



EIGHTH ANNUAL

AWARDS CEREMONY

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

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Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police



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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 Eighth Annual Metropolitan Police Department Awards Ceremony, honoring the sworn officers and civilian 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. Please note that many other awardees have been recognized throughout the year with special ceremonies during Crime Briefings; as such, this ceremony will celebrate a select few awards of outstanding contributions to the Department's overall mission.

Prelude Video	Operation FREE Video
Welcome	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Presentations of Colors	MPDC Honor Guard
National Anthem	Sheldon West
Invocation	Sergeant Darryl Best
Masters of Ceremonies	Assistant Chief Alfred Durham
Presentation of Awards	COP Medal of Merit COP Special Award Reserve Officer of the Year Civilian Employee of the Year Detective of the Year Officer of the Year
Closing Remarks	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Benediction	Sergeant Darryl Best



COP AWARD OF MERIT

Presented to employees of other District of Columbia agencies or members of other law enforcement agencies whose actions have significantly enhanced the MPDC's ability to prevent crime, deliver public services or otherwise carry out the Department's public safety mission.



CAROLE LEWIS

Chief, Transportation Safety Division,
District Department of Transportation

Carole Lewis serves as Chief of the Transportation Safety Division with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). Ms. Lewis has been instrumental in supporting the Metropolitan Police Department's traffic safety operations. Programs such as *Click it or Ticket* and *Smooth Operator* are just two that Ms. Lewis assists the department in executing. These programs are integral to effectively educating the public and enforcing traffic safety throughout the District, making the city a safer place for both residents and tourist alike.



EMEKA MONEME

Director, District Department of Transportation

Emeka Moneme serves as Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). Director Moneme has been instrumental in supporting the Metropolitan Police Department's traffic safety operations. Through Mr. Moneme's efforts, he has spearheaded DDOT's participation in monthly Multi-Agency Targeted Safety Sessions (MATTS) and coordinated a number of Inter-Agency initiatives aimed at addressing traffic safety within the District. Mr. Moneme serves as a true beacon for the District of Columbia community ensuring the safety of all.



KARA PRIESSEL

Assistant Attorney General, DC Office of Attorney General

Kara Preissel formerly served as Assistant Attorney General with the Office of the Attorney General. Ms. Preissel was an invaluable asset and cooperative partner with the Metropolitan Police Department. Ms. Preissel served as departmental representative for the Multi-Agency Targeted Safety Sessions (MATSS) and was a stalwart in the battle against impaired driving. Her due diligence had a direct impact in the Department's efforts to combat DUI enforcement within the District of Columbia and her contribution is still felt.

CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD

Presented to residents, businesses, civic groups and other community stakeholders in the Washington Metropolitan region who have built strong partnerships with the MPDC to reduce crime, strengthen neighborhoods or improve the operations of the Department.



KURT ERICKSON

President, Washington Regional Alcohol Program

Mr. Kurt Erickson currently serves as President of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP). Mr. Erickson has served as a cooperative partner with the Metropolitan Police Department. The Washington Regional Alcohol Program is an award-winning, public-private coalition aimed at combating drunk driving and underage drinking within the Washington Metropolitan area. Mr. Erickson's advocacy for tougher penalties for repeat offenders and education with local schoolchildren against the dangers of drinking and driving is one of many steps he has taken towards making the District of Columbia a safer place.



**JOSEPH POZELL
RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Presented to MPDC reserve sworn personnel who have exemplified the dedication to duty, leadership, community service, and professionalism that makes the Department a shining example of policing for the rest of the nation.



RESERVE CAPTAIN DENNIS STARKS
Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/First District

Reserve Captain Dennis Starks is a retired veteran member currently assigned to the First District Reserve Corps. Reserve Corps serve as a necessary and integral part in providing additional manpower for the Department. Captain Starks has worked consistently as part of the Midnight weekend tour of duty. Captain Starks has exemplified his dedication through the extensive amount of hours he provides to the First District and the Department is grateful for his continued dedication.



**DEBORAH R. ENNIS CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Presented to MPDC full- or part-time civilian employee(s) for outstanding performance, leadership, innovation, problem solving or consistent excellence.



KENNETH WALL
Corporate Support Bureau, General Support Services Division, Fleet Services Branch

Kenneth Wall is a two-year civilian member of the Metropolitan Police Department, who currently serves as Fleet Supervisor within the Fleet Services Branch. Upon assuming his role with the MPD, Wall has proven to be an invaluable asset to the Department. Mr. Wall ensures the readiness of the Department's fleet in an effort to not only support the mission of the Chief of Police but to protect the citizens of the District of Columbia. Through Kenneth Wall's efforts, the Department has been able to ensure the Department's ability to serve and protect those within our community.



DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

Presented to sworn, full-time member(s) in the rank of detective, for exceptional skill and outstanding achievements in investigating criminal activity, bringing offenders to justice, and assisting the victims and survivors of crime.



DETECTIVE DWAYNE CORBETT

Superintendent of Detectives Division, Violent Crimes Branch, Homicide Squad

As a 20-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department, Detective Dwayne Corbett has been part of the Violent Crimes Branch's Homicide Squad for 15 years. Throughout his career, Detective Corbett has shown an uncanny ability to relate to citizens, victims of crime, and suspects alike. Detective Corbett has gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of the citizens of the District of Columbia, particularly the citizens of PSA 504. Detective Corbett's professionalism and dedication to duty continues to be an example of excellence for the entire department and the community for which he serves.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Presented to MPDC sworn, full-time member(s) below the rank of Chief, for exceptional achievement in any police endeavor, including valor, crime prevention, investigative work, community policing, traffic safety, drug control and prevention, juvenile programs, and training programs.



OFFICER BRIAN BOBICK

Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/Sixth District

Officer Brian Bobick is a 6-year member currently assigned to the Sixth Police District. Throughout his tenure with the department, Bobick has exemplified his dedication through stellar performance. This year was no exception. On December 13, 2007, Officer Bobick displayed great heroism when he went above and beyond the call of duty by pushing his partner out of the path of a speeding stolen vehicle. Officer Bobick's meritorious action of valor and selfless service reflects not only his dedication to the Metropolitan Police Department, but to the entire District of Columbia.



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The Metropolitan Police Department extends a special thank you to the Town Hall Education, Arts and Recreation Campus (THEARC) for the use of its magnificent facility to host our Annual Awards Ceremony.





**Congratulations and thank you to all
of this year's award recipients**

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