



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
AWARDS CEREMONY
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Honoring the accomplishments of members of the Department and our community partners for their outstanding efforts over the past year

Elstad Auditorium at Gallaudet University

800 Florida Avenue, NE | Washington, DC

Doors Open at **6:00 PM** // Ceremony Begins at **7:00 PM**



Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police



Vincent C. Gray
Mayor

A BRIEF HISTORY

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 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 Thirteenth Annual Metropolitan Police Department Awards Ceremony, honoring the employees of the MPDC 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	Bruce Alan, WTOP
Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard	Master of Ceremonies
National Anthem	Sergeant Denise Garrett
Invocation	Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo
Congratulatory Remarks.	Mayor Vincent C. Gray
Welcome/Community Group Recognition . . .	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Presentation of Awards.	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Bureau Employees of the Year	Master Patrol Officer of the Year
COP Medal of Merit	School Resource Officer of the Year
Meritorious Service Award	Forensics Officer of the Year
District Officers of Year	Crime Suppression Unit Award
Citizen Volunteer Corps	Crime Reduction Award
Reserve Member of the Year	Sergeant of the Year
Citizen of the Year	Lieutenant of the Year
Mayoral Special Award	Captain of the Year
District Detectives of the Year	Inspector of the Year
COP Special Award	Commander of the Year
Vice Unit of the Year	Best Performing District
Specialized Unit of the Year	PSA of Year
Patrol Support Team of Year	Detective of the Year
CID Detective of the Year	Civilian Employee of the Year
Homicide Detective of the Year	Officer of the Year
Detective Sergeant of the Year	
Closing Remarks.	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Benediction	Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo

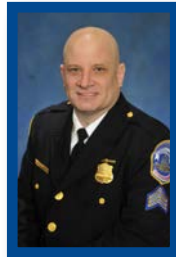


BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

CORPORATE SUPPORT BUREAU

Sergeant Edward Gibson

Sergeant Gibson is a dedicated employee who always makes himself available on and off duty. Sergeant Gibson makes sound decisions regarding the day to day operations of the branch. He adapts and adjusts to change to help the unit stay focused in the face of complexity and its changing needs. Sergeant Gibson makes a point of understanding the dynamics among unit members and helps others build solid working relationships. He routinely suggests and implements new ideas to help the unit achieve its objectives and goals. Sergeant Gibson motivates others by constantly recognizing and appreciating their skills and contributions. Sergeant Gibson is regularly sought out by other units for assistance as a result of his unique administrative skills. It is for these reasons that he is Corporate Support Bureau Employee of the Year.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Captain Morgan Kane

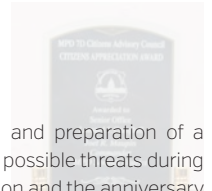
Captain Morgan Kane has been an exemplary employee for more than 14 years. Her dedication to duty and tireless work ethic distinguishes her as one of the finest managers on the Department. Captain Kane's ethics, integrity, attention to detail, and managerial qualities are beyond reproach. In FY12, Captain Kane served as an integral member of the staff of the Chief of Police and was responsible for managing the day to day activities of the Chief of Police while always ensuring that the Chief's priorities were communicated and realized. Captain Kane not only focused on achieving the goals set for the Department, but she always looked for ways to improve upon those goals in order to achieve better results. Her duties are wide and varied and she always goes above and beyond to ensure they are completed and nothing falls through the cracks- many times working at all hours of the day. Captain Kane is fiercely loyal, has a remarkable memory, and a keen knack for organization. All of these qualities are paramount to ensuring the Executive Office of the Chief of Police runs smoothly and the Chief is always prepared for her day.

BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

Lieutenant Paul Niepling

In 2012, Lt. Niepling was instrumental in the planning and preparation of a number of high profile demonstrations and responses to possible threats during events such as the National Independence Day celebration and the anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on America. In addition, Lt. Niepling oversaw the completion of numerous response exercises and an agency wide homeland security capabilities assessment. His managerial responsibilities included the command of the Metropolitan Police Department's Harbor Patrol and the Domestic Security Office. He serves as Harbor Master and is responsible for overseeing and enforcement of the District of Columbia's maritime laws, to include boater safety education, boating registration and maritime security during major events. As the Commander of the Domestic Security Office, Lt. Niepling is responsible for the Department's tactical response regarding all Civil Disturbance-1st Amendment (CDU) demonstrations, as well as critical technical response for Radiological, Nuclear, and Bio-chemical hazards that may occur within the District of Columbia. The Harbor Patrol Unit and Domestic Security Office have an awesome responsibility that Lieutenant Niepling does not take lightly. His dedication to the unit's mission is evident by his continued support and leadership while maintaining professional standards within the unit.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Detective Sylvan Altieri

The Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) acts as the guardian of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) reputation, and is charged with the accountability, implementation, and maintenance of the Department's anti-corruption programs. Occasionally, that involves the investigation of members who are involved in criminal behavior. Agent Sylvan Altieri has always displayed a willingness to take on difficult high profile assignments. This past year was no exception. In addition to carrying a large case load. Whenever a difficult or high profile case is assigned, Agent Altieri's standard response is, "No problem, just tell me what needs to be done." Agent Altieri approaches his job with a zeal and professionalism that makes him stand out among his peers. His positive attitude and willingness to handle any type of assignment makes him an ideal employee to supervise and work with. His ability to work these very complicated cases and bring them to a successful conclusion protects the integrity and reputation of the Department.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Officer Grant Greenwalt

During the Metropolitan Police Department's complete transition to the new city Forensic Science building, Officer Greenwalt willingly worked extra hours each day until all tasks were completed. He also maintains a high level of professionalism as it relates to internal and external customers. Officer Greenwalt handles all tasks assigned to him with a smile, from teaching in a classroom to moving office supplies at CSID. It is these attributes that make him the Investigative Services Bureau Employee of the Year.

