



Annual Awards Ceremony

TUESDAY, MARCH 27th, 2018

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

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DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM | EVENT STARTS AT 7 PM



Peter Newsham
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.



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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Welcome to the Eighteenth 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.

Welcome Remarks Erin Como, Master of Ceremonies
Fox 5 News

Presentation of Colors MPD Honor Guard

National Anthem Tanya Shoucair

Invocation Chaplin Jonathan Rosnick

Presentation of Awards

Bureau Employees of the Year – Sworn	Detective of the Year
Bureau Employees of the Year – Civilian	Sergeant of the Year
District Officers of the Year	Lieutenant of the Year
District Detectives of the Year	Captain of the Year
Youth Division Detective of the Year	Inspector of the Year
Homicide Detective of the Year	Commander of the Year
Community Policing Award	Chief of Police Medal of Merit
Joseph Pozell Reserve Member of the Year	Citizen of the Year
Citizen Volunteer Corps Member of the Year	Deborah Ennis Civilian Employee of the Year
Crime Suppression Team Award	Officer of the Year
Crime Reduction Award	Sons of the American Revolution Award
Patrol Services Area of the Year	Chief of Police Special Award
School Resource Officer of the Year	Medal of Valor Award
NSID Officer of the Year	Blue Badge Medal

Closing Remarks Chief Peter Newsham

Benediction Chaplin Jonathan Rosnick

SWORN BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE/DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING UNIT

Officers Myra Jordan and Tayna Ellis

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit (DDHU) is beyond compare worldwide, as demonstrated by countless examples of the units' selfless dedication, creativity, and service. Officers Myra Jordan and Tayna Ellis go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that members of this community are properly served, protected, and have access to all MPD services. In addition to the standard duties of any MPD member, the DDHU responds to calls for service and assists anytime a member of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community is involved as a victim, suspect, or witness and they develop and provide training to other MPD personnel and other members of law enforcement in order to improve communication with members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and the various services and technologies available to assist them with their duties.



HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

Officer Anthony Turner

As a member of the Intelligence Branch's Gang Intelligence Unit, Officer Anthony Turner's expertise, knowledge, and leadership has been instrumental in providing quality information and intelligence to the other units within the Metropolitan Police Department to help them reduce crime and close cases. Officer Turner's duties and responsibilities involve obtaining information and intelligence on the juvenile gang and crew members who reside in and attend schools within the District of Columbia. He works within various other units within MPD such as the Schools Security Branch and Youth and Family Services Division as well as outside agencies such as D.C. Public Schools to identify "at risk" and conduct home visits and follow ups to quash neighborhood or school-based conflicts and provide them with alternatives than to join gangs. Officer Turner's exceptional knowledge and work has undoubtedly led to a significant decrease in school and neighborhood-based youth violence and has assisted the District Detectives' Unit and Youth and Family Services Division to close numerous cases. These outstanding contributions by Officer Turner have helped to provide a safer educational environment for the District of Columbia's youth.



May 18, 2006

SWORN BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Officer Nisa Boone

Officer Nisa Boone has become an integral part of the Internal Affairs Division. Without her sustained and superior performance, the division would not operate at such a high level. She is one of the most dedicated employees the bureau has, and this nomination serves to ensure she is recognized for all that she does to help us achieve the mission every day.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Captain Durriyyah Habeebullah

Throughout calendar year 2017, Captain Durriyyah Habeebullah was a lynchpin in the management and daily operations of the Metropolitan Police Academy (MPA). She completes multiple tasks which have nothing to do with one another, is able to think quickly on her feet and provide guidance to others when asked, and always presents a professional demeanor. She is also an excellent role model for new recruits. During the past year, Captain Habeebullah assisted with the development, administration, and scoring of the Investigator and Detective Grade One selection processes, which took countless hours while balancing her work at the MPA. In 2017 she attended the FBI Academy. She was also assisted with the administration of the 2017 promotional selection process.



