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# AWARDS CEREMONY

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009 | 7:00 PM**

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

## Town Hall Education, Arts, and Recreation Campus (THEARC)

1901 MISSISSIPPI AVENUE, SE • WASHINGTON, DC



**Cathy L. Lanier**  
Chief of Police



**Adrian M. Fenty**  
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 Ninth 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.*

Prelude Slide Show	AHOD 2008
Master of Ceremonies	Assistant Chief Alfred Durham
Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard	Master of Ceremonies
National Anthem	SPO Reamer Shedrick, Jr.
Invocation	Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo
Opening Remarks	Mayor Adrian Fenty
Welcome and Community Group Recognition	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
	Citizens Advisory Council Advisory Neighborhood Commission Citizen Groups/Business Partners
Presentation of Awards	Chief of Police Special Award Chief of Police Medal of Merit Citizen of the Year Bureau Employees of the Year District Manager of the Year Civilian Employee of the Year Captain of the Year Lieutenant of the Year Sergeant of the Year Reserve Officer of the Year Detective of the Year Forensic Science Officer of the Year District Officers of the Year Officer of the Year Police Medal Best Performing District PSA of the Year 40-Year Service Pins
Closing Remarks	Master of Ceremonies
Benediction	Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo



## COMMUNITY GROUP RECOGNITION

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### CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Metropolitan Police Department*

The Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) is an advisory panel in each police district that provides the district commander with information and recommendations from the community on the public's safety problems and police service needs. Regular CAC meetings in each district allow residents to meet and discuss police-related issues with the commander. The meetings also provide an opportunity for police officials to assess the impact of their crime-fighting efforts on the community.

In addition to the CAC in each police district, the Chief of Police's Citizens Advisory Council provides the Chief with input and advice on matters affecting the entire Department. The Chief's Citizens Advisory Council consists of the chairs of each district CAC, as well as At-Large members who represent different communities of interest in the District.

### ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

*District of Columbia*

The Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC) consider a wide range of policies and programs affecting their neighborhoods, including traffic, parking, recreation, street improvements, liquor licenses, zoning, economic development, police protection, sanitation and trash collection, and the District's annual budget.

In each of these areas, the intent of the ANC legislation is to ensure input from an advisory board that is made up of the residents of the neighborhoods that are directly affected by government action. The ANCs are the body of government with the closest official ties to the people in a neighborhood.

The ANCs present their positions and recommendations on issues to various District government agencies, the Executive Branch, and the Council. They also present testimony to independent agencies, boards, and commissions, usually under the rules of procedure specific to those entities. By law, the ANCs may also present their positions to Federal agencies.

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### SENIOR CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Senior Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is a group of esteemed retired community members who have completed classes at MPD to gain insight into police operations and community organizing. Mr. Earl Wood serves as its President and is assisted by Mr. Courtney Williams, an MPD SCPA partner from the DC Office on Aging.

### EAST OF THE RIVER CLERGY-POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The East of the River Clergy-Police-Community Partnership was established in 1999 as a collaboration between MPD, local clergy and community members in Wards 7 and 8 to target areas affected by violence. The group continues to provide outreach and love to the community.

### WASHINGTON DC POLICE FOUNDATION

The Washington DC Police Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that brings together the business, civic, and other professional communities to promote public safety by providing financial and in-kind resources to the Metropolitan Police Department to advance public safety

### GUARDIAN ANGELS

The Guardian Angels was founded 30 years ago as a volunteer organization of unarmed citizen crime patrollers in New York City. They arrived in Washington, DC ten years later and are led by Mr. John Ayala. The group currently participates in community walks in and around the District to deter criminal activity.

### MURRY'S

Mr. Bob Baxendell's work with MPD's Summer of Safety program ensured MPD was able to provide food and drinks at various community outreach events.

### TARGET

Target is acknowledged for working with MPD as a partner year-round to support programs in the community like the Safe Summer Initiatives, National Night Out, Shop with a Cop and support for a Crime Lab.



## CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD

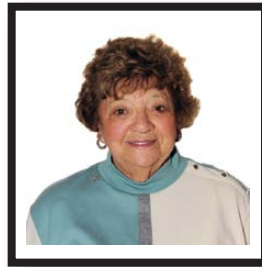
*Presented to residents, businesses, civic groups and other community stakeholders in the Washington Metropolitan region who have built strong partnerships with the MPDC to reduce crime, strengthen neighborhoods or improve the operations of the Department.*



### NORA GALASSO

*Senior Citizen Volunteer (Office of Risk Management)*

**N**ora Galasso currently serves as a volunteer with the Office of Risk Management (ORM). Ms. Galasso became a part of the ORM staff in 2007, after approaching the Director regarding volunteer opportunities with the office. A native Washingtonian and resident of the Fourth District, Ms. Galasso is also a graduate of the Senior Citizen's Police Academy. Since becoming a member of ORM, Ms. Galasso has served as an invaluable asset. She has improved the efficiency of office operations by improving record keeping and assisting with the audit process. Recently, Ms. Galasso undertook a challenging assignment by developing a condensed inventory and cataloging system of old departmental audits. Through her strong work ethic, Ms. Galasso has illustrated the value of allowing experienced volunteers to become a part of the Department. The Metropolitan Police Department is grateful for her continued dedication.



## COP MEDAL 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.*



**ERIC H. HOLDER, JR.**  
*82nd United States Attorney General*



**E**ric H. Holder Jr. was sworn in as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States on February 3, 2009 by Vice-President Joe Biden. A native of New York City, Mr. Holder attended public schools there, graduating from Stuyvesant High School where he earned a Regents Scholarship. He attended Columbia College, majored in American History, and graduated in 1973. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1976.

Mr. Holder's career has been highlighted with several Presidential nominations and appointments. In 1988, Mr. Holder was nominated by President Reagan to become an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In 1997, he was named by President Clinton to be the Deputy Attorney General. And in December 2008, President Obama nominated Mr. Holder to the position he currently holds as the Attorney General of the United States.

**AMANDA HAINES**  
*Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia*

**M**s. Haines has been a prosecutor with the US attorney's Office for approximately 15 years, and for the majority of that time was assigned to the Homicide Section. In late 2007, cold case homicide detectives approached her to work the no-body case of Shaquita Bell, who went missing in 1996. Through painstaking and meticulous attention to detail, and a determination previously inexperienced in this lengthy investigation, an indictment and plea was secured in this case in 2008, with Michael Dickerson pleading guilty to two murders. This was achieved in part because of Ms. Haines' determination in achieving justice in a case that was thought to be lost before it began.

**GLENN KIRSCHNER**  
*Chief, Homicide Section, USA (DC)*

**G**len Kirschner serves as an Assistant United States Attorney USAO (DC). Mr. Kirschner has served with USAO as a prosecutor for 15 years, including 12 years with the Homicide section. In 2004, Glenn became the Chief of the Homicide Section. Over the past 5 years, he and his prosecutors have taken on and won some of the biggest criminal cases to be prosecuted in the city, averaging a 70 percent conviction rate. Based on his continued success and invaluable assistance he has given MPD over the years, this honor is reflective of his dedication to making the District of Columbia a safer place



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### PETER NICKLES

*Attorney General, District of Columbia*



**P**eter J. Nickles was confirmed as Attorney General for the District of Columbia on November 18, 2008. He previously served as General Counsel to Mayor Adrian M. Fenty since the Mayor took office in January 2007. With decades of expertise in public service law, Nickles is responsible for defending the city against lawsuits, protecting citizens through affirmative lawsuits against those who take advantage, and coordinating legal policy on matters that deal with compliance with court orders and transitions from court intervention.

Protecting the rights of the District's most marginalized citizens is what Mr. Nickles is most passionate about. He has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees to charity. For his unrelenting years of public service, the District of Columbia Bar presented Mr. Nickles with the Pro Bono Service Award in May 1998. Today, he continues to proudly serve as the top attorney for District residents.

### ROBERT HILDUM

*Deputy Attorney General, District of Columbia*



**I**n his capacity as Deputy Attorney General, Rob Hildum has assisted the District's efforts to affect juvenile crime issues and prosecutions through new legislation such as the Omnibus crime bill, the Heller Decision, and through civil litigation. Mr. Hildum has worked tirelessly on ensuring justice is carried out on all matters under the purview of the Attorney General, assisted MPD in developing its general order on pretrial eyewitness identification, and was instrumental in establishing subpoena guidelines for MPD detectives to use at late hours when its use will facilitate an urgent criminal investigation. He has always made himself available at all hours of the day and night — his dedication to the citizens, the OAG and MPD has made Washington, DC a better place to live, work, and visit.

