



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
AWARDS CEREMONY
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

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



Muriel E. Bowser
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 Fifteenth 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, WTOF
 Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard Master of Ceremonies
 National Anthem Sergeant Alexia Austin-Love
 Invocation Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo
 Congratulatory Remarks. Mayor Muriel Bowser
 Welcome/Community Group Recognition . . Chief Cathy L. Lanier
 Presentation of Awards. Chief Cathy L. Lanier

Bureau Employees of the Year	Lieutenant of the Year
District Officers of the Year	Captain of the Year
Reserve Member of the Year	Inspector of the Year
Citizen of the Year	Commander of the Year
District Detectives of the Year	Detective of the Year
Vice Unit of the Year	Civilian Employee of the Year
Homicide Detective of the Year	Crime Suppression Team of the Year
COP Medal of Merit	Crime Reduction Award
COP Special Award	PSA of the Year
Sergeant of the Year	

Closing Remarks. Chief Cathy L. Lanier
 Benediction Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

CORPORATE SUPPORT BUREAU/HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Sergeant George Bernard

Sergeant George Bernard is a stalwart fixture in Human Resources and has served the office and the Bureau for many years. His dedication to duty is unparalleled, not only in Human Resources, but within the Department. Even though Sergeant Bernard has a very busy schedule, he always takes the time to field questions and assist anyone who needs help. Eligible to retire in 2013, Sergeant Bernard has no desire to leave and is a constant fixture in the office and rarely takes leave. He has earned the respect of subordinates, peers, co-workers, and superiors not only during his time in Human Resources, but also throughout his successful career.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU/INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Detective John Hendrick

Detective John Hendrick demonstrates exceptional dedication, responsiveness to his superiors, and team spirit. He continues to display one of the most efficient work products in all of the Internal Affairs Division. Detective Hendrick has successfully learned and applied the required nuances of the combined Use of Force and Serious Misconduct investigations. He demonstrates versatility during his daily work performance and supports his division and bureau by unequivocal responsiveness to effectively handle crime scenes, evidential information, interviews, scene leadership, and a thorough investigative product

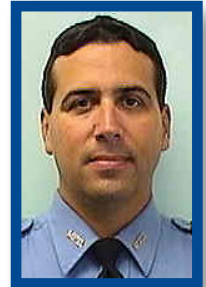


BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU/NARCOTICS AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Acting Lieutenant Andrew Struhar

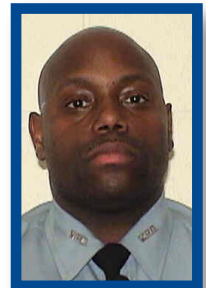
During 2014, Acting Lieutenant Andrew Struhar of the Narcotics and Special Investigations Division directed the daily operations of the Major Case Unit, Safe Streets FBI Task Force, DEA Task Force, and the Interdiction Unit. During 2014, he managed 3 Sergeants, and a combination of 29 Detectives and Officers. He has assigned, reviewed, and tactically assisted with ninety six [96] cases in 2014, and this also included his duties and responsibilities as the assigned sergeant of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force. The units managed by Acting Lieutenant Struhar compiled exceptional field activity and seizure statistics in 2014.



HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU/INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Officer Anthony Turner

During 2014, Officer Turner worked on gathering intelligence on the newest members of several different crews. With the information he was able to compile, he conducted home visits with these individuals to make sure that the parents were aware of what type of activity their child had been involved in with these groups, which prevented numerous crimes. Additionally, Officer Turner has participated in numerous mediations with students that were involved in feuds with one another, in an effort of providing non-violent ways of settling disputes.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Kendra Jennings

Ms. Kendra Jennings is a steadfast and dedicated fixture in the Executive Office of the Chief of Police, where she has served for over seven years. Her dedication to the mission of the agency and service to the community is exemplary. Ms. Jennings always maintains a professional demeanor; representing not only the Bureau, but the Chief and Department as a whole. She has earned both the respect and gratitude of her peers, colleagues, and command staff during her tenure with the police department. Ms. Jennings works tirelessly, putting in long hours, often putting others before herself, and all the while maintaining a positive attitude. Her contributions to the EOCOP are an integral part of the success of our bureau. Her work has a positive and direct impact on the department, public safety partners, outside stakeholders, and the many grateful residents of the District of Columbia.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