CORPORATE SUPPORT BUREAU

Sergeant Edward Gibson

As the supervisor of Security Officers Management Branch (SOMB), Sergeant Gibson is called upon to interface with hundreds of security officers, security managers, citizens, and be the face of the Department's oversight and regulation of the security industry. He enthusiastically leads his team while investigating hundreds of incidents involving the security industry, conducting on-site enforcement actions, and reviewing thousands of criminal history reports to make sure that only qualified people receive security licenses. Sergeant Gibson provides expert knowledge regarding the security industry and the D.C. laws governing to citizens, security industry members, government agencies, and the United States Attorney's Office. He can always be counted on to be responsive whether on-duty or off-duty, responding to call-back incidents at all hours of the day and night.



SWORN BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Detective Cristen Modlin

Detective Cristen Modlin has been a reliable and dependable detective. She receives difficult cases due to her passionate working nature and ability to close cases in a timely manner. Detective Modlin also shows the ability to lead. She has been tasked on numerous occasions as the acting supervisor, where she excels with her peers. Detective's Modlin's outstanding attitude everyday makes her a respected member of the team.



PATROL SERVICES BUREAU — SOUTH

Captain Ralph McLean

Captain Ralph McLean, a 35-year veteran of the MPD, brought a wealth of knowledge and experience with him to Patrol Services South. In his previous assignments throughout the agency, he has maintained a strong work ethic and dedication to duty. In his role as the Executive Officer for Patrol Services South, he has specifically focused on leadership development of bureau employees, being administratively efficient, by helping to reduce the district administrative workload, and demonstrating care and concern for the members of the bureau. Capt. McLean is a dedicated employee and is driven to ensure that the strong values of MPD are reflected in his day to day interactions with members of the bureau, command staff, and the general public. He truly embodies the MPD motto, we are here to help.



PATROL SERVICES BUREAU — NORTH

Captain David Sledge

Captain David Sledge has stood apart from his peers in deploying the Police Department's Community Policing Strategy. His duties include day to day oversight of Patrol North administrative operations, ensuring crime plans; community interactions, training and the vision for Patrol Services North are achieved. He facilitated daily police-citizen interactions in some of the most difficult situations. He has proven himself to be self-motivated and dedicated to this agency. For over 30 years, Captain Sledge has been a dedicated member of the MPD. Captain goes above and beyond in support of the MPD mission to protect and serve the public. Captain Sledge has reviewed thousands of correspondence and successfully reduced the backlog of investigations by 50%. He attended a multitude of community events throughout the city and promotes positive change within our communities and organization.



CIVILIAN BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Karimah Bilal

Karimah Bilal continues to thrive in the fast paced environment that the Media Relations and Public Affairs team operates in and does so with a level of professionalism and energy that deserves recognition. The fundamental element of her position is to effectively communicate with audiences both internally and externally and she has done so at a high level, many times with a national audience. She maintains a sense of motivation for career growth while advancing the office on behalf of everyone that works for MPD. Karimah is a dedicated employee that repeatedly excels in assigned tasks and will frequently propose new ideas/strategies to be implemented.



CORPORATE SUPPORT BUREAU

Kim Lazo

Kim Lazo provides major support for the MPD Fleet. Kim constantly goes above and beyond to ensure the customers needing Fleet are handled accordingly, timely and with a great smile. Kim handles all the behind the scenes Fleet support, which includes fleet fueling issues for approximately 1400 vehicles. Kim is a great and fantastic employee. She always has a laugh and a smile, no matter the situation or circumstance. Kim is an outstanding employee who exceeds her duties to assist the members of MPD and the Fleet organization. Kim continually improves her job knowledge and functions for the support of the Fleet organization and MPD.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Paul Riordan

The Metropolitan Police Department physical training program was in need of updating and innovation. Then, Sergeant Patrick Loftus was assigned the daunting project; he eventually chose Mr. Paul Riordan to assist him. Sergeant Loftus recognized Mr. Riordan's knowledge, commitment and passion to the overall mental and physical health of MPD members and together, they researched and developed an innovative and progressive approach. Internally, the two developed a new and innovative regimen. Mr. Paul Riordan and then Sergeant Patrick Loftus modified the Department's new Health and Wellness Performance and new recruit physical assessment and defensive tactics programs.