### JOSEPH PERSICHINI

*Assistant Director in Charge, FBI Washington Field Office*



**J**oseph Persichini, Jr. was named Assistant Director in Charge (ADIC) of the FBI's Washington Field Office by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller. Mr. Persichini entered service with the FBI as an Accountant in September 1976 and received his appointment as a Special Agent of the FBI on June 9, 1980. He has dedicated 30 years of experience and is described by the Director as having the skills and vision to lead a diverse group of professionals in one of the FBI's largest field offices. Mr. Persichini is considered one of the FBI's experts in law enforcement corruption training throughout the United States.



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### CAROL HOLLOWAY

*Deputy Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency*

Carol Holloway serves as the Deputy Director of the Office of Security Management at CSOSA. Carol has long been a friend to MPD. She has been an invaluable partner on several initiatives and programs and is always available to provide us with vital information and intelligence. She possesses a tireless work ethic, deep commitment to the community, and profound understanding of public safety, which has greatly benefited CSOSA, MPD, and the people of the District of Columbia. She is a true public servant who repeatedly goes above and beyond to help MPD increase public safety and build safe communities.



### SARAH LATTERNER

*Director, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services*

Ms. Sarah E. Lattener was appointed the Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services in 2007. She leads a team of about 16 staff members who serve as the eyes and ears of the community on behalf of the mayor. Ms. Lattener has led this team to a successful and respectful working relationship with the MPD. Her work has improved quality-of-life issues in each ward around the city. Within the past year, she directed each of her staff to join the police-community email groups, which allows her office to receive first-hand requests from residents for city services and respond on behalf of the mayor's office. In addition, her staff provides regular updates on various clean-ups and repairs in crime hot spots, referred to as "Community Fix-It" projects, which have assisted MPD with addressing public safety concerns in each district. Ms. Lattener works round-the-clock, often taking calls from MPD to report serious crimes.



### PATRICIA RILEY

*Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia*

Patricia Riley serves as an Assistant United States Attorney with the USAO in Washington, DC. Ms. Riley has served with USAO as a prosecutor for over 20 years. During this time, Pat has prosecuted numerous cases involving some of the most dangerous criminals that this city has ever seen, including time during her tenure as Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit. Since then, Ms. Riley has served as Special Counsel to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. In this position, Pat has drafted legislation that has had a direct impact on crime in the District, working tirelessly on various bills, such as the recent Omnibus crime bill. Patricia Riley has consistently demonstrated her passion for justice and professional acumen.

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

*Presented to residents who have made exemplary contributions to their communities over the course of the last year.*

### JUSTINE LOVE

*Community Relations Director, WPGC 95.5 FM*

For the past 15 years, Justine Love, of local radio station WPGC, has worked with the Metropolitan Police Department to partner various radio personalities with local police efforts to strengthen police-community partnerships. Her most recent efforts with MPD include the coordination of Summer of Safety kickoffs; WPGC “Stop the Violence” traveling softball games; Youth Town Hall meetings, including “Stop No Snitching” campaigns; National Night Out events; Halloween Safe Haven events; Gun Buybacks; Youth Advisory Council/Channel 5 Thanksgiving “Stuff a Truck” events; and various Block Parties during the summer months. Justine is always ready for the next event. Her ongoing efforts year-round have made a tremendous difference in the community, particularly amongst the youth population.



Justine recently partnered with MPD to collect prom dresses and tuxedos for teens who, otherwise, would not be able to afford to go to the prom. This project, “Operation Pretty and Polished,” has generated overwhelming support from the community and police officers.

For more information, visit [www.wpgc.com](http://www.wpgc.com).

## BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

*Presented to MPDC full- or part-time members of the Department who work within one of the agency's seven Bureaus and exhibit standout qualities of leadership, work ethic, and commitment to service.*

### SERGEANT JAMES ROGERS

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau*

Sergeant James Rogers joined MPD on June 21, 1999. He is being recognized for his outstanding service to the operation of the Metropolitan Police Department Patrol Services Bureau. Sergeant Rogers works primarily in an administrative capacity with an assortment of duties. However, the core basis of this acknowledgement is on Sergeant Rogers' contribution to the creation of PSSSB's administrative correspondence tracking system.