STRATEGIC SERVICES BUREAU/MARKETING AND INTERNET UNIT

Kaylin Castelli

During 2014, Ms. Kaylin Castelli willingly took on a number of assignments to improve the image of the agency and to enhance MPD's efficacy in the reporting of sex offenders through the implementation of Sex Offender Registry kiosks. Ms. Castelli currently works in the Marketing and Internet Unit and is frequently called upon to brainstorm ideas in countless areas of policing. Ms. Castelli has been instrumental in establishing MPD's social media platform and keeping accounts populated with lookouts, videos, and other relevant information. She arranged for MPD's bloodhound to have his own Facebook page and has coordinated a campaign to highlight positive stories about MPD.



PATROL SERVICES BUREAU

Kendra Whitaker

Ms. Kendra Whitaker is a Staff Assistant in the Patrol Services Bureau. Ms. Whitaker has gone above and beyond her regular duties and has accomplished vast deliverables for the betterment of the Patrol Services Bureau and MPD overall. She comes to work every day willing to assist the entire staff and provides excellent customer service. She has been very helpful in ensuring that the basic administrative duties, including maintaining the Assistant Chief's calendar and scheduling. These tasks are done expediently and with great care. Additionally, Ms. Whitaker has volunteered to assist in community outreach events throughout the seven districts, even though this is outside of her "job description."



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Kevin Decker

Officer Kevin Decker is an exceptional community Police Officer, working with the First District Power Shift Unit. As a team player, Officer Decker has closed numerous robberies and violent crimes. Officer Decker is well known on the streets of the First District by both community members as well as offenders and he is very apt at gaining information from individuals on his beat. He is very accurate and efficient with his paperwork and regardless of whether he is processing or assisting Detectives with reports or information for a case, it is always handled properly and professionally.



SECOND DISTRICT

Officer Hakeem Ayodeji

Officer Hakeem Ayodeji currently leads the Second District in arrests, and has generated 102 reports this year to date. His strong work ethic shows in his commitment to lead the Second District in arrests. Officer Ayodeji is a positive influence on those who work the midnight tour of duty, which can be an extremely difficult to produce arrests, reports and to make contacts. He not only thrives in this environment, but he personifies a positive role model. Officer Ayodeji is dependable, reliable, and handles assignments that he receives without complaints.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Officer Derek Tarr

Officer Derek Tarr has served the MPD as a distinguished member of the 3rd District VICE Unit. He has accrued 102+ Criminal Arrests, authored 20+ DCSC Search Warrants, led numerous VICE investigations, utilized and managed confidential informants, conducted operations in an undercover capacity and was responsible for the recovery of 29+ illegal firearms, which each resulted in criminal arrests. Officer Tarr works tirelessly to see each of his cases through prosecution, working closely with the United States Attorney's Office to ensure successful case preparation and prosecution.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Randy Harrison

Officer Harrison has been assigned to the Fourth District for only a short period of time. However, he made 49 adult arrests along with juvenile arrests in 2014. The arrests range from simple assault, assault with a dangerous weapon, robbery, and burglary. He seeks training to better himself as an officer and is eager to learn.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer John Light Officer Kevin Smith

Officers John Light and Kevin Smith were assigned to the station during their shift. Officer Smith approached the counter to assist a citizen who was smoking a cigarette. Officer Smith informed the citizen that he could not smoke in the building, at which point the citizen asked him if he had a gun. Officer Smith replied that he did not and was asked if Officer Light, who was seated at a desk on the opposite side of the partition, had a gun. Officer Smith replied that he did and again advised the citizen that he could not smoke in the station. Officer Smith then summoned Officer Light to the front counter. As Officer Light approached the gate at the counter, while again advising that citizen to put the cigarette out or take it outside. As Officer Light was coming from behind the counter to approach the subject, Officer Smith pointed and yelled to Officer Light, "He's got a gun!" Officer Light began grappling with the subject and forced him towards the counter. Simultaneously, Officer Smith began trying to control the man's arms from across the front counter. Working with Officer Smith, Officer Light was able to wrestle the gun away from the citizen. Officer Light handed the gun to Officer Smith who secured the gun and then reached back across the counter to secure one of the citizen's arms. It was subsequently revealed that the same citizen had just previously committed an armed carjacking. The officer's quick actions resulted in the apprehension and preservation of life