CIVILIAN BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU — SOUTH

Esteban Beamon

In 2017, Esteban Beamon was the Training Coordinator for the 7th District. Because of his dedication and planning, 7D members completed all PDT and Range Training by the end of November 2017 making 7D the first District to do so. Mr. Beamon also volunteered to be the 7D Coordinator for the Special Olympics Torch Run. 7D's participation and donations were exponentially higher than 2016 due to Mr. Beamon's efforts. The event was a great success for all. Mr. Beamon is a team player and embodies the 7D philosophy of teamwork. Mr. Beamon is always professional and is willing to help with anything that he can to ensure that the 7D team is efficient and up to date with the latest training available.



PATROL SERVICES BUREAU — NORTH

Brenda Smith

Brenda Smith is very dedicated to duty. She has proposed general orders for the MPD as it pertains to Reimbursable Details. She has also proposed training modules within the MPD Online Learning System and General Order recommendations to make the RDO Program one of the best run programs in the nation. Ms. Smith works in close concert with the Director of ABRA. She has assisted ABRA in identifying owners who are conducting fraudulent practices and also reviews and provides input on legislative matters. She also testified at ABRA hearings and provides detailed reports of those who are in violation. She also tracks all MPD members who work the detail and ensures they are compliant to safeguard all regulatory mandates as it pertains to these licensed establishments. She compiles data and ensures that Fact Finding Memos are prepared in an effort to minimize criminal activity that could plague our city. In addition, she tracks discrepancies for club owners and always mitigates these concerns. Ms. Smith provides clear and concise articulations of any problem and follows through to ensure there is a proposed solution. She does not waiver until the problem has been resolved. Although Ms. Smith has only been with the MPD for a short span of time, she has been extremely dedicated to duty and always wanting to learn more. Her passion to make our patrons who attends clubs safer is paramount.



MPD Seventh District

May 18, 2006

CIVILIAN BUREAU EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Brianna Randall

As a Legal Assistant, Brianna Randall has consistently performed exceptional work for the Court Liaison Division (CLD), including quickly learning new skills and applying them to succeed in several different units within CLD while increasing the effectiveness of the division. Ms. Randall has proven to be a diligent member of CLD who provides ideas to her supervisors and CLD staff to improve CLD operations, and the CANS System making it more effective and efficient. Brianna seeks out opportunities to learn new skills and even signs up for trainings to develop her skills to provide outstanding service and assistance for the MPD and CLD internally to MPD members and to external agencies as needed.



HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

Adam DeLuca

Adam DeLuca, the newly promoted supervisor for the Investigative Support Section (ISS), has been integral in developing new processes. Over the past year, he has assisted in the interviewing and hiring of new personnel assigned to the Investigative Support Section and the Command Information Center. Throughout his time with the department, Mr. DeLuca has been dedicated and passionate about his work. He continuously looks for ways to close the gaps in the intelligence cycle and bring innovative ideas to investigations and policing.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Carla Okonkwo

Carla Okonkwo supervises the Family Liaison Specialists Unit. She has been a victim services professional for almost 30 years and exhibits a high degree of understanding of the importance of working with victims of crime—particularly survivors of homicides. She readily exceeds expectations by making sure survivors of homicide are provided support, education, encouragement, and information about victim rights and services. Mrs. Okonkwo develops employees and encourages them to attain their next level of work performance. A supervisor who leads by example through strong ethics and dedication, Ms. Okonkwo is certainly worthy of celebrating. Carla Okonkwo exemplifies outstanding leadership, customer service and dedication to victims of crime.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Daniel Koch

Officer Daniel Koch has been a member of the Metropolitan Police Department and assigned to the First District since October 19, 2016. Following his probationary period, Officer Koch spent 2017 dedicating himself to his work at the First District where he is frequently asking to be assigned to special projects and works tirelessly to serve Sector Two. Shortly after working in the First District, Officer Koch was approached by his supervisors and asked if he would serve on a special Robbery Suppression Unit, dedicated to focusing on violent crime. Officer Koch did not hesitate and showed excitement with the new opportunity.