Sergeant James Rogers is independent, resourceful and knowledgeable and we are proud to give him this award.

### CHARLES WEEKS

*Internal Affairs Bureau*

Agent/Sergeant Charles Weeks is currently assigned to the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) and is being recognized for an achievement award; for his investigation and interrogation technique that was successful in obtaining a complete confession from an Officer concerning misconduct that could have held the department accountable. The Department is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable member as part of its force. Agent Weeks is an exceptional member of the IAD. He is trustworthy, dedicated and very knowledgeable of his job, and the Department is very fortunate to have him as part of its force.



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### KAYLIN CASTELLI AND KEVIN PALMER *Strategic Services Bureau*

The Marketing and Internet team in Strategic Services works diligently to keep the sworn and civilian members of this department informed, and arms our members with the information necessary to educate community about public safety issues. Whether it is a request from a member of the command staff, a homicide detective or a PSA representative, Kevin Palmer and Kaylin Castelli continuously adopt a “customer service” focus in their dealings with internal clients. They maintain a similarly positive focus on external clients, through email, on the phone and when the client walks in unexpectedly. Oftentimes, they work late hours and weekends to get last-minute projects completed and printed with little or no complaint.



Through internal marketing programs involving poster campaigns, intranet home page web advertising, palm card development, and email messaging, our members are now more informed than ever. Mr. Palmer’s original, eye-catching designs for many of these materials helps ensure that even a relatively mundane message gets a second look.

The MPD’s public website ([mpdc.dc.gov](http://mpdc.dc.gov)) is continually updated with the most current information. With thousands of web pages in its domain, it is one of the largest DC Agency sites. Requests for updates to the public site are normally handled within one day, but often much more quickly. Many users have expressed their pleasure at having so much information so readily available AND, even more importantly, complaints from users receive responses quickly, thus repairing what may have become a negative impression of the Department.

Special projects for both of these civilian members put them in contact with members from every bureau in the MPD. They have helped draft reports, write up flier information, layout and design print materials, and develop web pages — all to raise awareness about the important programs and initiatives of our agency.

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### YVONNE SMITH

*Executive Office of the Chief of Police*

**M**s. Yvonne Smith has been an exemplary employee of the MPD since February 2002. During this time, she has distinguished herself by exhibiting work ethics and qualities that surpass those of her peers. Ms. Smith's pleasant demeanor and "can-do" attitude are reflective of her commitment to accomplishing assigned tasks and making the department shine. She has a great working relationship with people from various agencies within the District of Columbia government, federal government, and non-profit organizations.



As a result of Ms. Smith's dedication, leadership and commitment, the department has fostered greater relationships and that has greatly assisted the MPD in its crime fighting efforts.

### OFFICER RICHARD CARTER

*Homeland Security Bureau*

**O**fficer Carter served as a Motor Officer in 2008. As a Motor Officer he worked daily assignments which included motorcade escorts, demonstrations, traffic details, and other special events. In addition to performing his daily assignments with enthusiasm and professionalism Officer Carter issued 809 NOIs, 538 of which were for moving violations and 271 for parking violations. Officer Carter's knowledge of the District's traffic codes and regulations is unmatched within the Department. Amazingly, Officer Carter received no complaints while issuing this vast amount of NOI's. This is a true testament to his professionalism and dedicated work ethic. The Department is fortunate to have such a dedicated member as part of the force.



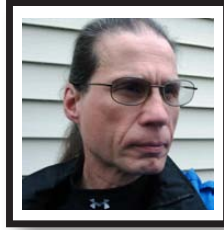
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### ROBERT GALEONE

*Professional Development Bureau*

**M**r. Robert Galeone was hired by the Metropolitan Police Department in January 2000 as a firearms instructor. Throughout the years, Mr. Galeone has demonstrated a unique willingness to help in all areas of training, even those unrelated to his position description.