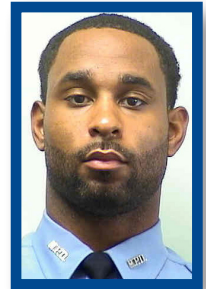


DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Shannon Strange

Officer Shannon Strange's quick thinking helped to save a young boy's life, by putting him in a scout car and transporting him to the hospital instead of wasting valuable time waiting for the ambulance to arrive. On October 3, 2014, a shooting occurred in Northeast. Upon arrival on the scene, officers observed an eight-year-old boy suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. Realizing the serious nature of the child's injury, Officer Strange along with fellow officers made the quick decision to transport the boy to P.G. County Hospital in their scout car. His quick thinking and heroic actions saved the young boy's life.



SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer Dwayne Mitchell

Officer Dwayne Mitchell, a Crime Scene Search Technician, has demonstrated continued professionalism and tireless work in the face of some difficult challenges. He is a pleasant, hardworking officer, who is never afraid to take on a challenging task. Officer Mitchell is an independent, self-directed person, who is able to communicate effectively and meet even the most demanding challenges.



POZELL RESERVE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Reserve Officer Christopher Daignault

Officer Chris Daignault joined the MPD Reserve Corps in 2007 and has consistently demonstrated superior dedication to his duty, exemplified leadership by taking on many roles within the Reserve Corps, modeled community service by serving as a training officer for new members, and maintained an exemplary level of professionalism. In addition to his patrol work, Officer Daignault has taken on a wide variety of different roles, including Field Training Officer, Adjunct Instructor, Recruiting Outreach Officer, and constant mentor to numerous junior officers in the Corps. Officer Daignault, often unrecognized for his significant commitment to the Department, has made the Reserve Corps and Department better based upon his service.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Karen Schaar Whale

Ms. Karen Schaar Whale is the Program Director of the Palisades Neighborhood Watch. For the last seven years, Ms. Schaar Whale has been attending Neighborhood Watch Trainings along with the neighbors she has recruited from the Palisades community. To date, she has recruited 56 Block Captains and 14 Co-Captains, all of whom received training. She keeps the Block Captains aware of any crime patterns in the Second District and provides them with an update of all crimes that occurred in their Police Service Area.

DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Detective Matthew Batko

Detective Matthew Batko is assigned to the First District Detectives Office and has performed his duties with professionalism, excellence and a keen attention to detail. His investigative work is always documented and he is very eager to complete his investigations in a timely manner. On October 31, 2014 three citizens were shot in Northwest after leaving a concert at the Verizon Center. The case was assigned to Detective Batko who worked tirelessly for several consecutive days while developing two suspects. This is only one of many examples of the consistent and diligent work performed by Detective Batko.



SECOND DISTRICT

Detective Kimberly Metivier-Cowan

Detective Metivier-Cowan is assigned to the Second District Detective's Office, where she has proven herself to be a highly skilled and dedicated investigator. She has successfully closed 50 of the 55 cases assigned to her this year, taking violent criminals off the streets. Detective Metivier successfully closed a number of high profile cases, including the assault involving the entertainer Chris Brown and an ADW Knife case involving a homeless victim who was attacked while asleep. Her hard work, keen detective skill, and relentless pursuit of justice are trademarks she brings to each and every case.

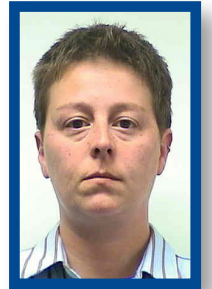


DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Detective Kimberly Pezzat

Third District Detective Kimberly Pezzat has distinguished herself over the past year. She has consistently demonstrated superb case development, work habits, dedication and professionalism. While closing over 40 cases, she has worked closely with prosecutors to ensure successful prosecutions. Detective Pezzat demonstrates self-initiative by volunteering for assignments and knows how to prioritize investigative tasks. As a result of her work, a suspect was arrested for a triple shooting outside of a restaurant in Columbia Heights, after interviewing countless witnesses, publishing video footage and serving several search warrants. Detective Pezzat also closed several robbery cases, and arrested four people after she went undercover to expose an extortion attempt on a victim who had lost her phone. These cases highlight her professionalism and dedication.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Detective Elgin Wheeler