On November 14, 2017, Officer Koch responded to the report of a robbery. Once in the scene, Officer Koch discovered that two unknown suspects approached a 12 year-old on his way home from school and assaulted him took the victim's cell phone before fleeing the scene. Officer Koch conducted a follow up with the victim's father who stated that his son's phone was being used by one of the suspects. The father also added that the suspect took numerous "selfies" while using the stolen cell phone. Officer Koch worked relentlessly to the find the suspect and over a month after the offense, he was successful. Officer Koch recognized the unknown individual from the photographs, and after identifying the individual, was able to secure an arrest warrant for the juvenile.

Officer Koch has spent extensive time identifying robbery suspects and is frequently called to provide intelligence and information regarding issues on his beat. He knows all the criminal players and citizens that can provide information. In 2017, within his first full year of becoming an officer, Officer Koch made 32 arrests, of which most were in areas he was deployed to specifically provide enforcement.

SECOND DISTRICT

Officer Shaun Webb

Officer Shaun Webb of the Second District has been with the 2D for eleven years. He is an outstanding officer who has set a great example for his fellow officers. Officer Webb is always prepared for work, he makes quality arrests and is a team player. He has set a great example of what community policing is and his efforts in the community are appreciated.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Officer Perry Morgan

Officer Perry Morgan of the Third District is a valuable asset to 3D and is highly regarded throughout the District. Officer Morgan is an outstanding field training officer, who helps recruits become effective and competent police officers. Officer Morgan works independently, never questions his assignments, takes them without issue, and performs at a high standard. Officer Morgan is punctual, competent and capable, and is one the Third District's best officers.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Meghan Murrock

In 2017, Officer Meghan Murrock of the Fourth District was an integral part of the Fourth District's Crime Suppression Team (CST). She personally obtained over 30 search warrants, recovered numerous firearms, and made dozens of felony arrests as a member of the 4D CST. Her efforts significantly contributed to the success of the 4D CST. This success is evidenced by the 22% decrease in violent crime within the Fourth District when compared with violent crime in 2016.

In addition to obtaining search warrants, making numerous arrests, and recovering multiple firearms, Officer Murrock also served as the 4D CST's unofficial "Intelligence Officer". She is considered an expert in matters related to social media, and is often contacted by both District Detectives and members of the Intelligence Branch for assistance in gaining information from these sites. Officer Murrock also works tirelessly to maintain and update the Fourth District's Gang and Crew Database, which includes updating the release status of known offenders, as well as their release conditions. She has provided intelligence to other units and agencies to solve major crimes such as the MPD Violent Crimes Branch, Montgomery County Police Department, Prince George's County Police Department, Metro Transit Police Department, the U.S. Alcohol Tobacco and Firearm agency, and the U.S. Park Police.



DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer Marshall Boykins

Officer Marshall Boykins of the Fifth district has been a role model officer in his PSA (503). Officer Boykins is also a field training officer that trains officers on a day-to-day basis. Officers look up to Officer Boykins for guidance on a daily basis.

PSA 503 was plagued with package thefts in the weeks leading up into the holidays in 2017. Due to Officer Boykins' key sense of observation and perception, he was able to apprehend the suspect in these cases. Officer Boykins made the arrest which closed out these cases.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer Leah Prentice

On October 14, 2017, Officer Prentice of the Sixth District gave chest compressions to a 69 year-old man who was having trouble breathing. The man was subsequently transported to Washington Hospital Center where he survived his medical emergency. Previously, in 2017, Officer Prentice performed lifesaving techniques when she responded to a stabbing. During the incident, she located the victim who was suffering from a stab wound to his neck, placed a towel on the victim's wound, and applied pressure for several minutes until emergency medical teams arrived. The victim survived his assault due to the quick action of Officer Prentice.