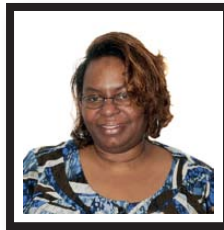


In April 2008, the department contracted with SiTELMs to provide a mechanism for on-line learning and electronic record-keeping. Mr. Galeone readily stepped up to the plate and offered his skills and technical knowledge to make this a successful contract and since April of 2008 he has served as COTR. In October 2008 the Metropolitan Police Academy implemented the on-line system and since that time has risen in use dramatically.

### LAWANN PETERSON

*Investigative Services Bureau*

**M**s. LaWann Peterson is a civilian member of the Metropolitan Police Department, who is currently assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau. Ms. Peterson has demonstrated an outstanding commitment of service in support of the Bureau's mission. She is responsible for tracking all investigative requests, and performing numerous other functions vital to the operations of the Bureau. She has worked tirelessly to promote a positive working atmosphere, while ensuring that all commitments of are met.



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### LAWRENCE WILLIAMS

*Corporate Support Bureau*

**M**r. Lawrence Williams serves as a member of the Facilities Management Division (FMD). Throughout his tenure with the Department, Mr. Williams has always shown a strong work ethic. Mr. Williams' "can-do" attitude enables the Department to meet its heavy demands, even when he is at times the sole contact for the Bureau. His willingness to take on new responsibilities shows his commitment to obtaining new knowledge and skill sets applicable to his job. He provides MPD with first-class service to the District. Because of his willingness to help customers and staff, he is truly a role model.



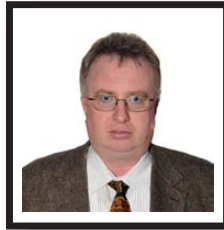
## DISTRICT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

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### TED ZALEWSKI

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/First District*

District Manager Ted Zalewski currently serves as the District Manager for the First District. Throughout his tenure with the Metropolitan Police Department, Mr. Zalewski has exemplified the traits and abilities needed to excel in his position, and ensure that the administrative and stations functions are properly managed. With his strong time management and leadership skills, Mr. Zalewski consistently guarantees that priority items are always timely and accurate. Aside from his time consuming tasks as the District Manager, Mr. Zalewski still finds time to share his knowledge and expertise with others as an adjunct professor at Southeastern University, where he teaches courses in Criminal Justice and Public Administration. The Department is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable member as part of its force.





**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.*



**LENDIA JOHNSON**

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/Seventh District*

**M**s. Ms. Lendia Johnson is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Seventh District. She has consistently provided outstanding services to the Seventh District and the citizens of Ward 8, throughout the year. Ms. Johnson's outreach efforts have helped to develop a lasting partnership between the Seventh District and the citizens we serve.



Here is just a portion of the events that Ms. Johnson coordinated during the calendar year 2008:

- » No Time for Crime Annual Youth Forum
- » Youth Valentine's Day Safety Program
- » Mother's Day Project for Senior Citizens
- » Small gifts provided to each senior citizens residential facility in the Seventh District
- » Summer of Safety Program

## CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

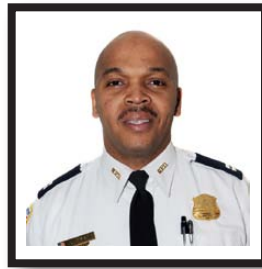
*Presented to sworn, full-time member in the rank of Captain who has demonstrated exceptional management leadership skills that produce results.*



### CAPTAIN DAVID TAYLOR

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau, Sixth District*

Captain David Taylor is being recognized for his strong work ethic and commitment to excellence and creativity in assisting the Sixth District in reducing violent crimes and homicides while being a Patrol Support Captain at the Sixth District. The Sixth District historically has been known for violent crimes. In October 2008, a spike in violent crimes that occurred in the Sixth District during a two-week time frame. Captain David Taylor was instrumental in implementing a Comfort Zone Disturbance Operational Plan, to impact the criminal activities and the related behaviors that were known to take place in certain neighborhoods. In addition, the Comfort Zone was in place to target criminals who were prone to use handguns and/or sell illicit narcotics in specified neighborhoods with a potential for violence.



The Comfort Zone Disturbance plan was very effective in reducing the number of violent shootings and violent crimes. During the initiative numerous arrests were made.