Detective Wheeler is assigned to the Fourth District Detective's Office, and is recognized for his tenacity and vigor which has resulted in closing over 50 cases this past year. Detective Wheeler distinguishes himself not only in his professionalism, but the compassion, kindness and empathy he extends to the victims of violent crime. He is an able investigator, with finely-honed interview and interrogation skills, and a deep knowledge of criminal law. These skills, coupled with his determination, have led to closing cases and putting violent suspects behind bars.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Detective Jonathan Jordan

Detective Jonathan Jordan is assigned to the Fifth District Detectives Office, where he works some of the most violent crimes in his district. His cases included a number of shootings and violent assaults, and are often difficult cases as a result of uncooperative victims, no witnesses, and few initial leads. Detective Jordan consistently distinguishes himself as a keen investigator through his ability to work these challenging cases, following the evidence, and eventually closing these cases with arrests. His professionalism and commitment help to make the streets safer.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Detective Darin Booher

Detective Darin Booher is assigned to the Sixth District Detectives. The best reflection of Detective Booher's dedication to duty and work ethic lies in his ability to tirelessly work his cases by gathering information from all resources available, manage his on-scene investigations efficiently, locating and interviewing difficult-to-find witnesses, and ensuring that each case is thoroughly investigated no matter how big or small. As a result of his work, a suspect was arrested in a shooting in July after Detective Booher was able to sift through misleading information purposely provided by witnesses and developed several leads, which culminated in a search warrant that resulted in the seizure of the weapon. He also successfully closed a number of robbery and ADW cases, including a case in August which he utilized neighborhood sources and contacts to chase down and arrest a suspect by his nickname.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Detective Robbie Warren

Seventh District Detective Robbie Warren has delivered outstanding performance and dedication to the mission by closing more than 12 ADW/AWIK cases and over 10 robberies. During 2014, Detective Warren continuously has shown an extraordinary commitment while assigned to the Violent Crime/Robbery Squad where his investigatory skills and determination has led to numerous arrests and convictions of some of the District of Columbia's most dangerous criminals.



VICE UNIT OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Third District Vice Unit

The 3rd District VICE Unit was the City's overall top unit producer when it came to VICE Operations. This unit impressively outperformed all of the other 6 VICE Teams within the department as it pertains to the categories of Total Arrests, Total Gun Recoveries, Total Drug Seizures and Total Currency Seizures. Meanwhile, this unit was also vital in its District's efforts to maintain a significant decrease in Violent Crime, to include that of Robberies. In 2014, the 3rd District VICE Unit captured the following stats:

- » 1,179 - Criminal Arrests
- » 81 - Firearm/Gun Recoveries
- » 58 - Search Warrants Executed
- » \$101,087.31 US Currency Seized (HFCF)
- » \$266,659.00 in Street Level Narcotics Seized
- » Over 20+ Community Outreach Programs Conducted

Members of the 3rd District Vice Unit made it a priority in 2014 to better serve their community through a vast array of community outreach, source debriefings and intelligence gathering. Members learned to work smarter, not harder this year and the clear quality of their work performance has spoken to these efforts.

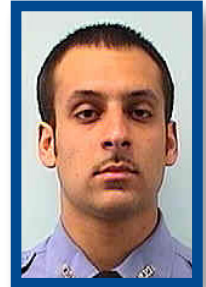
It is because of this superb performance and clear dedication to their Department that the 3rd District Vice Unit is the 2014 Vice Unit of the Year.

HOMICIDE DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE SECTION

Detective Hosam Nasr

Detective Nasr was assigned three cases during calendar year 2014. He has closed each one of them. Detective Hosam Nasr is assigned to Squad 2 of the Homicide Branch. He closed each case while training a new detective assigned to his squad. Detective Nasr's closure rate for 2014 was 100% year to date and 100% percent UCR. He maintains a positive attitude and is a great asset to the Homicide Branch.



