



SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
AWARDS CEREMONY
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

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 Sixteenth 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 Charlotte Djossou
Invocation	Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo
Welcome/Community Group Recognition . . .	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Congratulatory Remarks.	Mayor Muriel Bowser
Presentation of Awards.	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Bureau Employees of the Year	Sergeant of the Year
District Officers of the Year (1D-7D)	Lieutenant of the Year
Reserve Member of the Year	Captain of the Year
Citizen of the Year	Inspector of the Year
Citizen Volunteer Corps of the Year	Commander of the Year
Community Policing Award	Civilian Employee of the Year
Youth Engagement Services Award	Officer of the Year
School Resource Officer of the Year	Detective of the Year
District Detectives of the Year (1D-7D)	Crime Suppression Team of the Year
Homicide Detective of the Year	Crime Reduction Award
COP Special Award	PSA of the Year
COP Medal of Merit	
Closing Remarks.	Chief Cathy L. Lanier
Benediction	Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU/PSB ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Sergeant Michael O'Harran

Sergeant O'Harran is a member of the Patrol Services Bureau's Administrative Staff. He diligently handles assignments in the office as a reviewer, but also has dedicated special projects, such as the RDO Detail Coordinator for the Department. As part of this assignment, he handles over 73 establishments that request details two to four times a week. Additionally, he has streamlined the process involved in summarizing executive information by capturing and tracking this information.

Sergeant O'Harran has participated in a vast number of committees, providing his input and forward thinking on such topics as: The FTO program, computers, uniform and equipment, roll call, and assignments. He is a dedicated professional and willing to do his best on all endeavors.



CORPORATE SUPPORT BUREAU/HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Linnette Spillman

A nine year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department, Ms. Linnette Spillman has served in the Human Resource Management Division with professionalism and distinction. Ms. Spillman is the shining example of a team player, always looking for ways to assist her colleagues with a variety of different and challenging tasks. She is a quick study and always embraces opportunities to learn.

During 2015, Ms. Spillman moved into the position of HR Assistant, where she assists with the administration of the new Paid Family Leave and FMLA programs. Her ability to organize and multitask, coupled with her compassion and communications skills, has brought much needed organization and efficiency to managing these programs.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU/HOMICIDE BRANCH

Senior Police Officer Daniel Whalen

During 2015, Senior Police Officer Daniel Whalen was assigned to the Homicide Branch, where he has worked for the last 27 years, and continues to provide his detective expertise. He is currently a member of the Major/Cold Case Squad, and is a veteran investigator who is reliable, professional, and responsible at all times.

SPO Whalen maintains the Homicide Cold Case file room, and responds to frequent inquiries regarding homicide cases, many of which are decades old. SPO Whalen also manages and monitors the "unsolved murder" e-mail account, which receives daily inquiries and requests. During 2015, SPO Whalen successfully closed three homicide cold cases, all of which had been open for over 20 years.



STRATEGIC SERVICES BUREAU/RECRUITING DIVISION

Civilian Investigator Joyce Perrin

Ms. Joyce Perrin demonstrates dedication to the Metropolitan Police Department's Recruiting Division through her work as a background investigator. She is constantly one of the top performing background investigators and a role model for her peers. She is flexible, hardworking, diligent, and positive.

During 2015, Ms. Perrin took on a considerable number of civilian background investigations as the Department underwent a large civilianization push for 100 new civilian employees. Ms. Perrin consistently worked long hours, including weekends, to provide top quality customer service to her applicants as well as provided thorough background investigation results. When Recruiting officials have highly sensitive Mayoral appointees that require screening, the cases are frequently assigned to Ms. Perrin due to her diligence and professionalism.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU/SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Sergeant Terry Thorne

Sergeant Terry Thorne supervises numerous traffic safety campaigns within the District of Columbia, as well as his regular everyday supervisory duties. Sergeant Thorne is involved in the Occupant Protection Enforcement Program, which has raised D.C.'s seat belt usage over the past three years from 87% to 95.5%, resulting in an all-time high. He is the lead instructor for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Program and works with the Chief Medical Examiner in certifying MPD's officers in the Breath Alcohol Test Operator Program.

In 2015, Sergeant Thorne was recognized by the National Highway Traffic Administration for his efforts. He also works closely with the Pedestrian Advisory Council and has supervised many different types of enforcement and education initiatives related to pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists. Additionally, Sergeant Thorne supervises the Car Seat Program, and oversees the Underage Alcohol Enforcement Program. He is also the Law Enforcement Liaison Officer between MPD and NHTSA, and continues to represent MPD in regard to the Mayor's Vision Zero Campaign.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU/INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Detective John Hendrick

Detective Hendrick is tasked with investigating fatal and serious use of force cases that are complex due to the charged nature of these investigations. These cases require an analytical and detailed approach that has been consistently demonstrated by Detective Hendrick.