## LIEUTENANT OF THE YEAR

*Presented to sworn, full-time member in the rank of Lieutenant who has demonstrated exceptional management leadership skills that produce results.*



### LIEUTENANT OZETTA POSEY

*Criminal Investigations Division*

**L**ieutenant Ozetta Posey is currently assigned to the Homicide Branch, where she was responsible for Squad Two and Squad Five. Under her leadership, the squads combined homicide clearance rate was an amazing 94 percent; Squad Five attained a 104 percent clearance rate—the highest single-year clearance rate in MPD history. Lt. Posey organized and coordinated the three-week basic homicide school for new detectives. She continues to show great leadership and dedication to men and women of the Homicide Branch and to the victims and the victim's families. Lt. Posey has set the standards high during her tenure at MPD.



## SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

*Presented to sworn, full-time member in the rank of Sergeant who has demonstrated extraordinary supervisory skills that produce results.*



### SERGEANT TERRY THORNE

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/Fifth District*

Sergeant Terry Thorne is currently assigned to the Fifth District, PSA 504, where he serves as a model sergeant, representing the Metropolitan Police Department in an outstanding manner. He possesses the integrity, knowledge, and aptitude needed to excel in this job. He consistently maintains a positive attitude and a demeanor that makes him easily approachable by his team members. Sergeant Thorne plays an essential role in helping reduce crime. In 2008 he received the Life Saving Award for his actions on the scene of a crime.



**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 make the Department a shining example of policing for the rest of the nation.*



**RESERVE SERGEANT LAVERN GREEN**  
*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/Fourth District*

**R**eserve Sergeant Green volunteered a total of 1,552 hours, ranking her number Number One in the Fourth District Police Reserve Unit. This exceeds the minimum requirements. Sergeant Greene performs multiple tasks and can be counted on when citywide Special Operations Division details arise. She is diligent, committed and consistent with the high standards set by MPD.



## 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 ANTHONY GREENE

*Criminal Investigations Division*

**D**etective Greene, a 14-year veteran of the department has been assigned to the Homicide Branch for slightly over two years. During that time he has distinguished himself as one of the finest detectives in the branch and the department. He has maintained an astonishing career closure rate of 92 percent during his time at the Homicide Branch. Even more astonishing than his career closure rate is his performance during 2008. During this year he has carried the heaviest case load of any detective in the Homicide Branch. While doing that, he closed eight cases, and in so doing attained a 114 percent closure rate for the year. Detective Greene's eight case closures for 2008 accounted for six percent of the total cases closed in 2008 for the entire homicide office. Detective Greene has also trained a new homicide detective and maintained an overall excellent record in all aspects during 2008.



## FORENSIC SCIENCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

*Presented to sworn, full-time member(s) in the rank of Sergeant or below who has shown extraordinary commitment to forensics and the citizens of the District of Columbia.*



### OFFICER MARTIN FOSSO *Forensic Science Services Division*

Officer Martin Fosso is assigned to Forensic Science Services Division. As part of the unit, this officer far exceeds all of his peers in cases processed and submitted. During 2008, Officer Fosso handled approximately 550 cases. The number of cases handled by Officer Fosso is extraordinary considering the average among Crime Scene Technicians usually around 325 cases per year. His reports are always complete, very concise and detail oriented and he takes great pride in his work. The officer has a work ethic second to none and he completes all of his duties and responsibilities without complaining.



## DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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### OFFICER CRAIG SOLGAT

*First District*

Officer Craig Solgat has made 97 arrests to date since January 1st. His tireless dedication to his job as an officer has been exemplified throughout his career. One of Officer Solgat's most significant contributions occurred last year when he played a key role in identifying bank robbery suspect Frank Reddick who committed a string of robberies throughout the District. Through his diligent police work, the suspect was quickly identified. Officer Solgat remains an instrumental part of PSA 101 by combating many other problems like auto theft and nuisance property issues. Officer Solgat's service reflects not only his dedication to the Metropolitan Police Department, but to the entire District of Columbia.