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU

Inspector Dierdre Porter

Inspector Porter is crucial to the success of the Patrol Services and School Security Bureau (PSSSB) on a daily basis. Most of PSSSB is operational but there are a vast number of administrative functions that are crucial for day to day business. It is through her dedication and work that the daily administrative tasks [requests from Executive Office of the Chief of Police, Internal Affairs investigations, IQs, and all paperwork and coordination] get completed. Through her tireless efforts she leads the PSSSB team which handles thousands of investigations a year via review and submission, internal and external reports for both, as well as representing the Bureau and Department on many task forces (such as Consortium and DDOT projects) and boards (such as the Retirement Board). She has streamlined reports and templates this past year thus meeting a performance goal that was set by our Department. Inspector Porter possesses outstanding investigatory, decision making, and communication skills that led to our success as a Bureau. In addition, she keeps strong ties with the DC community through her volunteer work with youth nonprofit and women's group. Inspector Porter has truly made this Bureau a success.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Sergeant George Bernard

Sergeant Bernard is one of the first members in the office every morning and the last member to leave at the end of the tour. He epitomizes what customer service is. He works non-stop during his tour and usually never takes a lunch break. Sergeant Bernard is truly a jack of all trades. He handles all the department manpower reports, multiple information requests on personnel matters, administrative paperwork, updates in the Personnel Resource Tracking (PRT) System, crime briefing awards, and investigations. He works in an extremely sensitive area. But even when dealing with sensitive and unpleasant issues, he is able to comfort members, is empathetic, and keeps them at ease. As a Sergeant in the Administrative Office of the Human Resource Management Division, he often goes unrecognized but there is not a problem or issue that he will not tackle. Sergeant Bernard is a source of information for everything and everyone and does everything with a smile. His phone rings non-stop throughout the day, but every time he answers, he is polite and helpful. He is a mentor, advice giver, and has a kind heart. If you approach Sergeant Bernard with an issue and he does not have the answer, he will always take the time to research the answer and follow-up with you. He is more than dependable and even has to be forced to take leave! This is why he is so deserving of this honor.



STRATEGIC SERVICES BUREAU

Marvin Haiman

Mr. Haiman was the catalyst behind the streamlined recruiting and hiring process for entry-level police officers. He worked tirelessly to establish and coordinate a revamped hiring process that includes New Candidate Orientations, Mass Processing Days, and Criminal and Civil Check Stations. Mr. Haiman also worked closely with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to make improvements to the On-line Application and Background Investigation System (OAP) to enhance the efficiency of the Recruiting Division's operations. The process improvements that he coordinated have increased the quality of MPD's background investigations, reduced investigative caseloads, reduced the average time required to hire an applicant, and reduced the number of times an applicant must travel to MPD during the hiring process. His initiatives were critical to the Recruiting Division's success in reaching the Department's FY 2012 Hiring Goal. In addition, he provided outstanding leadership and support to the MPD Volunteer Services Program during the year.



COP MEDAL OF MERIT/MERITORIOUS SERVICE

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Chairman Julius Genachowski

THE MCCORMICK GROUP, INC.

Mr. Lyles Carr

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Mr. John Foust



In late 2011, Washington, D.C., was experiencing a rising and disturbing trend of thefts and robberies of cell phones. During the latter half of the year, nearly 40 percent of all robberies in DC involved the taking of a cell phone. The trend was not unique to DC. Cities across the country were experiencing the same problem. While at first glance the issue appeared to be mainly a property crime, concern was growing as several incidents involved shocking and unconscionable violence. Criminals were taking advantage of what they saw as an easy opportunity to make a quick and sizeable profit by stealing phones and selling them to be reactivated and reused.

In an effort to combat this troubling trend, Mr. John Foust, Special Assistant to Chief Lanier, began the arduous task of researching the problem and identifying a solution. Recognizing that this issue was a nationwide challenge, Mr. Foust mobilized representatives from departments, agencies, and organizations throughout the country. His diligent research and hard work soon led him to look overseas to potential solutions that had already been implemented in the United Kingdom.

After learning of the public safety issue posed by cell phone robberies, Chairman Julius Genachowski of the Federal Communications Commission became a leading advocate for developing a practical and prudent solution to the problem. Following national media coverage of the issue and after months of hard work with concerned Chiefs of Police from across the country, members of Congress, and cell phone manufacturers and service providers, Chairman Genachowski announced a comprehensive plan to help quell the disturbing increase in cell phone robberies. On October 31, 2012, wireless providers deployed a national database to prevent the reactivation of stolen cell phones. This process, called “bricking,” make stolen cell phones useless. By



Julius Genachowski



Lyles Carr



John Foust

taking the profit out of the crime, Chairman Genachowski, Mr. Foust, and the many others who worked toward a solution have made our streets much safer.

The outcome of our work to combat the rising tide of thefts and robberies involving cell phones would never have been possible had it not been for the valuable support and assistance of Mr. Lyles Carr, Senior Vice President at the McCormick Group and respected civic leader in Washington, DC. Mr. Carr served as the vital catalyst between MPD's early work on the issue and the FCC's subsequent efforts to ensure service providers implemented the national database to prevent the reactivation of stolen cell phones. His active support and advocacy allowed us to mobilize the necessary stakeholders and bridge the gap between understanding the problem and deploying an effective solution.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Alexander Vogel

Officer Alexander Vogel has been a consistently proactive officer. Officer Vogel made numerous arrests for violent crimes, as well as significantly more arrests directly impacting the community. However, his most important contribution has been in preventing violent crime before it can occur, resulting in a safer community. Officer Vogel has developed sources that have provided invaluable information in the prevention of assaults and homicides. Further, when violence has occurred, these same sources have been instrumental in closing cases. He has assisted other officers and detectives in the investigation and closing of numerous robbery cases. This has been by way of developing intelligence, using technology such as GPS trackers, cell phone technology, and traditional patrol work. Officer Vogel's hard work has resulted in several Carrying Pistol and Carrying Dangerous Weapons arrests in 2012. Arrests for PWID Cocaine, PCP, and Marijuana have been made including a case resulting in the seizure of over three pounds of marijuana. In addition, he has made numerous arrests for unlawful entry and contempt of court in public housing areas serving to prevent violent offenders from creating crime in the community. Officer Vogel has willingly adjusted his schedule repeatedly over 2012 to combat crime. He has shared intelligence with his fellow officers and created an excellent database of criminals that are within his patrol area. He has been professional and an inspiration to the officers he works with. It is for these reasons, that Officer Vogel is the First District Officer of the Year.

SECOND DISTRICT

Officer Anthony Mcelwee

Officer Anthony Mcelwee truly exemplifies the characteristics of an excellent officer. He has repeatedly shown that he is committed and dedicated towards enforcement of the laws of the District of Columbia. Officer Mcelwee has shown a special interest in traffic enforcement where he has excelled in writing the most Notice of Infractions (NOIs) and making the most traffic related arrests in the Second District. Officer Mcelwee's motivation and commitment has truly made a positive impact on how motorists proceed through the streets and thoroughfares in both the Second District and in PSA 205. Officer Mcelwee shows that he enjoys working in the community by attending community meetings and spear-heading and coordinating various community parades, cook-outs, and juvenile activities. In addition, he does an outstanding job in keeping his command officials abreast of pertinent information that has become vital to the daily function of PSA 205 and the Second District as a whole.

DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

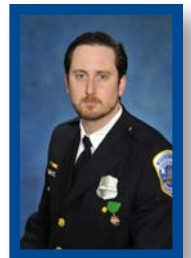
Officer Nicholas Oliver

Officer Nicholas Oliver is assigned to PSA 302. He patrols the busy 14th Street corridor in Columbia Heights as well as Business Beat 302A. He has engaged the community with his friendly disposition and has received countless compliments and commendations from stakeholders. Officer Oliver has conducted public safety seminars for businesses and residents in hopes of reducing their risk of being victimized. Officer Oliver requested to be trained as a Reserve Crime Scene Search officer and can often be found assisting his fellow colleagues with their investigations. He conducts follow-up investigations and applies for warrants whenever he can. Due to his diligence on the beat, he has reduced the calls for service, the number of violent crimes, and has made the area a safer place to frequent.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Paul Hrebenak

Officer Paul Hrebenak is one of MPD's best patrol officers. He is a very proactive patrol officer who conducts thorough investigations and makes arrests when his investigations yield probable cause for an arrest. He follows cases through to the end, always keeping in contact with the victim(s) and prosecutors until the case is concluded. As a midnight Officer, he quickly learned the advantages of partnering with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) in conducting ABC investigations. Officer Hrebenak has fostered a close working relationship with ABRA staff and he notifies them whenever an incident occurs at an ABC establishment. He always follows up with ABRA investigators and has testified at numerous ABRA hearings for Fourth District establishments, leading to the closure and/or increased security of ABC establishments. Officer Hrebenak has partnered with many community leaders and citizens to address quality of life crimes and specific complaints within the PSA. He keeps in contact with citizens and follows through until their complaints are resolved. He also has excellent knowledge of known criminals in the PSA, their hangouts, and their current release status. Further, he follows up with the USAO and Pretrial Services to ensure that criminals are complying with the terms of their release. It is for these reasons, that he is being recognized as the Fourth District Officer of the Year.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer Jerry Afari

Officer Jerry Afari is a four year member of the Metropolitan Police Department. Upon his graduation from the academy, he immediately became recognized as a standout officer in the 5th District. Whether he was patrolling on a mountain bike, assigned to a scout car, or an integral part of a burglary tactical unit, Officer Afari always tackled every challenge with enthusiasm and dedication. In 2012 Officer Afari joined the 5th District Street Crimes Unit. He had 46 arrests for the year and recovered four illegal handguns. Officer Afari truly exemplifies quality teamwork. On October 20, 2012, Officer Afari coordinated with 1st District officers about potential suspects in the 5th District wanted in reference to a Murder warrant. Later in the day, Officer Afari conducted a traffic stop which led to the arrest of the wanted subjects. Although one could easily go on about how brilliant Officer Afari is on the street, all of his work is consistent and thorough. He is an exemplary writer with arrest and search warrants. Not only do his supervisors speak highly of him, but he is also frequently commended by his peers for his positive attitude and contributions. One of the attributes that is most frequently commented about Officer Afari is how he never loses a suspect in a foot chase. Despite this phenomenal achievement, Officer Afari always remains calm and collected. For the reasons mentioned above and the many others that may go unnoticed, Officer Jerry Afari is an outstanding choice for the 5th District Officer of the Year.

SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Claudine Jenkins

Officer Jenkins has been essential in her efforts of removing juveniles from the streets of the 6th District. Officer Jenkins not only removes them from the streets but also takes the time to get to know each juvenile as it relates to family issues that may be contributing to the juvenile's curfew violation. She has developed a positive relationship with CFSA and often times can tell you the story of many of the juveniles that are picked up in the Sixth District. Officer Jenkins not only takes this position with juveniles but with everyone that she encounters in the streets, creating a trusting relationship with the citizens. She is the example of a fine Metropolitan Police Department Police Officer and deserves this recognition as Sixth District Officer of the Year.

DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer David Bacon

Officer David Bacon received a Significantly Exceeds Expectations performance rating during the 2012 period. Additionally, he was commended for his performance in his handling of two separate incidents that involved the threat of death and serious bodily injury directed towards him as a law enforcement officer. On each occasion, Officer Bacon used the minimal amount of force to stop the threat. On one occasion he used hand strikes to disarm two suspects involved in a knife fight. On the other, he disarmed an intoxicated suspect high on PCP that pointed a replica handgun at his head through the window of his scout car. Officer Bacon avoided injuries during the threats and the involved suspects sustained only minor injuries.

CITIZEN VOLUNTEER CORPS OF THE YEAR

Joseph Hawkins

Joseph has volunteered with the Metropolitan Police Department since February of 2012. As a Citizen Volunteer, he has been instrumental in bringing additional Citizen Volunteers on board and expanding the Department's program. Joseph assists with the preparation of background investigations and candidate interviews. He has taken a dedicated stance to assisting the Unit with its overall organization by managing the personnel records of current and past volunteers. In addition to his administrative work, Joseph is a regular face at the Recruiting Division's "Mass Processing Days" assisting to get the applicants started in the process, assembling case jackets, and pitching in where needed. Joseph willingly works any assignment and always does so with a smile on his face. The Department is extraordinarily lucky to have a Citizen Volunteer like Joseph.

POZELL RESERVE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Reserve Sergeant Tom Flaherty

Officer Tom Flaherty joined the Department as a Reserve Corps Member and has served since 2002. He was promoted to Reserve Sergeant in the Second District. In this capacity, he served as co-platoon leader managing the Reserve Corps Members assigned to the 2nd District. Over his tenure as co-platoon leader, the Second District Reserve Corps Platoon saw a substantial increase in involvement and hour contributions to the Department. In addition Sergeant Flaherty has served as an active member of the Reserve Corps Command Staff and an active volunteer himself through numerous city-wide events including parades, details, Reserve Corps Focus Initiatives, Recruiting Division events, and training events. Reserve Sergeant Flaherty is highly reliable and a staple of nearly every Reserve Corps event.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Ms. Olivia Henderson

Commissioner Henderson works in the Ward 8 Section of the city and specifically in the PSA 706 communities. She is a local resident, ANC Commissioner, and strong advocate for public safety and justice. Ms. Henderson attends more PSA 706 Partnership for Problem Solving monthly meetings than any other resident in the Seventh District. She takes her role seriously and on one occasion attended a meeting when she was quite ill because she believed that the issues were that important. When asked why she simply did not skip the meeting, she stated that she did not want to let her constituents down as she had invited several residents to become involved in the community meetings.