One such case in 2015, involved the investigation of a high profile incident that involved an armed kidnapping and homicide. This particular case not only involved a police shooting, but also a use of force that involved a vehicle, which ended in a multi-jurisdiction pursuit. The videos obtained through Detective Hendricks' canvass for private and public video proved to be very useful during the investigation. Additionally, Detective Hendrick relied on his use of force training, analysis of departmental policies, consultation with the agency's training staff, and United States Attorneys' Office to investigate and make a recommendation relative to this unusual and uncommon use of force case.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Commander Ralph Ennis

Commander Ralph Ennis has served the Metropolitan Police Department for over 21 years. In that time, his focus and dedication to the agency has allowed for his ascension through the ranks to his current position working for MPD's Chief of Police. Commander Ennis is an intricate part of MPD's Command Staff and provides valuable input into the operations of the Department. In 2015, amongst many other duties, Commander Ennis was assigned to the body-worn camera [BWC] program. Through his leadership, MPD developed what is recognized as one of the most comprehensive BWC policies in the nation. This policy set the foundation for a successful program. This, coupled with Commander Ennis' direction, drove not only a successful initial deployment of BWC within the Department, but also drives daily success in operations. These items are of special note. The deployment was completed on a short timeline, and introduced a completely new technology and new processes into the Department. Daily operational success required organizational change at not only the officer level, but at all levels of management up to and including Bureau Chiefs. Of even further significance, MPD is one of the first of the major cities to deploy BWC in huge numbers. As such, there was no template and minimum guidance from other organizations. In fact, multiple law enforcement organizations have contacted and/or visited with MPD to learn about our BWC policies, our implementation of and how we operate the program. Beyond influence within the Department, Commander Ennis has tirelessly championed the program with the community. He has engaged in multiple speaking opportunities to advocate on the program's behalf, thereby ensuring an understanding and buy-in from MPD's constituency. For taking on this enormous, vastly important project that will not only serve and protect our members, the community and the agency as a whole, Commander Ennis is the Executive Office of the Chief of Police Bureau Employee of the Year.



BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE/
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Barry Gersten

Mr. Barry Gersten has been the driving force in the Metropolitan Police Department's transformation from paper into an integrated computer based agency. Mr. Gersten has overseen the ground up development of a new and "state of the art" Record Management System [Cobalt] and the new situational awareness system [AWARE] as well as exponentially expanding our personnel management systems.

Additionally, Mr. Gersten has also set forth a project to link together our CCTV networks through a fiber network which would allow for the enhanced capabilities needed to better leverage our cameras to fight and prevent crime.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Keith Byrd

Officer Keith M. Byrd of the First District spent part of the year working the evening tour of duty in the First District and the other part assisting the Metropolitan Police Academy with training officers in both the new Cobalt Records Management System and Tactical Emergency Casualty Care.

Officer Byrd demonstrates his professionalism in dealing with fellow officers and community members and has put his previous firefighter background to use. On January 12, 2015, Officer Byrd responded to the L'Enfant Metro Station for a critical incident, where smoke had filled the station and ultimately 86 people were injured. Officer Byrd was one of the first responding officers to the incident and assisted the D.C. Fire Department in helping evacuate passengers and assisted with life saving measures.



SECOND DISTRICT

Officer Nathan Clarke

Officer Nathan Clarke of the Second District was involved in the arrest of a suspect that was charged with Kidnapping, Third Degree Sexual Assault, and Simple Assault that occurred on May 7, 2015. This case was just one example of Officer Clarke's professionalism in the line of duty.

On Friday, May 7, 2015, at approximately 1:23 AM, a lookout was broadcast for a suspect in the area of 19th and L Streets, N.W., who was wanted for a sexual assault that had just occurred. Second District officers created a perimeter around the location and canvassed the area. A suspect fitting the description was located and arrested. While officers were in the process of detaining the suspect, another victim flagged down officers and reported that she had been approached from behind. The suspect had covered her mouth with his hand and dragged her to a secluded area. The description given by the second victim matched the description of the suspect involved in the first offense at 19th and L Street. Subsequently after a thorough investigation by the officers they were able to link both cases together and the suspect was positively identified separately by both victims.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Officer Ammar Rahim