### OFFICER MICHAEL FISHER

*Second District*

Officer Michael Fisher is a nine-year member assigned to the Second Police District. Officer Fisher's routine search of a shoplifter revealed that the defendant had numerous fraudulent identification documents in his possession. Officer Fisher was a former Federal Agent for Immigration, Custom and Enforcement and well understood the implications of fraudulent identification. In the defendant's statement, he revealed that he was part of a ring involving forged social security cards, passports and driver's licenses, and that his contacts were heavily involved in drugs and guns. Officer Fisher notified the SOCC, the FBI and Immigration Custom and Enforcement. As a result of Officer Fisher's investigation, this case has become part of a broader probe. The defendant is now an informant for the State Department's Diplomatic Security.



### OFFICER ANDREW ZABAVSKY

*Third District*

Officer Andrew Zabavsky is a nine-year member assigned to the Third Police District, PSA 303. Officer Zabavsky, on his own, caused a 12 percent reduction in crime by making over 100 arrests. Officer Zabavsky has made arrests in the areas of thefts, DUIs, burglaries, and assaults. His arrest record far exceeds the high expectation of his superiors. He is one among few with this extraordinary arrest record. Officer Zabavsky's contribution to the department and the citizenry of District of Columbia has made our streets safe. Through his hard work, dedication and an outstanding work ethic crime has gone down significantly.





## DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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### OFFICER ALFONSO MATOS

*Fourth District*

Officer Alfonso Matos is a three-year member assigned to the Fourth Police District. He has distinguished himself by having the fifth-highest number of arrests on the department. During calendar year 2008, Officer Matos received nine Commanding Officers' Commendations, three Departmental Achievement Medals, one CHAMPS Award, one Unit Citation, and the Departmental Life Saving Award. Officer Matos involves himself in all facets of the department and, as such, is a member of Civil Disturbance Unit 41, AR 15 Patrol Rifle certified, Language certified, and Narcotics Field Test certified.



### OFFICER ATUBAKR KARIM

*Fifth District*

Officer Karim is a seven-year member assigned to the Fifth Police District, PSA 501, with a high work ethic. During calendar year 2008, Officer Karim made 209 arrests, decreased overall crimes by 12 percent and significantly contributed in five of the nine crime categories. He regularly stopped and detained known gang members; served numerous arrest warrants and also contributed to an almost 100 percent warrant compliance arrest rate; assisted CSOSA with conducting over 300 accountability visits; and is very active with and highly-regarded by community members and his peers.



### CHARLES GARRETT

*Sixth District*

Officer Charles Garrett is a 10-year member assigned to PSA 604 in the Sixth Police District. Officer Garrett has performed exemplary service during this calendar year and exceeded PSA goals for the year. He successfully investigated traffic violations and apprehended and arrested over 205 individuals for various traffic- and criminal-related offenses. He did so without receiving any negative complaints. Officer Garrett has written over 500 Notices of Infractions for traffic and DC Code violations and drastically reduced the number of unregistered autos in PSA 604. Officer Garrett consistently interacts very positively with the community and performs his duty in a highly professional and effective manner.



## DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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### OFFICER ALVIN LYTLE

*Seventh District*

Officer Alvin Lytle is currently assigned to the Seventh District Power Shift and Vice Units. During 2008, Officer Lytle's outstanding performance was superior in arresting law violators in the Seventh District. Officer Lytle removed one hundred fifty-one (151) adult law violators from the streets of the Seventh District, which was far and above any other member of the assigned District.



### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ANDRE SMALLWOOD

*School Security Division*

Officer Andre Smallwood is currently assigned to the School Security Division. Officer Smallwood exemplifies outstanding service and goes beyond the call of duty regularly. He is very professional and diligent in carrying out work assignments.



## OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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### OFFICER KEVIN NAUS

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/Seventh District*

**D**uring calendar year 2008, Officer Kevin Naus made 86 arrests while assigned to the Seventh District. In addition, Officer Naus, wrote 1,424 Notices of Infractions for traffic violations on the streets of the Seventh District. Officer Naus realizes that aggressive traffic enforcement leads to recovery of weapons and the recovery and the arrest of major offenders. On February 26, 2008, Officer Naus and his partner made a traffic stop which led to the recovery of 70 bags of crack cocaine on the scene, and a firearm and narcotic paraphernalia as a result of an obtained search warrant.