Commissioner Henderson does not limit her interests to the constituents in her assigned service area, but she is often the voice of many residents, business owners, and property owners in the Seventh District. Many community stakeholders have come to recognize and appreciate her commitment to duty and service for the residents of Ward 8. She has also partaken in multi-agency and interstate community building events to include the Annual Unity in the Community Walk where the Metropolitan Police Department and the Prince George's County Police Department partner with the District of Columbia and Prince George's County Clergy. The agencies organize a community walk along the city and county border to promote unity, mutual support and community building between the local and area neighborhoods, organizations and governments. Ms. Henderson is often sought out by other residents as she is well-known for her long term and well respected relationship with the Metropolitan Police Department. She may be reached around the clock on her cellular phone or email and is always responsive to any persons seeking her assistance. She is truly a champion of Ward 8. Her realistic approach and expectations and positive attitude toward community building and citizen-police relations are impeccable. She expects the best services available for herself and her residents and provides the same service in her capacity as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.

MAYORAL SPECIAL AWARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Executive Protection Unit

The Executive Protection Unit provides security measures for the Mayor of the District of Columbia on a 24 hour-a-day basis. They ensure a safe environment for meetings and public appearances; efficient travel to events; security for the Executive Office of the Mayor; and protective measures at the home of the Mayor. The Unit operates in a comprehensive safety and security posture, which involves working in collaboration with officials from various Federal agencies. Throughout the course of the past year, state, and local government security officials from around the United States have come to view the operations of the EPU, and have subsequently made modifications to their security operations.

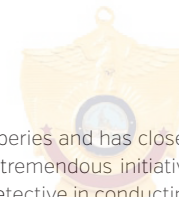
The following members are recognized for their contributions to the Unit.

- ★ Lieutenant Angela K. Cousins
- ★ Sergeant Reginald L. Powell
- ★ Officer Jacqueline S. Bell
- ★ Officer Justin O. Phillips
- ★ Officer Brian S. Thompson
- ★ Officer Reginald E. Maxwell
- ★ Officer Archie R. Beslow
- ★ Officer Dwight McKinnon
- ★ Officer John H. Brown
- ★ Officer Manuel Rodriguez
- ★ Officer Raymond E. Moore, Jr.
- ★ Officer Troy Bonner

DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Detective David Adams



Detective Adams investigates burglaries and robberies and has closed numerous cases in the past year. He displays tremendous initiative and follow-up. Detective Adams was the lead detective in conducting the investigation into a Crew of nine individuals conspiring to commit robberies, assaults, thefts, destruction of property and other criminal acts throughout the city, but particularly in the Chinatown area. On June 5, 2012, at approximately 0325 hours, Detective Adams was the on-scene investigator of a Robbery Force & Violence during which a male victim was beaten with the assailants taking the victims' wallet and credit cards. Due to being assaulted, the victim in this case was only able to provide limited information in regards to what happened or the assailants. Shortly after this attack, the assailants located another victim near 2nd and K Streets, NW and proceeded to assault him. The attack was racially motivated and they never took any money from the victim. That night, they also attacked a third victim, a homeless man, and robbed of his meager belongings including a backpack full of clothes. Within a few days, Detective Adams obtained the surveillance footage capturing the first Robbery Force & Violence case. The video showed a horrific, brutal, unprovoked assault on the victim in which he was punched and knocked to the ground. Several individuals were then observed punching and kicking the victim until he lost consciousness. The attackers then went through the victim's pockets taking his property. The assailants then dragged the victim closer to the bus stop in an attempt to conceal him from view. Detective Adams set forth to identify all those involved. He interviewed Officers from the First District's Chinatown detail, PSA officers, security guards, and other stakeholders in the community. He learned that those responsible were members of a small Crew. Detective Adams researched their histories and discovered they were responsible for Robberies, Assaults, Flash Mob thefts, and other offenses in the First, Second, Third and Fifth Districts. Recognizing that he had just identified a new street gang whose crimes spread throughout the city, the Metropolitan Police Department's Intelligence Unit was brought in to assist and they soon validated the Crew as a criminal street gang. A four-month Grand Jury investigation ultimately resulted in a sprawling, eighteen count indictment outlining a month-long spree of racially motivated assaults against vulnerable victims as well as robberies, assaults, flash-mob style thefts, credit card fraud, and destruction of property. Nine identified members of the Crew were named in the Grand Jury indictment and they were charged with being members of a criminal street gang, effectively shutting down their criminal enterprise. Detective Adams utilized and coordinated the resources provided by patrol officers, the United States Attorney's Office, the Intelligence Division, and outside agencies in order to swiftly end this reign of terror.

DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

SECOND DISTRICT

Detective Kimberly Metivier

Detective Kimberley Metivier is assigned to the Second District Detectives Office investigating Robberies and other general crimes. In October 2011, Detective Metivier was assigned to investigate a Robbery that occurred at the Capitol Coin & Stamp Company located in the 1000 block of Connecticut Avenue, NW. During the robbery, the suspects threatened the lives of the three people in the store: the 75 year old owner, his 63 year old employee, and an 82 year old customer. One of the suspects pointed a gun and demanded all of their wallets and coins. Items taken from the robbery included six gold Krugerrands [South African gold coins] valued at over \$10,000.00 dollars. After the items were taken, one of the suspects struck the 82 year old customer in the head with the butt of the gun and fled the store. Detective Metivier took on the investigation and after getting all of the facts and circumstances in the case, uncovered information on one of the suspects. Detective Metivier was also able to get the suspect's address, which lead to the execution of a search warrant. During the search of the home, a gun was recovered which helped linked the suspects in this case. The great work of Detective Kimberly Metivier and her keen investigation skills led to the arrest and convictions of three dangerous felons who preyed on the elderly.

THIRD DISTRICT

Detective Antoine Weston

During the 2012 calendar year, Detective Antoine Weston showed an extraordinary commitment as a Detective and a relentless dedication to duty toward fulfilling the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department. In 2012, Detective Weston was responsible for closing many serious crimes that occurred in the Third District. Detective Weston was the lead investigator in the IHOP Restaurant shooting that occurred on March 11, 2012. He immediately began to gather information, interview witnesses, and pull together physical evidence. He reached out to other members of the Third District Detectives Unit as well as patrol officers within the Third District. Detective Weston worked around the clock for over two weeks following up tips and interviewing witnesses. Detective Weston identified a suspect and on March 24, 2012 charged him with ADW Gun and subsequently obtained a full confession from the defendant.

DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FOURTH DISTRICT

Detective Robert Schmidt

Detective Robert Schmidt has been assigned to the 4DDU Robbery Squad since January 1, 2012. His previous assignment was the 4DDU Burglary Squad wherein he maintained the highest closure rate among his peers. Detective Schmidt has a broad knowledge base and vast investigative experience. Upon being assigned to the Robbery Squad, he began research on all the known players and their associates. Before long, he became one of the "core" members of the squad. Throughout the year, Detective Schmidt has closed numerous cases within hours of being called to a scene. One of his tactics when called to an "on-scene" case is to gather as many facts about the incident and suspects prior to leaving the office. Oftentimes, this has led to the identification and arrest of the suspect(s) soon after the incident. During the first 11 months of calendar year 2012, Detective Schmidt made 18 robbery arrests, 7 burglary arrests, 6 ADW arrests and obtained over 20 search warrants. With little exception, Detective Schmidt handles his assignments and tasks in an energetic and professional manner. He routinely works past his tour of duty to exhaust leads in his cases. Detective Schmidt is always eager to assist his peers and does not hesitate to act when asked by supervisors to perform additional duties. Detective Schmidt's work ethic is unsurpassed as is his devotion to duty and his efforts have led to the arrest and conviction of numerous felons who preyed on the citizens of the District of Columbia.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Detective John Hamer

Detective John Hamer has been with the Metropolitan Police Department for over thirteen years. He was been primarily assigned to the Fifth District both as an officer and a Detective. Detective Hamer has excelled in his skills as a detective. His attention to detail and successful closure rate brings credit to all of members of the Metropolitan Police Department. In 2012, he was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cross Border Task Force. The Task Force consisted of Detective Hamer being federally deputized under the umbrella of the FBI and assigned to a group of high performing Special Agents from the FBI and detectives from Prince Georges and Montgomery County, Maryland. The focus of the Task Force was to go after serial groups or individuals of armed and dangerous violent robbers that were



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

committing crimes in Maryland and the District of Columbia with a focus on trying to charge and prosecute those criminals under Federal Statutes. The Task Force was quickly immersed into several investigations of a group of subjects that was robbing convenience stores, primarily 7-11s, in Maryland, Virginia and D.C. This group targeted these locations and would overwhelm the clerks, often late at night, with guns drawn. The suspects left little to no evidence and seemed to always make their escape. The task force was able to establish multiple leads in the case many of which led back to the District of Columbia. Detective Hamer was instrumental in gathering information and writing and executing numerous search warrants in the District to assist in this case. Detective Hamer also gathered evidence from nearly every police district and detective unit in the city in order to coordinate and gather evidence in these cases. This led to multiple arrests in this case and the suspects are currently being held in the Federal System facing multiple federal violations of the law. Without Detective Hamer's hard work and dedication these arrests would not have been possible.

SIXTH DISTRICT

Detective Thurman Stallings

The best reflection of Detective Thurman Stallings' dedication to duty and work ethic lies in his exceptional ability to gather information effectively by locating and interviewing witnesses who are germane to the closure of his cases. Once he locates his witnesses, he then takes exemplary statements from them and investigates all leads that they provide during the interview. Many of his witnesses are initially skeptical of providing information to the police and uncooperative. One example is a shooting case Detective Stallings worked on in August 2012 where a three-year old and two adults were shot. Witnesses were uncooperative but Detective Stallings was able to get them to identify the shooter and through this great detective work, he was able to secure an arrest warrant and close the case.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Detective Gregory Pemberton

During the 2012 calendar year, Detective Gregory Pemberton showed extraordinary commitment as a Detective in The Seventh District Detectives Unit. Detective Pemberton is assigned to the Violent Crime/Robbery Squad where he has a relentless dedication to duty that has led to numerous arrests and convictions of some of the District of Columbia's most dangerous criminals. Detective Pemberton demonstrates all the attributes of a top performing detective, tracking down leads and conducting thorough interviews. Detective Pemberton continues to be a "go to" detective not only by his fellow detectives but patrol officers as well. Detective Pemberton is always eager to assist his peers and does not hesitate to act when asked by supervisors to perform additional duties. Along with his normal responsibilities, Detective Pemberton assisted in working both of the Seventh District's Summer Crime Initiative Areas. He was responsible for closing many serious crimes that occurred in the Seventh District, which include 19 Robbery/Carjacking cases, four Burglary Ones, 17 ADWs, and three AWIKs.



CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD

TARGET CORPORATION

Mark Lukens

Since 2008, the Metropolitan Police Department has hosted the Shop With a Cop program in partnership with Target Corporation. Each year the program affords 150 children and youth the opportunity to shop with a police officer during the Christmas holiday. Since the inception of the program, more than 800 youth have enjoyed the benefits of participating in the program by receiving a \$100 shopping spree at the Columbia Heights Target Store. The 2012 Shop With a Cop program was no different. The program could not have been a success without the support of Mr. Mark Lukens, manager of the Columbia Heights Store. Each year, Mr. Lukens assists the MPD in the planning and coordination of the shopping day. He ensures that the appropriate number of staff is on hand, the registration website is set up, and provides food and drinks for all of the participants and their parents and guardians. He is committed to assisting the MPD in building relationships with the youth of the city. Last year, Mr. Luckens went the extra mile by providing gifts to be raffled off to officers for their commitment to the youth. It was an added highlight to the program. For his years of commitment and service to the program, we say thank you.



VICE UNIT OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Seventh District Vice Unit

In 2012, the Seventh District Vice Unit was tasked with various roles, all of which they filled with enthusiasm and dedication to duty. In their work with District and Federal Partners, 7D Vice accrued some very impressive stats. This included: 671 arrests, the recovery of 8.2 lbs of marijuana, 5.75 lbs of cocaine, and 37.75 oz of PCP. In addition, 7D Vice recovered 63 weapons and over a thousand rounds of ammunition. The dedication the members displayed and determination they have is a great example for others. During the Summer Crime Initiative (SCI), the Seventh District Vice Unit led the way recovering over 24 weapons and assisting in the two SCI areas. There was a significant drop in crime, specifically violent crime due to their interventions. Further, they excelled in preventing robberies in the Seventh District. The Seventh District Vice Unit is second to none in their efforts to make the Seventh District and this city a safer place for the citizens and those who visit. If it were not for the grand effort put forth by the members of the unit, the citizens of the Seventh District would not be seeing their communities becoming safer each year.