Officer Rahim of the Third District was involved in the arrest of a suspect that was involved in an aggravated assault that occurred on March 3, 2015 which involved the kidnapping of a baby in a stroller. This case was just one example of Officer Rahim's professionalism in the line of duty.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2015, the Third District dispatcher gave a lookout for the suspect, describing him as a black male with dreadlocks, pushing a baby stroller. Officers began to follow the suspect on foot. Officers gave loud verbal commands to the put the knife down and let the baby go. The suspect turned around with the stroller, and faced all the officers on the scene while pointing the knife. Officer Rahim moved closer to the suspect in an attempt to subdue him. The suspect lunged at Officer Rahim with the knife, which caused a laceration to the left side of Officer Rahim's neck. The suspect began using the baby in the stroller as a shield. The suspect dropped the knife and threw the baby stroller to the ground. The suspect then fled on foot, Officers then pursued the suspect and attempted to subdue him. The suspect fought the officers but was ultimately restrained.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Katherine Miller

Officer Katherine Miller of the Fourth District assisted a victim suffering from stab wounds to his neck and chest after he was assaulted with a knife. After assessing the situation, Officer Miller immediately applied two TECC kits to slow down the bleeding, which allowed the D.C. Fire Department to transport him to the hospital. It was due to her quick thinking that this victim was stabilized. This case was just one example of Officer Miller's professionalism in the line of duty.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer Travis Collins

Officer Travis Collins of the Fifth District was involved in the apprehension of suspects in an armed carjacking that occurred on February 12, 2015. This case was just one example of Officer Collins' professionalism in the line of duty.

On February 12, 2015, a victim reported that while he was pumping gas into his white BMW, a black BMW pulled up beside him. One of the passengers approached him and demanded the keys to the victim's car at gun point. The victim complied and the suspect took off in his vehicle. A short time later, the white BMW was tracked to the 300 Block of Channing Street, N.E., it was discovered unoccupied. Shortly after the white BMW was located, the Fifth District dispatcher advised that there was a black BMW driving recklessly on West Virginia Avenue, in Northeast. The officers recognized the vehicle as one that had been stolen in an armed carjacking that had occurred two days prior, when they attempted to stop the driver, he took off. The suspect crashed the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot, but was apprehended a short distance away.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Zachary Willis

Officer Zachary Willis has made 65 arrests including 8 weapon recoveries and 12 drug arrests. While these cases truly depict the violent nature of our suspects, it further shows the dedication and commitment to duty of our law enforcement officers that must investigate the heinous crimes committed.

The community requires the removal of such individuals who fail to become law abiding citizens and Officer Zachary Willis' efforts further ensures that the defendants will ultimately be held accountable for their actions. Therefore, it is with his diligent efforts in mind, that Officer Zachary Willis be cited in appreciation for his unyielding dedication to duty and exemplary police work. He is truly an asset to the Sixth District.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer Anthony Gramieri

Officer Antony Gramieri is assigned to the Seventh District power shift team. They have made well over 100 arrests and recovered 69 guns since July 1st. He has personally participated in the recovery of 48 of those 69 recoveries. In addition, he has assisted with numerous complaints that led to resolutions outside of arrests. Officer Gramieri has stepped up this year as far as taking an unofficial leadership role on the power shift and he has done this without being asked. He has helped train a new squad of officers who were lacking experience and brought them together on how to function as a team.



POZELL RESERVE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Reserve Officer George Davis

George Davis is an exemplary Reserve Police officer who has demonstrated his dedication to the Reserve Corps and the 1st District. George is a solid quiet leader within the Reserve Corps and is a constant presence at all Reserve Corps events and details. During 2015, George was selected to serve as the 1st District's Reserve Team Leader and also was responsible for the 7th District's Platoon as well as contributing well over 600 hours of service to the department. Although there are many worthy members within the Reserve Corps, Reserve Officer Davis shows exemplary team commitment, a willingness to help others, and constant leadership amongst the officers.



CITIZEN VOLUNTEER CORPS MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Jon Faye

Mr. Jon Faye, our Civilian Volunteer Corps member, has been assigned to the Financial and Cyber Crimes Unit for several years and continuously performs a significant amount of office assignments in an exemplary manner that allows the detectives more time to handle their caseload. Mr. Faye is not only instrumental in the day-to-day operations of the Financial and Cyber Crimes Unit, but is also heavily relied upon by detectives and the supervisors on his expertise on identity theft and fraud. During 2015, Mr. Faye worked over eleven hundred hours as an unpaid volunteer.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Irving Gamza

First District resident 92-year old CAC member Mr. Irving Gamza has committed over 30 years to community partnerships within 1D - via CAC, ANC, and attends all community events and PSA 104 meetings hosted in the district. He is a child/youth advocate and MPD supporter. He is known in the community as the 'candy man' for always providing treats to the youth growing up in Greenleaf Gardens. Solid in the belief that education creates opportunity, he has personally sponsored several of the youth's college tuition from his own pocket.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SCHOOL SECURITY BRANCH

School Resource Officer Tracy Taylor

SRO Tracy Taylor demonstrates a special gift of communication and a desire and passion to help educate and understand the youth of today. Officer Taylor's purpose is to create an atmosphere of trust that leads to a decrease in youth being introduced to the criminal justice system and more of an increase to a positive productive youth for the future. SRO Taylor has proven this ability in many ways and has earned great respect and is a positive influence with the youth in the District of Columbia.



COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD

FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Randall Butler

Officer Butler has been the beat officer for the upper Georgia Avenue business corridor and surrounding neighborhoods for many years. He is very well liked, respected by all and is considered an extremely valuable community asset. Officer Butler is professional and responsive to the needs of the community. He is highly visible and is open to all members of the neighborhood, especially teens and young adults. Members of the Forth District see this officer as a shining example of "community policing".



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERVICE AWARD

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer Gideon Nyamekye

Officer Gideon Nyamekye has been a member of the department for just under three years. His contributions since he arrived at the Fifth District have furthered police-community relations in a wholly positive and exemplary manner, usually only seen by members with much greater lengths of service. Over the past several months, Officer Nyamekye has worked with the Youth Intervention and Prevention Unit on the Youth Creating Change and Reaching New Heights programs. His engagement with the participants throughout the program has led to positive relation building with many of the youth throughout the program.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Detective Antoinette Mason

Detective Mason is assigned to the First District Investigative Unit and is assigned robberies that occur in the Northeast quadrant of 1D. Along with her heavy caseload from month to month Detective Mason responds to various part one offenses that require the expertise of a Detective. Detective Mason also makes herself available to other members of the unit when called upon to do so, whether it's to handle a court appearance, execute a search warrant, or some other task that her co-workers request assistance with. She has applied for and received numerous search and arrest warrants and has developed working relationships with members of the Office of Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney's Office.



SECOND DISTRICT

Detective Nicholas Oliver

Detective Oliver performs his investigative duties at the highest degree along with an unparalleled level of professionalism and skill. During such duties, he treats his victims and witnesses in a respectful, responsive, and compassionate manner. His attention to detail and determination to exhaust all leads in both property and violent crimes helps with convictions in cases and keeping violent criminals and thieves off the streets. His case write ups, on scene investigations, arrest and search warrant affidavits, and case jackets, are extremely detailed and well documented.

Detective Nicholas Oliver maintains a high level of productivity with little to no supervision. Detective Oliver accomplished a 26% closure rate while being assigned 285 cases. To achieve this while maintaining a current case load required discipline, organizational skills, and the tireless pursuit of any and all investigative leads. It shall be noted that the majority of the assigned cases were not domestic related or ones in which the suspect was known. Detective Oliver has also maintained a good work relationship with his peers as well as his officials.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Detective James Gamble

Domestic violence does not discriminate. Victims can be of any age, sex, race, culture, religion, education, employment or marital status. Domestic violence claims many victims, both direct and indirect. It takes a unique person to investigate cases of domestic violence. One must be self-motivated, a good listener, compassionate, resilient, able to maintain self-control, and modest; all while working with various persons, groups and agencies. Investigator Gamble possesses all of these qualities. In fact, one of Investigator Gamble's greatest strengths is showing sympathy toward victims of violent crime.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Detective Joseph Boehler

Detective Joseph Boehler has demonstrated a strong ability to solve complex and difficult cases. In the summer of 2015, the Fourth District had multiple first degree burglaries in the Mt. Pleasant and upper Columbia Heights areas. In each burglary, an individual was entering occupied residences early in the morning, stealing purses, and then using stolen credit cards for items at local 7-11 convenience stores. Detective Boehler developed a suspect, and subsequently closed nine B1 and B2 cases with the arrest of the suspect, who was recently indicted and is currently pending trial. In another set of cases, six burglaries/unlawful entries occurred in the Fourth District during December 2015 and one B2 occurred in the Fifth District. There were multiple witnesses, who provided MD partial tags 1917. Fourth District officers spotted the vehicle, and after a bailout and foot chance, a suspect was stopped. Detective Boehler conducted a show-up with one of the witnesses and the suspect was positively identified and arrested. It was discovered the vehicle he was operating had been stolen from Greenbelt, MD. Boehler worked quickly to obtain consent to search [after driving out to Greenbelt] from the vehicle owner, and as a result, multiple electronic items were recovered from the vehicle, and have been returned to their rightful owners. In addition, the suspect arrested had five active burglary warrants from the 4th and 5th Districts, and four pending print hits from 4D – closing a total of 16 cases against the suspect.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Detective Jeremy Bank

