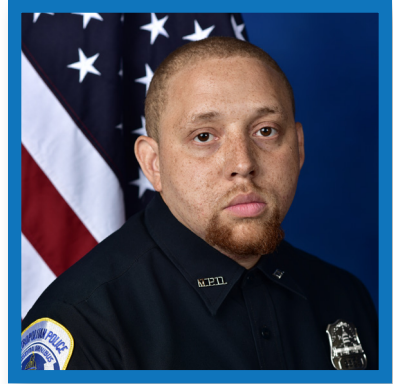
Fourth District Officer of the Year

PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Rickie Chasten

Officer Rickie Chasten made it a priority throughout 2025 to conduct regular foot patrols throughout the commercial corridor, specifically focusing on the 6200 through 6400 blocks of Georgia Ave, which have been identified as areas vulnerable to burglary-related offenses. During these patrols, he diligently checked doors and the security of local businesses, ensuring that establishments were properly secured and any suspicious activity was quickly identified and addressed. His presence in the area served not only as a deterrent to potential offenders but also reassures business owners and community members that their safety and security remain a priority.



Through his ongoing efforts, he has helped foster a culture of vigilance and accountability among his peers. His leadership by example has strengthened the overall effectiveness of the midnight tour and contributed to a more coordinated effort in combating burglary offenses within the District.

Officer Chasten's dedication, initiative, and unwavering commitment to crime prevention exemplify the highest standards of professionalism within the Department.

**Fifth District
Officer of the Year**



PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES NORTH

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer Atubakr Karim

Officer Atubakr Karim comes to work ready to go out and help the community making it safe for everyone in the District. He has a positive attitude, a smile on his face, and is always ready to help his co-workers.

Well-known throughout 5D for closing warrant cases/BOLOs as well as closing open part one offenses within days, he is well respected throughout the community and the Department.





Sixth District Officer of the Year

PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Jimmy Checo

Officer Jimmy Checo has shown exceptional work, proactive policing, and dedication to protecting the community in 2025. Throughout the year, he has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to removing violent offenders from the streets, successfully investigating and arresting multiple individuals responsible for robbery offenses and is very effective in translating scenes and helping individuals with language barriers.

Officer Checo has continually helped bridge the gap for Hispanic and Latino individuals in 6D and his pride in his work has made a vast difference in policing in the District. He consistently goes above and beyond expectations, showing initiative, persistence, and dedication to the mission of public safety. His ability to identify criminal activity, take decisive enforcement action, and follow cases through to completion, exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding law enforcement officer.



Seventh District Officer of the Year



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PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer Alexandra Strohmeier

Officer Alexandra Strohmeier has made a valuable contribution to the Department and to 7D in 2025. Currently assigned to Patrol Service Area 706 in the evening tour, Officer Strohmeier is a crime scene-trained officer who has assisted in many critical incidents.

She handles crime scene requests from her fellow officers, processing evidence with care, dedication, and professionalism. Officer Strohmeier's evidence collection has enhanced officers' and detectives' crime-solving capabilities and has enabled government attorneys to prosecute cases with strong evidence.





PATROL OPERATIONS > PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Cleveland Blake

Officer **Cleveland Blake** is awarded Officer of the Year for his steady dedication, strong work ethic, and the positive influence he brings to every assignment. Throughout his service in multiple districts, Officer Blake is known for stepping forward when needed. Maintaining a calm, supportive presence he consistently strengthens teamwork while setting a tone of reliability and respect.

Officer Blake is widely regarded as a motivating force within the Department. Colleagues—both new and experienced—regularly seek his guidance, crediting him with helping them build confidence and develop sound habits early in their careers. His willingness to mentor others has improved morale across the District and contributed to a culture where officers feel supported and encouraged to grow.

Officer Blake also invests in his own development, pursuing advanced training and sharing what he learns with his peers. His thoughtful approach to helping vulnerable individuals, offering resources and support with patience and dignity, reflects his belief in fair and compassionate service. Officer Blake truly merits the recognition of Officer of the Year for both the First District and the entire Department, as his contributions create a safer, more supportive environment for all.





SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS > HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Harbor Patrol Unit

The Harbor Patrol Unit's unwavering commitment to service, professionalism, and teamwork has set a standard for excellence throughout the year.

In January 2025, the Harbor Patrol Unit responded immediately and decisively to the devastating mid-air collision, a crisis that demanded extraordinary courage and resilience. Members of the unit worked tirelessly around the clock, braving challenging conditions and putting their own safety at risk to fulfill their mission. Their efforts not only aided in the successful resolution of the incident but also provided critical support to other emergency responders and comfort to the community during a time of great need.

Throughout the operation, the Harbor Patrol Unit exemplified the core values of the Metropolitan Police Department—selflessness, bravery, and dedication. Their professionalism and composure under pressure were a source of pride for the entire Department, earning them admiration and gratitude from colleagues and the public alike. Their ability to seamlessly coordinate complex rescue and recovery efforts set a new benchmark for what can be accomplished through unity and perseverance.

For their outstanding performance in the face of adversity, tireless dedication, and the honor they have brought to MPD, the Harbor Patrol Unit is truly deserving of recognition as Unit of the Year.

Note: Please see [page 58](#) for a list of the members assigned to this unit.





INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE
UNIT OF THE YEAR

Harbor Patrol Unit

Lt. Andrew Horos
Sergeant Adam Snapko
Officer Jeff Wisecarver**
Officer Chad Wyble
Officer Michael Muzzey
Officer Joshua Tretter
Officer Robert Varga
Officer Ricardo Perez
Officer Glenn Lombardini'
Officer Timothy Ochenschlager
Officer Damian Chapman
Officer Patrick Donlon
Boat Vessel Registrar Samuel Smith

Sergeant Megan Tiemann
Sergeant Jessica Herbert
Officer Malcolm Gaines
Officer Christopher Gaglione
Officer Michael Miller
Officer Anthony Gatton**
Officer Astasia Myler
Officer Jeffrey Leslie
Officer Robert Barusefski
Officer Andrew Wayte
Officer Lindsey Scott
Officer Marck Jaeger
Marine Machinery Mechanic Anthony Hill

*'No longer with MPD
**Promoted to Sergeant*

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Your support throughout the year plays a vital role in helping advance public safety initiatives and impacts the lives of DC youth, families, and our own officers.

A special thanks to the National Community Church, Capital Turnaround, and Food on the Stove for making this event possible.



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