SPECIALIZED UNIT OF THE YEAR

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

Robbery Intervention Program

The Robbery Intervention Program (RIP) was created as a short term operational inquiry into developing means and tactics designed to lessen the incidence of robbery related crimes in the Sixth and Seventh Districts. In its first two weeks of operation, the members of the RIP team established targeted zones and specific lookouts that conformed to the modus operandi of the criminals committing offenses in those two Districts as well as adopting a series of dedicated tactics designed to disrupt the criminal pattern in those areas and begin to arrest offenders within their targeted zones. The arrests made and information gathered in those first weeks encouraged the continuation of the Program for the remainder of the calendar year and the RIP Unit continued operations from its inception in the middle of September until December 31, 2012. During its brief period of operation, the RIP team seized 39 firearms, made 221 arrests, and conducted 544 investigative stops. During the time the unit was working in 6D and 7D, robbery events fell 23% overall for 6D and 10% overall in 7D. Robbery related events in the three 7D focused PSAs dropped 50%, 83%, and 50% respectively. The team was moved to 3D and 4D to see if the Program could have similar results. 4D proved an excellent match and led to a 30 day reduction in robberies of nearly 32%. 3D proved to have a vastly different crime model and resulted in several excellent arrests and information gathering encounters while only beginning to scrape the depths of available offenders. The most important measure gained by the Program was the sense of camaraderie between the team members and the opportunity it created to share experiences and work together under a unified plan. It was a learning experience for everyone involved and produced better officers with a greater understanding of how their individual efforts join together into a powerful agent of change in the District.

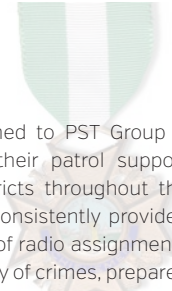


PATROL SUPPORT TEAM OF THE YEAR

PATROL SUPPORT TEAM

PST Group B

During calendar year 2012, the members assigned to PST Group B demonstrated an outstanding dedication to their patrol support duties. While deployed in different police districts throughout the District of Columbia the members of Group B consistently provided outstanding police service while answering a high volume of radio assignments per deployment. Members made multiple arrests for a variety of crimes, prepared reports, issued Notices of Infractions, and staffed hospital guard details. Other assignments included relieving members on barricades and crime scenes, conducting vacant property checks, and following up on missing person reports. The members always display great team work and enthusiasm in fulfilling the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department.

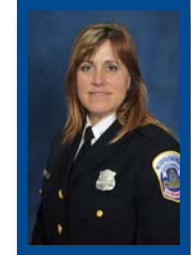
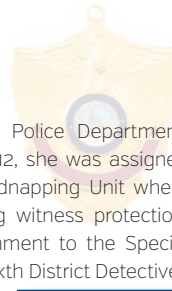


CID DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Detective Laura Aceto

Detective Aceto is assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department, Criminal Investigations Division. In September 2012, she was assigned to the Special Investigations Branch, Robbery Kidnapping Unit where she has assisted with numerous cases involving witness protection, bank robbery, kidnapping, and burglary. Prior to her assignment to the Special Investigations Branch, Detective Aceto was assigned to the Sixth District Detectives Unit. While assigned to the Sixth District, Detective Aceto had an average caseload of 30-40 cases a month and consistent closure rate of near 100% and over at times. Even while managing such a difficult case load, Detective Aceto was able to work with the United States Attorney's Office, DC Superior Court, and the Criminal Investigations Division Command Staff on developing a web based system to apply for and obtain arrest and search warrants. The system known as "Webex" was implemented in 2012 and Detective Aceto provided training to all CID detectives in how to use the "Webex" system. This system allowed District Detectives to author warrants, request warrants, and obtain approval for warrants from their District allowing them to continue necessary investigative steps on their investigations in lieu of waiting at court for approval the traditional way.



HOMICIDE DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Detective Anthony Paci

Detective Anthony Paci is a 22-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department. Detective Paci has served as a detective for the past thirteen years and has been assigned to the Homicide Branch for twelve years. During the course of 2012, Detective Paci was assigned to Homicide Squad Three where he investigated multiple homicides and ended the year with the highest closure rate for his squad. Detective Paci closed two out of three 2012 cases assigned to him as well as assisting his partner close two 2012 cases along with one prior year case.

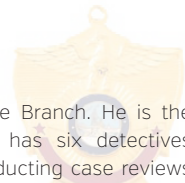


DETECTIVE SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Detective Sergeant Kevin Rice

Sergeant Kevin Rice is assigned to the Homicide Branch. He is the Squad Sergeant for Squad 2. Sergeant Rice has six detectives under his supervision. He is responsible for conducting case reviews and providing guidance and supervision to his squad. Squad 2 was assigned 10 cases for calendar year 2012, one of which was ruled "Justified by Citizen" due to self-defense. Squad 2 closed four of the remaining nine cases and four additional cases from previous years which resulted in an 89% closure rate. It is for this leadership and hard work that Kevin Rice is the Detective Sergeant of the year.

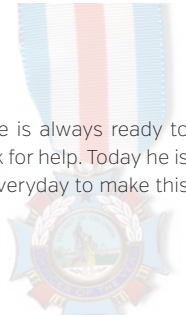


MASTER PATROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SIXTH DISTRICT

MPO Ronald Burgeson

MPO Burgeson is an excellent training MPO. He is always ready to help citizens, Officers and anyone else who ask for help. Today he is being recognized for the hard work he gives everyday to make this city a better place to live and work.

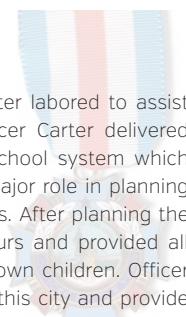


SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SCHOOL SECURITY DIVISION

Officer Antoine Carter

During the past school year Officer Antoine Carter labored to assist the students of the District of Columbia. Officer Carter delivered several presentations on bullying within the school system which had become a major issue. He also played a major role in planning and executing the past year's college tour for DC Students. After planning the excursions, he also accompanied the children on the tours and provided all the helpful tips he learned through the process from his own children. Officer Antoine Carter continually strives to help the students of this city and provide them with a role model for success through his actions and his positive attitude towards them.