Officer Prentice has been nominated for Crisis Intervention Officer of the Year. She continues to make citizen safety her top priority and engages the community in which she works. In addition to her deep commitment to the citizens' welfare in the community, she is proactive in policing her area and has made numerous felony arrests this year, including a gun recovery. She has distinguished herself through operational focus, initiative, and dedication to the Chief's objectives of safety, positive community relations, and the recovery of guns in DC.



SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer Howard Anderson

Officer Howard Anderson of the Seventh District made a direct impact on the crime in the summer crime initiative area making arrests for Murder, Burglary, Robbery, and Carjacking. Officer Anderson was directly involved in several arrests which removed violent felons off the streets to make the Seventh District, and D.C., safer.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Detective Raymond Stargel

Senior Police Officer (formerly Detective) Raymond Stargel has been an integral part of the First District Detectives Office for over fifteen years. SPO Stargel's knowledge, experience, uncanny memory and attention to detail have made him an indispensable resource to officers, fellow detectives and officials. He is recognized by all as a leader and mentor. Primarily assigned cases in the Southeast quadrant of the First District, SPO Stargel was assigned 93 robbery cases in 2017. Through investigation, working closely with other detectives and investigative units both inside the District and outside our jurisdiction, he closed 15 of those robbery cases and worked with patrol officers to close 23 more robberies on the scene immediately after the offenses occurred. His 40 percent closure rate in robberies in 2017 is evidence of his persistence. His hard work is also reflected in an overall 40 percent decrease in robberies in the First District Southeast quadrant between 2016 and 2017.



SECOND DISTRICT

Detective James O'Bannon

Detective James O'Bannon demonstrates a strong investigatory skill level, knowledge, commitment, and a work ethic to handle the demands of investigating violent crimes. He works his assignments with diligence, utilizing the community, patrol officers, and department resources to bring closure to his cases and the conviction of the criminals. He treats his victims and witnesses in a respectful, responsive, and compassionate manner.

Detective O'Bannon's exemplary work performance and commitment to his duties, while utilizing MPD resources and working with the community, patrol members, social media, law enforcement databases, the victim, and witnesses diligently assists the Department with bringing dangerous criminals to justice.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

THIRD DISTRICT

Detective Alfonso Matos

Detective Alfonso Matos from the Third District has closed several felony cases due to his attention to detail and relentless pursuit of those that committed offenses. One example is a burglar that confessed to 8 burglaries.

During the summer of 2017, a suspect was caught on residential surveillance footage taking two laptop computers and other personal items while the occupants were sleeping. Detective Matos subsequently arrested and interviewed the suspect. The suspect confessed to a total of eight burglaries in the Third District area. Detective Matos great investigative work successfully brought this suspect to justice.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Detective Joseph Bohler

Detective Joseph Bohler is a lead Burglary detective with the Fourth District who does outstanding work in investigating and closing cases and is dedicated to helping his fellow co-workers ensure the job gets done.

Throughout 2017, Detective Bohler has been assigned to investigate numerous cases. Most of Bohler's cases involve a suspect that has committed a crime against a person's property. Many times during the commission of these crimes the victims are present at the time of a break in. These cases typically leave the victim traumatized from the event or in some cases physically injured. Detective Bohler works tirelessly on each of his cases and exhausts all leads in an effort to bring the suspect to justice. Bohler refuses to give up on cases and ensures that no stones are left un-turned to catch the suspects. In total Detective Bohler has closed 66 cases this year. One of Detective Bohler's significant arrests involved a suspect that Detective Bohler was able to link to four cases within the Fourth District.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

FIFTH DISTRICT

Detective Sidney Catlett

During 2017, Detective Sidney Catlett has investigated several high profile cases ranging from a rash of commercial robberies to serious assaults, where the victim suffered serious life threatening injuries.