COP MEDAL OF MERIT

DC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director William O. Howland

MPD has an invaluable relationship with DPW as we work regularly on issues related to parking, parking permits, traffic issues, stolen cars, and cleaning of our streets and alleyways. As in past years, DPW has continued to assist MPD with improvements in the Summer Crime Initiative areas and working with MPD to ensure citizens receive adequate services during major storms. Notably for 2014, under the leadership of Director William O. Howland, DPW assisted MPD on numerous occasions with many emergency requests throughout the city. Many of these requests required a significant amount of logistics. Mr. Howland has always made it his priority to support our officers. Director Howland is awarded the Chief of Police Medal of Merit for his dedicated service in support of the Metropolitan Police Department and the residents of the District of Columbia.



CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD

KASTLE SYSTEMS

Mark D. Ein

Mark Ein is the Chairman of Kastle Systems. He is a native of the Washington area, where he actively supports many community, charitable and cultural organizations. Mark is well versed in local politics and he uses this knowledge, and his position on many Boards and Foundations, to assist the less fortunate and provide opportunities that wouldn't otherwise exist.

Mark deeply cares for Washington, D.C. and has shown his true commitment to assisting with public safety through his innovative Capital Shield program. Capital Shield is an groundbreaking public-private partnership that unites the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), commercial property owners, businesses, universities and non-profits around a common goal - protecting businesses, citizens and property in Washington, DC. Through the Capital Shield program, participants help enhance public safety by providing MPD with direct access, during critical responses and large events, to their external security cameras. This enables first responders to quickly gain the situational awareness required to assist during emergency situations in order to effectively combat crime and intelligently address major security events.

As a founding member of the Capital Shield program, Kastle has donated 1,000 cameras to DC businesses to catalyze the initiative. Mark's vision enabled us to bring together private industry with MPD to enhance overall public safety in the nation's capital.

Join me in congratulating Mark Ein on a job well done.



SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

Sergeant Christopher Petz

During the past year Sgt. Petz was instrumental in the identification and prosecution of several criminals belonging to the “Jet Gang”, a group responsible for more than thirty commercial theft/robberies in DC as well as local jurisdictions. Sgt. Petz also followed up on leads that eventually resulted in capturing the Saratoga Robbery Theft Crew. He is known for his ability to target bad criminals such as the gang leader of the 21st and MD Avenue who commit serious criminal offenses in the District. He specializes in identifying gang and their illegal activities throughout the city. He partners with ATF and on a regular basis for gun and drug investigations. Known as the “go-to” person for gang activity, Sergeant Petz is the Department’s Sergeant of the Year.



LIEUTENANT OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Lieutenant John Haines

Lieutenant John Haines is assigned to the 5th District Detective’s Office, where he brings experience, skill, and leadership to the oversight of criminal investigations. Lt Haines was also tasked with coordinating the Citywide Commercial Robbery Task Force, and regularly provides training for the Criminal Investigations Division and new investigators. As a seasoned investigator, Lt. Haines was also tasked with the development and implementation of the investigator’s promotional process. He has an exceptional personal demeanor and regularly mentors new investigators. Lt. Haines’ dedication and commitment to the Department and to bring justice to the victims of violent criminals distinguishes him as Lieutenant of the Year.



CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Captain Kimberly Dickerson

While currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, Captain Kimberly Dickerson, a fifteen year veteran, spent most of 2014 assigned to the Second District. As the Captain of PSAs 201 and 206, she continually demonstrated a professional enthusiasm in serving the citizens of these PSAs, working with community leaders and outside agencies to develop solutions to neighborhood concerns. Captain Dickerson was also the Second District administrative Captain, where she demonstrated leadership, approachability and creativity in ensuring the operational needs of the Second District were met. She regularly assumed the responsibility of Acting Commander, altering her shift without reservation to ensure the Second District functioned smoothly in the absence of the District Commander. Her involvement with the community at large, her efficient oversight of the Second District operations and her genuine willingness to mentor junior members consistently set Captain Dickerson apart from her peers.



INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU

Inspector Angel Medina

Inspector Medina is assigned to the Patrol Services Bureau (PSB) where he serves as the Executive Officer. Responsible for the management and oversight of over 2,900 employees, PSB patrol functions across the seven police districts serves as the backbone of the Department, and Inspector Medina has worked tirelessly to ensure smooth and continuous operations oversight. He supervises all administrative functions across the Bureau with skill, attention to details, and efficiency. He also serves on a variety of committees, review boards and multi-agency task forces, and represents the Department with the highest degree of professionalism and experience. Inspector Medina's strong and steady judgment and commitment to excellence have been a hallmark of his tenure throughout his career.



COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Commander Jacob Kishter

Commander Kishter has served as the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Police District for over five years. Under his leadership, the 3rd District achieved a remarkable 27% decrease in violent crime during 2014, including a 35% decrease in robberies, a 10% reduction in felony assaults, and an 11% reduction in homicides. Commander Kishter implemented innovative and aggressive crime suppression initiatives, including deployment of Nightlife teams to prevent and deter crime. He also maintains a strong community engagement program, and is always accessible to both the community and his officers. Commander Kishter's efforts over the past year have made a strong and tangible difference in his District, and the streets of the 3rd District are safer as a result.



DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

SEX OFFENSES SECTION

Detective Ingrid Harkins

Detective Ingrid Harkins is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division's Sex Offense Section. She demonstrates a dedication to duty on a daily basis in the investigation of Cold Case Sexual Assault, provides training to newly assigned investigators, and most recently served as an acting Detective Sergeant. Detective Harkins brings commitment and passion to her work, and serves as a tireless advocate for victims of crime. Her dedication drives her success in closing cases while bringing violent sex offenders to justice.



DEBORAH ENNIS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

Daniel Hall

Mr. Daniel Hall serves as the lead civilian analyst for the Department's Intelligence Branch. Mr. Hall was the leading force in the development and implementation of the CIB Gang Tracking system, designed to streamline the tracking of over 2,000 documented gang members. His expertise in implementing new technology, including automated reporting, has increased the efficiency and effectiveness of unit operations and improved both access to, and dissemination of, criminal intelligence throughout the Department. Mr. Hall is a talented and dedicated professional who brings a strong work ethic, innovation, and his trademark cup of Starbucks to every challenge and task he is assigned.



CRIME SUPPRESSION AWARD

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Narcotics and Special Investigations Division

The NSID Major Case Unit made 247 arrests in 2014, executed 38 search warrants, and recovered 20 firearms. In addition they seized over 12 kilograms of marijuana, 92 ounces of PCP, and 1.8 kilograms of heroin. Further the MCU conducted several operations targeting violent robbery offenders. One such operation led to the arrest of five STC gang members including the identified gang leader. The case was built through the dedication and hard work of all members of the MCU, to include investigative aspects, surveillance of targets and locations, and undercover operations. Due to the hard work and diligence of the Major Case members a dangerous and violent robbery group has been removed from the street. It is impossible to determine the number of robberies, assaults, or other crimes of violence that were prevented due to these arrests. This is just one of many impactful operations executed by the MCU which have made the streets of our city safer.

CRIME REDUCTION AWARD

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU

Seventh District

The 7th District led the city in overall crime reduction in 2014, achieving a district-wide reduction in crime of 9%. The 7th District saw reductions in both violent crime and property offenses, including a 24% reduction in robberies, 22% reduction in burglaries and stolen autos, a 5% reduction in felony assaults, and a 3% reduction in sexual assaults. Through proactive crime reduction initiatives and the dedication and commitment of our officers, the 7th District truly made a tangible difference in increasing community safety in the neighborhoods they serve.

PATROL SERVICES AREA OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU/SECOND DISTRICT

PSA 208

Second District Patrol Service Area 208 has been selected as PSA of the Year. One of the busiest PSAs of the District, PSA 208 was able to achieve a year end reduction of 12% in robberies and a 17% decrease in burglaries. PSA 208 has a strong level of community engagement, with footbeat officers assigned to patrol areas of Connecticut Avenue, P Street and other areas of downtown. Also home to a robust nightlife area, PSA 208 has implemented several successful crime and nuisance abatement plans to ensure safety and quality of life in these busy areas. For the professionalism and hard work of their officers, PSA 208 is the PSA of the Year.





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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