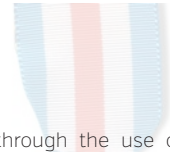


FORENSICS OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CRIME SCENE AND INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Officer Julius Smith

Officer Julius Smith has distinguished himself through the use of his training, understanding of crime scene documentation and evidence collection, and recognizing the value and contribution of DNA evidence in closing cases when no other physical evidence or investigative leads are available. On Thursday, June 14, 2012, a female business owner was found unresponsive in carry-out shop located at 701 H Street, NE. It was unknown what happened to the victim when she was discovered. Officer Smith felt something was amiss and despite little evident trauma to the victim, he thought it may be a homicide. The crime scene was processed and several items of potentially probative evidence were identified and recovered, one of which was an empty brown holster. Other items of evidence recovered from the scene included one bullet, four swabs from the cash register, and twenty four latent fingerprint lifts. On August 9, 2012 a CODIS match report from the Forensic Biology Unit indicated a match between a convicted offender and the DNA profile recovered from the brown holster and the cash register. On November 28, 2012, MPD Detectives arrested a suspect for the murder of the business owner. Officer Smith believes that victims deserve the best investigative efforts possible. Closing cases such as this one shows how the community can depend on the Metropolitan Police Department to continually seek and utilize the most current training and technology available to solve crime and ensure the protection of the life and property of the citizens of the District of Columbia.



CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Third District Crime Suppression Team

2012 has proven to be yet another unbelievable year for the Third District's Crime Suppression Team (CST). The Third District CST logged 865 criminal arrests, recovered 56 illegal firearms, executed 39 search warrants, seized 35 vehicles for civil forfeiture, seized \$52,677.11 dollars in United States currency and seized in excess of four million dollars' worth of street value drugs. The 3D CST works with bravado and professionalism and exceeds all expectations placed before them. Through the actions of this exceptional team of MPD officers, they were able to prove to themselves, their command staff, and community that "good-old" police work, coupled with enthusiastic officers and distinguished leadership can quickly lead to meaningful and great successes. Members of the 3D CST conducted several target specific operations during the year which resulted in the apprehension of several major drug dealers, many of whom have since been indicted in US Federal Court. Additionally, members apprehended numerous armed gunmen during these operations and closed numerous robbery cases to include the "Serial Cab Driver Robberies" in the month of December. Members of the Third District CST should be commended for their tireless efforts and phenomenal police work. These officers put 100 percent into each and every operation and have shown over time that they have become an epic crime fighting unit.



GREATEST CRIME REDUCTION

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU

Second District

The Second District led the city in 2012 with the largest crime reduction. They had an overall reduction of 10% for all their crime in the calendar year. Most significantly to note was the major 21% reduction in ADWs, an incredible 42% reduction in burglaries, in addition to a reduction in theft from autos, coupled with a 38% reduction in Theft Stolen Autos. It was due to the phenomenal leadership and teamwork from the Second District Command Staff that the Second District achieved this goal in 2012.

SERGEANTS OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

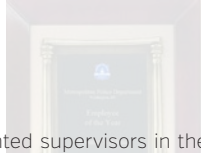
Sergeant Duncan Bedlion

Sergeant Bedlion is one of the most detail-oriented supervisors in the Metropolitan Police Department. He follows the rules, does things “by the book,” and is extremely knowledgeable about MPD policies and procedures. The officers who work with him know that he will spend all his time on the street, that he will appear at every crime scene, that he will make good decisions based on the facts and evidence on hand, and that he will beat them to most crime-in-progress calls. Those officers who choose not to work as hard know that he will challenge them to do the jobs given to them and to handle their assignments properly and on time. Further, he takes time to coach officers when appropriate. Sgt. Bedlion is one of those “go-to” supervisors who managers know they can rely on to accomplish any mission well and thoroughly. He needs little supervision, is self-motivated, a hard worker, and is well-liked by his officers, colleagues, and managers.

NARCOTICS AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Sergeant Curtis Sloan

The mission of the Gun Recovery Unit (GRU) is to remove illegal firearms from the streets of the District of Columbia and arrest suspects involved in firearms violations. Sergeant Sloan has been assigned to the GRU since it started several years ago. Weapon recovery has increased each year and the conviction rate is in the 90 percent range. It is not that easy to commit a violent crime when every time you attempt to bring a gun onto the street Sergeant Sloan and GRU members are waiting for you! Sergeant Curt Sloan is an exceptionally devoted member of the GRU and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). He is instrumental in the planning and execution of the gun interdiction operations conducted by GRU throughout the city. These operations include the execution of search warrants, narcotics and gun purchases, and street deployment. Sergeant Sloan is an experienced field supervisor with the ability to direct members in dangerous and fluid situations in order to execute these operations. He has a superior skill set in gun investigations and teaches and mentors the officers of GRU in the use of informants, following of leads, and preparation of affidavits for search warrants. In court Sergeant Sloan is considered an expert in firearms and narcotics. He continually fine tunes GRU officers’ abilities to build solid court cases. In 2012 Sergeant Sloan played a key roll in the successful case involving a well known defense attorney who was convicted of obstruction of justice for fabricating evidence. Sergeant Sloan is always accessible and willing to lend his expertise to others. His street leadership and development of the officers has help lay a foundation for sustained success by GRU in the recovery of firearms.

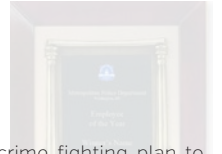


LIEUTENANT OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT VICE

Lieutenant Mustafa Haamid

Lieutenant Haamid implemented an aggressive crime fighting plan to combat burglaries in the Seventh District. Members of his team work in unison with the community throughout shifts and inform him of their daily activities. He conducted an annual spelling bee contest for community kids for the last three years utilizing his own money for the cash prize. Other than his PSA, he manages SMU and a Robbery Burglary Unit which has netted over 30 robbery arrests this year.

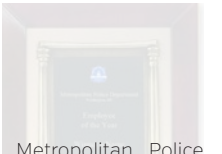


CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

SECOND DISTRICT

Captain Jeffrey Herold

Captain Herold is a 23-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department and still remains enthusiastic about serving the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia. Captain Herold currently serves as the Administrative Captain of the Second District and supervises the PSA 201 and PSA 206 Team Leaders. Captain Herold willingly accepts the tasks, attends morning Crime Briefings, and works closely with the Georgetown Business Improvement District and the Georgetown University. Captain Herold alters his tour without reservation to assist with operations and makes himself available on and off duty. Captain Herold’s demeanor is consistently professional and he is an excellent communicator. He is a national expert in Homeland Security issues and is consistently called upon to provide guidance and answer questions.