## COP SPECIAL AWARD – POLICE MEDAL

*Presented to citizens of the Washington Metropolitan area by the COP for a variety of reasons as the situation warrants. The awards should honor the contributions of individuals, businesses, civic groups and other community stakeholders.*



### HOMICIDE SQUAD FIVE

*Investigative Services Bureau, Criminal Investigations Division*

During the 2008 calendar year Squad Five of the Homicide Branch achieved an astonishing closure rate of 104 percent. In the year of 2008, Squad Five received 26 cases and closed 27. Their closure rate was 20 percentage points higher than the next highest squad's closure rate. Until this time, it had been unheard of for a homicide squad to have closed more cases in a year than they received.

Squad Five achieved this remarkable accomplishment through a combination of hard work and the utilization of a team concept. Although an individual detective is assigned to each case, Squad Five attacks each case as a unit, thereby furthering the case and accomplishing many investigative tasks at the same time. This has helped them maintain the highest closure rate of any squad in the Homicide Branch for two years in a row. Squad Five of the Homicide Branch is a prime example of what MPDC represents: Motivation, Pride, Devotion and Courage. They are all worthy of this commendation



## BEST PERFORMING DISTRICT

*Presented to the District who was successful in overall crime reduction by implementing Successful Tactical plans to address crime.*



### FIRST DISTRICT

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau*

Located in the lower central portion of the District of Columbia, the First District is home to the city's business and political center. It includes some of our nation's most recognized and cherished landmarks, as well as some of the city's most interesting and diverse neighborhoods. Committed to the philosophy of customized community policing, the First District enjoys positive relationships with its residents, businesses, faith based and other Non-Governmental Organizations. Led by Commander David Kamperin, the First District was selected for best performing district due to the following:

- » Crime reduction of 3% for the calendar year
- » Monetary Overtime Reduction by 35% for calendar year
- » Successful Tactical plans to address crime — several significant arrests and multiple robberies closed out due to creative and proactive action plans
- » Most responsive to Listserv and citizen concerns (had largest subscriber to Listserv)
- » Innovative ideas and templates generated out of 1D — the new Dept wide 1130 came from 1D

## PSA OF THE YEAR

*Presented to the PSA based on crime reduction and success in problem solving efforts.*



### PATROL SERVICE AREA 501

*Patrol Services and School Security Bureau*

**P**SA 501 started the year in 2008 plagued with gang violence that led to nine homicides. Under the leadership of Lieutenant Ronald Wright, the 67 officers in this PSA team quickly banded together and developed an aggressive plan to identify the perpetrators involved in these disputes. Within a week, the unit identified and obtained pictures of all the neighborhood gang members. The information was compiled and placed into a binder, copied and shared with Intelligence, detectives and neighboring Police Service Areas.

Through combined efforts, the members of PSA 501 made 1,997 arrests. These arrests led to the recovery of three of the weapons used in homicides.

Lieutenant Wright and his team have decreased overall crime by 12 percent in PSA 501 during calendar year 2008. The members of this PSA have exemplified themselves as a PSA model to be emulated. They routinely and continuously provide needed information to members of the community combating crime.

## 40-YEAR SERVICE PINS

*Presented to sworn and civilians members who have dedicated 40 years of service to the Department*



### CELEBRATING 40 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE

*Various Elements*

- » **Sergeant Joseph Thomas**, Criminal Investigations Division, 40 years
- » **Detective James Francis**, Criminal Investigations Division, 40 years
- » **MPO Franklin Crews**, Fifth District, 40 years
- » **Officer Jesse Addison**, Seventh District, 40 years
- » **Detective McKinley Williams**, Criminal Investigations Division, 41 years
- » **Officer Carlton Poles**, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, 41 years
- » **Kenneth Johnson**, General Support Services Division, 41 years
- » **MPO Jerome Lucas**, Sixth District, 42 years
- » **Lorraine Twyman**, Police Business Services Division, 42 years
- » **Willie Quarles**, Office of Chief Technology Officer, 42 years
- » **Charles Colcord**, Fourth District, 42 years
- » **Sergeant Curtis Williams**, First District, 43 years
- » **Detective James McNamara**, Criminal Investigations Division, 43 years
- » **MPO Frank Buentello**, Third District, 43 years
- » **Sergeant Buddy Smallwood**, Seventh District, 45 years



Sergeant Joseph  
Thomas



MPO Franklin  
Crews



Detective McKinley  
Williams



Officer Jesse  
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Charles  
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