Fifth District Detective Jeremy Bank's exceptional performance during 2015 has earned him the distinction of 5D Detective of the Year. Detective Bank is assigned to investigate robberies of establishments, carjackings and violent crimes that occur in the Fifth District. With little to no solid leads in most of his cases, Detective Bank's persistent follow-up and determination results in suspect development and eventually case closures. Detective Bank's dedication to his position extends well past the closures. He follows his cases through to ensure that they are successfully prosecuted. In fact, the vast majority of Detective Bank's cases are so well investigated, that they result in pre-indictment pleas by the defendants, earning praise from Assistant United States Attorneys for his thorough case preparation. Detective Bank is well received by his peers, United States Attorneys and supervisors. Detective Bank has a positive attitude, never complains and continuously demonstrates a strong work ethic. It is the extreme pleasure of the Fifth District Detectives Unit to bestow this title upon Detective Jeremy Bank.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Detective Daren Brake

Detective Brake has shown exemplary work habits, exceptional skills and tremendous compassion in all that he does. The daily challenges faced demand our full attention, focus and professionalism as we carry out the mission and values of this department. Detective Brake doggedly pursues leads, and brings a passion to his pursuit of justice. Despite heavy caseloads, Detective Brake successfully closes cases, and brings suspects to justice. It is for this reason I nominate Detective Grade II Daren Brake for Sixth District Detective of the Year.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Detective Robert Edelen

Over the course of 2015, Detective Robert Edelen continuously has shown an extraordinary commitment as a Detective of the 7D Detectives Unit. As a member of the unit's Robbery Squad, Detective Edelen has been credited for closing numerous robberies and violent crime over the course of the year. Detective Edelen was instrumental in closing an armed robbery spree of taxi cabs drivers during October and November 2015. During this period, the District had over seven armed or attempted armed robberies of taxi cab drivers. The frequency and violence of the robberies were escalating and there were few leads to work on. Detective Edelen took initiative and was able to recognize a pattern based off the drop off locations, and believed that the suspect likely lived in one of 3 buildings. Detective Edelen searched databases and numerous records, and was able to develop a possible suspect, who was subsequently identified as the perpetrator of the robberies. Once arrested, the suspect confessed to a multitude of robberies throughout the city, and subsequently charged with 7 counts of robbery while armed. This is just an example of the quality of investigative efforts that Detective Robert Edelen put in to investigating his assigned cases.



HOMICIDE DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE SECTION

Detective Brian Bradol

Detective Bradol has shown exemplary work habits, exceptional skills and tremendous compassion in all that he does. Through his dedication and resolve, Detective Bradol has worked to close a significant number of high profile violent crimes. In July 2015, he was assigned to work a triple shooting on Douglas Place, SE, including one fatality. The scene was littered with 30 shell casings spread throughout the street and parking lot. Upon review of camera footage, witness accounts and a thorough and detailed investigation, three suspects were identified and arrested. Detective Bradol was also instrumental in closing a 7D homicide from Maple View Place, SE. His thorough and determined investigation resulted in the successful arrest of a suspect. Detective Bradol exemplifies hard work and dedication to duty.

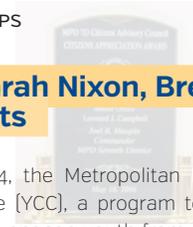


COP SPECIAL AWARD

EARTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Robert Nixon, Sarah Nixon, Brenda Richardson and Rodney Stotts

In the summer of 2014, the Metropolitan Police Department introduced Youth Creating Change (YCC), a program to work with youth ages 14-19. The goal of YCC was to engage youth from some of the city's most underserved and challenged neighborhoods in a youth leadership development program. The Earth Conservation Corps has served youth in the district for over 25 years, providing job training and environmental stewardship opportunities along the Anacostia River. In 2014, the ECC joined forces to work with the YCC Program, assisting with developing training opportunities, providing supplies and materials, and contributing the expertise of their staff and volunteers, as well as participating in the majority of YCC activities. Since the program's inception, over 125 youth have participated in four cohorts of YCC. This would not have been possible without the commitment and partnership of the Earth Conservation Corps. MPD has an invaluable relationship with the Earth Conservation Corps and supports the mission to make DC the best city in which to live.

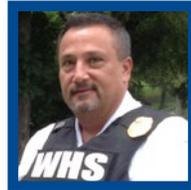


COP SPECIAL AWARD

WASHINGTON HUMANE SOCIETY

Zita Macinanti and Ray Noll

The Washington Humane Society assisted in training MPD Officers with the DOG POLE throughout 2015. They demonstrate passion and professionalism in their work, and are always quick and responsive to assist MPD officers on the scene with a sense of urgency. Most importantly, they maintain an obvious compassion for animals. Our partnership is strong because of the efforts of these members of the Washington Humane Society.