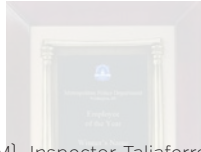


INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT

Inspector Essray Taliaferro

In his role over the Office of Risk Management (ORM), Inspector Taliaferro has repeatedly exhibited compassion, exceptional professional skill and conduct, and has displayed consistent sustained excellence in carrying out the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department. The ORM is responsible for identifying risks within MPD operations, developing strategies, and providing recommendations on appropriate means to mitigate these risks. Further, ORM monitors compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and evaluates conformity with the department's written policies. These assessments promote the effectiveness and efficiency of all elements of the MPD by assessing functions and providing appropriate analysis and advice for improving operations or correcting deficiencies. Inspector Taliaferro has delivered excellent services during his tenure in ORM and has planned, organized, and coordinated over one hundred (100) audits, inspections, special reports, and management alerts. In 2012, the ORM Subrogation Recovery Unit processed 235 subrogation cases and recovered a total of \$537,840.64 for MPD. Inspector Taliaferro is truly deserving of this award due to his extraordinary commitment to the mission and goals of the Department.

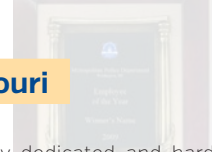


COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

FOURTH DISTRICT

Commander Kimberly Chisley-Missouri

Commander Chisley-Missouri is an extremely dedicated and hard working official in the MPD. She has led her team to success through her innovative analysis of crime trends in her district and coordination with both internal and external agencies. She has developed a team of hard working officers who are consistently motivated by her leadership because she leads by example. She is able to manage countless issues with ease. She has received numerous accolades from her citizens and council member due to her responsiveness and attention to their concerns. She is a leader who is hands on. Due to her dedication, her district continues to have a crime reduction even after having the largest reduction in crime in 2011. Commander Chisley-Missouri is worthy of Commander of the Year due to her keen sense of addressing crime and disorder, her coordination with other agencies and her outstanding commitment to duty.



BEST PERFORMING DISTRICT

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU

First District

This year, the First District is the best performing District of the Year. In 2012, 1D led the city in robbery arrests. Over 41% of their robberies were closed with arrests due to the coordination of resources and plans created by their team leader, Commander Daniel Hickson. The First District was the catalyst of the District's robbery response plan due to their coordinated efforts on targeting crime plagued zones of robberies, quick and detailed canvasses, as well as sharing intelligence among each member in 1D. Each member has a task and contributes to the team and to the community. The First District also has very productive units such as the Chinatown unit, 1D Mountain Bike team, 1D burglary tact, and the 1D Community Outreach Team, each leading the First District to having vast positive community feedback and making a difference in the city each day.

PATROL SERVICES AREA OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SECURITY BUREAU/SECOND DISTRICT

PSA 201

Patrol Service Area 201 had a substantial decrease in crime in 2012. Violent crime decreased by 23% and burglaries decreased by 33%. Not only did members of Patrol Service Area 201 succeed in reducing crime in their respective area, they increased community connections and established a great rapport with residents and community business owners. PSA 201's successes are due to the hard work, leadership, and teamwork from all of members of Patrol Service Area 201.

DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Detective Jonathan Shell

Detective Shell has received several Cold Homicide Cases along with his regular cases. One of these cases stands out. The previous detective made at least two attempts to close the case by presenting an Arrest Warrant Affidavit by exceptionally closing the case per General Order 304.1. The case was a violent beating homicide. Detective Shell reviewed the case with his supervisor and determined that there were several key factors that were not previously considered. The only eyewitness became a homicide victim during the initial investigation thereby making the case a difficult challenge to solve. Detective Shell viewed countless hours of video interviews and re-interviewed key witnesses and the suspect. It was discovered that a cigarette butt left at the crime scene was never submitted for DNA testing. Detective Shell submitted the additional evidence for DNA testing and there was a DNA hit on a suspect. Detective Shell prepared a five page Arrest Affidavit outlining the case. Due to his diligence and attention to detail, an arrest warrant was issued for Murder II and the case was closed with an arrest.

DEBORAH ENNIS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

STRATEGIC SERVICES BUREAU/RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BRANCH

Raphael Park

Raphael "Hwi" Park has set the bar high for the Research and Analysis Branch's responsiveness to the public and other agencies. The Research and Analysis Branch has received numerous e-mails commenting on what a pleasure it is to do business with the MPD following his quick response to questions and data requests. Hwi has also taken it upon himself to train and mentor MPD interns and volunteers. He not only takes the time to teach them the tools of our trade, but shares his experiences as a volunteer with the MPD and how he used that experience to leverage his first position as Lancaster County, Pennsylvania's first Crime Analyst. The formal documentation he provides assists them when they are interviewing and in their career development. During Hwi's first year with MPD, he has demonstrated his analytic skills by: 1) Developing a macro to handle the data cleaning requirements for the Weekly Arrest Report reducing the report processing time from four (4) hours to 30 minutes. He forwards the crime report to the Chief's Office with talking points highlighting the trends; 2) Developing a weekly robbery report with analytic notes used to identify trends for MPD robbery operations and to identify focus areas for juvenile outreach programs; 3) Developing a 7/11 robbery report used by CID to identify potential strategies; 4) Developing and presenting a Juvenile Arrest Trend Report to local judges and then using that information to write a Juvenile Trend document that he hopes to see published on the MPDC website; 5) Developing a weekly robbery report with analytic notes for the Chief of Police and media consumption; 6) Participated in a Nightlife Unit Patrol Allocation Project; and 7) Conducted an Economic Development Project which is currently being used by Chief Lanier as the baseline for her development of a Five year plan to deal with the rapid economic development within the District of Columbia. Hwi should be congratulated for his outstanding efforts.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SECOND DISTRICT

Officer Antonial Atkins

For the past nine months, Officer Antonial Atkins has been assigned to Patrol Service Area 206. When Officer Atkins came to the area he asked if it would be permissible for him to distribute crime prevention literature to the stakeholders, businesses, and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. Shortly thereafter, Officer Atkins approached his superiors with a proposal to schedule a "Meet and Greet" with the already established block Captains within the Patrol Area. After receiving permission, Officer Atkins began an aggressive campaign to enlist the residents in his effort to establish a cohesive relationship with police, stressing the importance of crime prevention. Not long after, Officer Atkins scheduled numerous "Meet and Greets" with area patrol officers, Block Captains, and residents, arming them with crime prevention information. The result has been nothing short of extraordinary as this action has resulted in a reduction in all offenses in the areas of the "Meet and Greets." Additionally, residents continually praise the efforts of Officer Atkins citing an enhanced feeling of trust between police and the community.





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SPECIAL THANKS

The Metropolitan Police Department extends a special thank you to Gallaudet University for the use of its magnificent facility to host our Annual Awards Ceremony