US HOLOCAUST MEMORIAM MUSEUM

Marcus Appelbaum

The Department recognizes Director Marcus Appelbaum, Law, Justice and Society Initiatives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), for his continued partnership with MPD. During 2015, Mr. Appelbaum worked to expand their existing law enforcement program to create a specific program as a part of the Community Engagement Academy. In partnership with our Community Engagement Academy, Collegiate Internship Program, and the USHMM's Bringing the Lessons Home (BTLH) interns, approximately 30 members of the community went through a day long discussion regarding the role of police officers in today's society.



Mr. Appelbaum and his team led a deliberate, engaging and meaningful conversation between members of the public and law enforcement regarding current issues in policing and considerations from historical events, as observed through each member's guided tour through the museum. Community members later reflected on how much the experience of going through the USHMM with members of MPD impacted and affected their thoughts on many of the current issues in law enforcement. Mr. Appelbaum has greatly enhanced the relationship between the USHMM and the Department, and continues to work to expand this important relationship.

COP SPECIAL AWARD

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT/CRIMINAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST

Carolyn Montagna, Kevin Buie, Amanda Caligiuri, Laura Cunningham, Adam DeLuca, Kendra Fraser, Jennifer Merzlock, Evan Moscou-Lewis, Donna Tolliver, Andrew Wood

The Criminal Research Specialist/ Investigative Support Unit was created to assist detectives in a real-time capacity during their investigation of serious crimes. The unit provides 24/7 support and is staffed by dedicated, experienced, and talented civilian specialists. Since its inception, the CRS Unit has become an integral and vital part of operations at MPD and continues to be at the forefront of MPD's proactive policing strategy. In the more than two years the unit has been operational, the members have assisted detectives on thousands of cases and have helped detectives get many serious violent offenders off the streets, including using GPS capabilities to directly assist detectives in real time. Their work has directly resulted in identifying suspects in violent crimes.

The unit has also been integral to DC's Robbery Intervention Task Force – making connections and identifying robbery patterns as soon as they occur as well as supporting the communication and collaboration with and among Task Force partners. The unit continues to grow into a cutting-edge, information and analytical center. Accordingly we recognize the CRS's invaluable contribution to MPD, the District, and our collective mission to prevent crime in our city.



COP SPECIAL AWARD

METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Dr. Beverly Anderson, Ph. D.

The Metropolitan Police Employee Assistance Program (MPEAP) is a confidential counseling program for police officers, police officials, and family members. Since the program's inception in 1988, thousands of officers, officials, and their families have received MPEAP services. The dedicated staff provides trusted counseling on both work related and personal topics in an effort to assist our members in coping with stress. MPEAP also provides crises intervention teams which are available on a 24 hour basis and will respond to Department scenes when notified. These teams assist and offer emotional support to members involved in performance-of-duty shootings, major disasters, and other critical or crisis situations. The MPEAP is headed by Doctor Beverly Anderson, otherwise known as Bev. Bev and her team go far above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the members of the MPD are emotionally healthy and ready to serve the residents and visitors to Washington D.C.



COP MEDAL OF MERIT

DC OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rashee Kumar and Argatonia Weatherington

Rashee Kumar and Argatonia Weatherington are attorneys assigned to the Neighborhood and Victim Services Section of the DC Office of the Attorney General, and work closely with the Department to aggressively abate nuisance properties. They routinely meet with members of MPD to review search warrants and other enforcement matters, attend MPD PSA meetings to educate members of the community about assistance and resources available to resolve community issues. These two dedicated attorneys have been instrumental in holding landlords accountable when their tenants have been conducting illegal activities on their properties. Also, their office was also able to assist with the Sursum Corda complex, which now maintains security cameras with a live feed that is viewable by MPD. Their professionalism, passion and dedication are credited with helping to improve the quality of life for the residents of our city.



SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION/FIFTH DISTRICT

Detective Sergeant Michael Boland

Detective Sergeant Mike Boland is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division 5th District Detective Unit. He has been one of the most energetic and hardest working members of CID and the Metropolitan Police Department for all of 2015. In August of 2015, he assumed the duties of Acting Lieutenant of the 5th District Detectives Office. He became responsible for the complete operation of that unit and the personnel assigned there. Sergeant Boland was also solely responsible for overseeing all criminal investigations in the Fifth Police District. He did not hesitate to lead the way. While serving as a sergeant and acting lieutenant he has outperformed many of his peers and supervisors. He has brought excellence and a highly valued work ethic to the unit. In the past 90 days his unit has closed multiple complicated investigations under his leadership to include shootings, armed robberies of both citizens and establishments, violent assaults, burglaries and numerous other offenses. Sergeant Boland keeps his subordinates motivated with a highly energetic approach to his position that transfers to his team and beyond. He is responsive and proactive to crime and crime trends never needing direction in a criminal investigation but taking the necessary incentive to direct his subordinates to the quickest most efficient route to solve crime and bring perpetrators to justice. Sergeant Boland never has to be told what to do but gives his supervisors a list of what he and his unit have already done to further a case.

Sergeant Boland is there for his team; he keeps the 5th District Detective's office well informed and is great at communicating what needs correcting and what the team can do better.



LIEUTENANT OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT DETECTIVES UNIT

Lieutenant Ramey Kyle

Lieutenant Ramey Kyle was assigned to 3rd District Detectives Unit in 2015. Lieutenant Kyle performed well above and beyond while at 3DDU. He kept his team motivated and productive. Lieutenant Kyle was always on top of emerging crime patterns and issues and was prepared to always address current trends and issues within the 3rd Police District. During the summer of 2015 the 7th Police District experienced a large spike in violent crime to include homicides and shootings. The 7th District Detectives office had been overwhelmed with investigations.

In August of 2015 Lieutenant Kyle was reassigned to the 7th District Detectives Office with the purpose of addressing violent crime in the district and rejuvenating detectives office. Within a very short time, Lieutenant Kyle established a direction and attitude change for the unit. Lieutenant Kyle quickly made some key personnel changes in conjunction with the command staff of CID. He brought professionalism and dedication to his position. A breath of fresh air come over the unit and very quickly the unit started to function as a cohesive and dedicated unit. The investigative work increased tremendously as did the professionalism of everyone within the unit. Although still facing heavy caseloads, the unit started to close serious violent offenses and started to make a real difference in the 7th District Crime rates. The neighborhoods that were torn apart by violence were taken back from those elements that attempted to hold them hostage.



CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

NARCOTICS AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Captain Renato Caldwell

Captain Renato Caldwell displayed a phenomenal effort in 2015 in his dedication to the formation, implementation and creation of the department's newly formed Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU).

Captain Caldwell has been transformative in his efforts to bring the Criminal Interdiction Unit to a place that serves as a role model for other units and agencies. Captain Caldwell is very dedicated to the daily operations of the CIU, oversees and manages all deployments and operations with a keen examination for details and accomplishes mission success with his positive managerial style.

Captain Caldwell is a role model for his subordinates and constantly challenges them to better the unit and themselves through daily subordinate development initiatives. Captain Caldwell clearly has his finger on the pulse of the Unit and its activities and never waivers in his attempt to bring a cohesion and purposeful work products to the table.

Captain Caldwell's leadership has been responsible for the success of one of the Departments greatest units and within their first 10 months, yielding awesome results and accomplishments.

During this time period, Captain Caldwell's leadership, the unit to made [141] criminal arrests [21 for robbery & 41 for gun offenses], obtain and execute [29] search warrants, recover [64] illegal firearms, seize \$36,200 dollars in illegal drugs and most impressively, cultivate [50] confidential informants.

Captain Caldwell's bigger than life persona, leadership skills and overall work ethic is a prime example of how MPD's management should work to foster productivity, enhance morale and encourage others to strive in their professional development.



INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU/THIRD DISTRICT

Commander Stuart Emerman

Commander Emerman was an effective and energetic leader with oversight responsibility of two of the Metropolitan Police Department's integral units, Tactical Information Division and the Command Information Center. The commander effective leadership was instrumental in the successful planning an operation of numerous special events in 2015, the biggest of which was the PapalVisit. Commander Emerman is an energetic leader who lead members of TID and CIB by his example. His hard work and dedication was followed by those under his command and led to a successful 2015 for the units he led.

Then, Commander Emerman was assigned to the Homeland Security Bureau [HSB] where he served as the Executive Officer. Responsible for the management and oversight of the Command Information Center [CIC], Teletype and Joint Operations Command Center[JOCC] functions, as well as the Crime Research Analyst Unit. The CIC, Teletype, JOCC, and Criminal Research Specialists serve the seven police districts, and are the backbone for sharing of information across not only MPD but other law enforcement agencies.

He allowed his managers to run their shifts as they deemed necessary. His personality is one that promotes willingness and a desire to excel professionally. His leadership qualities foster a desire for all personnel assigned under his command to perform at an elevated level..



COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

SIXTH DISTRICT

Commander David Taylor

Commander Taylor, the Commanding Officer of the 6th District in 2015, was instrumental in the District's many successes. Under his leadership, the 6th District achieved a remarkable 12% decrease in crime during 2015. He has implemented innovative and aggressive crime suppression initiatives to deter crime. Commander Taylor is committed to mentoring youth, and has organized several programs along with the District's outreach team. He also maintains strong community engagement, and is always accessible to both the community and his officers.



DEBORAH ENNIS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

FLEET SERVICES BRANCH

Greg Hester

Mr. Greg Hester has been the FMD manager for the past 10 years and has managed the 1662 vehicle fleet and its 13 million dollar budget. In 2015 Mr. Hester also was instrumental in purchasing new mountain bikes and segways for MPD as well as ensuring that 94% of the fleet was operational on any given day. Mr. Hester often takes it upon himself to research new vehicles, motorcycles and equipment and make recommendations to the Chief of Police on the best and safest equipment for MPD. He provides data on traffic crashes and analysis to assist in reducing these work place accidents. Mr. Hester also steps up every time there is a major event in DC by keeping his staff and operations running to ensure the officers can access the fleet for needed repairs and keeps down time to MPD vehicles at a minimum. He is always ready to offer guidance on fleet issues. His dedication and professionalism is beyond reproach. He always takes on new challenges and works tirelessly to resolve issues. For these reasons, Mr. Greg Hester is MPD's Civilian Employee of the year.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Jeffrey Brown

In calendar year 2015, Officer Jeffrey Brown excelled as PSA 604 Traffic Officer in the Sixth District. Moreover, PSA 604 had an overall crime reduction of 18%. Officer Brown's traffic enforcement engagements surely aided in the overall reduction of crime in PSA 604. Officer Brown was visible and focused on all major thoroughfares within PSA 604. He made the roads in the Sixth District safer. Officer Brown had a total of 203 arrests. He wrote 1,085 moving NOIs, 195 parking NOIs and 199 warning NOIs. Officer Brown's labors were exemplary. Officer Brown's traffic enforcement actions serve as an astonishing example of how service to the community is a priority and how it should be emulated by his peers.



DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

SEX OFFENSES SECTION

Detective Lenard Jenkins

Detective Jenkins of the Sexual Assault Unit, was assigned as the lead detective in a case where a medical professional, sexually assaulted his patients. Through the efforts of Detective Jenkins, he was able to identify four District of Columbia residents and one person in a neighboring jurisdiction as victims of the medical professional. Detective Jenkins' exemplary investigative skills and dogged determination, culminated with the arrest of the suspect and he was charged in each of these cases. In coordination with the United States Attorney's Office, Detective Jenkins is continuing the investigation against the defendant, in pursuit of additional victims.



CRIME SUPPRESSION AWARD

FIFTH DISTRICT

Crime Suppression Team

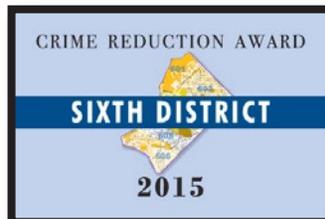
In 2015, the Fifth District Crime Suppression Team made 511 Arrest, executed 83 search warrants, recovered 62 guns, seized \$73, 684.00 in US Currency and 31 vehicles. The 511 arrests were for all types of crimes plaguing the neighborhoods of the Fifth District to include Robbery, ADW, Burglary, UCSA Distribution of Crack Cocaine, Heroin, PCP, marijuana and Synthetic Marijuana. The team also authored numerous custody orders and arrest warrants. Other arrests involved motor vehicle related offenses, parole/probation violations, gambling, and other quality of life offences. The high quality of police work that the Fifth District CST Unit provides has had a direct positive impact in making the streets safer for the residents and business owners in the Fifth District.

CRIME REDUCTION AWARD

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU

Sixth District

The Sixth District finished 2015 as it had started the year, by leading the city in crime reduction. This year round success resulted in a double digit reduction of over 12% for all crimes; 26% reduction in violent crime and 5% reduction in property crime. Let's give Commander Taylor and the members of the Sixth District a round of applause.



PATROL SERVICES AREA OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU/SEVENTH DISTRICT

PSA 702

Seventh District Patrol Service Area 702 has been selected as PSA of the Year. One of the busiest PSAs in the city, PSA 702 was able to achieve an impressive reduction in several areas. They registered a year end reduction of 30% in robberies; 53% decrease in burglaries; and 39% decrease in Assault With Deadly Weapon. PSA 702 has a strong level of community support and engagement. They utilize various deployment methods to include footbeat officers. PSA 702 has implemented several successful crime plans to ensure safety and enhance the quality of life in this busy PSA. For the professionalism and hard work of their officers, PSA 702 is the PSA of the Year.





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