Detective Catlett's persistent work on these cases has led to the eventual apprehension of the suspect(s). Once the suspect(s) is/are apprehended, Detective Catlett's calm and empathetic approach to interviewing the suspect(s) commonly leads to the suspect's confession for most of these incidents. He extends his professionalism to the victims of these crimes as well. His visits to residences and businesses, where he follows-up with victims, is true to the MPD motto, "We are here to help". With each visit, he ensures the parties involved know his name, his contact number and understand that he is working hard on the case. Detective Catlett has been a source of great pride to the community, our department, and to the citizens of the District of Columbia. His dedication and commitment has been exemplary for the year and has earned him the coveted title of detective of the year for the Fifth District Detectives Unit.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Detective Simon Yammine

Detective Simon Yammine of the Sixth District exhibits a great deal of professionalism and can be counted on to assist others whenever the need arises.

Detective Yammine is a great asset to the Sixth District Detectives Office and provides support, assistance, and guidance to his peers and to new investigators by sharing his experience and knowledge whenever needed. Detective Yammine always exhibits a positive attitude and a willingness to help. When called upon by supervisors, Detective Yammine will pitch in without complainant. Detective Yammine's positive attitude and pleasant disposition is a welcome asset to the office.



DISTRICT DETECTIVES OF THE YEAR

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Detective Konrad Olszak

As a part of the Seventh District Detectives Unit, Detective Konrad Olszak continuously shows an extraordinary commitment to the citizens of the Seventh District and the District of Columbia.

Detective Olszak was responsible for closing many serious crimes that occurred in the Seventh District, which include 24 Robbery/carjackings, two (2) Burglaries, twelve (12) Assaults with a Deadly Weapon, and two (2) Assaults with an Intent to Kill. Detective Olszak has closed numerous cases within hours of being called to a scene. One such example was when Detective Olszak identified the suspect and closed the high profile P.G. County murder of a 65 year-old carjacking shooting victim within hours.



YOUTH DIVISION DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

Detective Sean McClosky

Detective Sean McCloskey is above and beyond the best, most experienced, most effective, and most committed detective at the Youth and Family Services Division (YFSD). Detective Sean McCloskey handles and investigates high priority and sensitive sexual and physical abuse cases for YFSD. Detective McCloskey has established himself as a superior investigator at YFSD with an impeccable closure rate. Detective McCloskey's caseload, number of arrests, search warrants, and arrest warrants are unmatched at YFSD, specifically during the past year. He has had the largest caseload with 92 cases in 2017, with a 94% closure rate. Detective McCloskey is unselfish in his work and always willing to assist his colleagues.



Detective McCloskey was given a case involving the sexual assault of a teenager by a stranger near Union Station. The case was cold, as it had occurred over a week ago. However, when Detective McCloskey interviewed the complainant, he treated the case with the utmost of importance. Detective McCloskey conducted a thorough investigation, including a walkthrough of the crime scene with the complainant. The complainant observed the suspect at the scene of the crime, and identified him to Detective McCloskey. Detective McCloskey made an immediate arrest, closing the case.

Detective McCloskey is well liked by his peers and easily offers his assistance to other detectives. His wealth of knowledge and expertise in several investigative methods makes him an invaluable resource to the unit. Detective McCloskey requires minimal supervision and goes above and beyond what is expected of him by his supervisors. Detective McCloskey's supervisors regularly receive compliments of him by citizens and by other agency personnel.

Detective McCloskey secured an arrest warrant for a Marine (who was stationed on Bolling Airforce Base) for 1st Degree Cruelty to Child. He was able to deftly and confidently investigate the sensitive case involving a military member hurting his young child, which include broken bones. Detective McCloskey did not waiver when military authorities suggested that they handle the case. He held firm in his dedication to protect children in the District of Columbia.

HOMICIDE DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Detective Gabriel Truby

Detective Truby has displayed an exemplary dedication and commitment to his duties as a homicide detective. Beyond the fact that he has had a 100 percent closure rate for two consecutive years, Detective Truby has a wealth of knowledge and is quick to assist others with their investigations. Detective Truby constantly establishes a great rapport with the families of the victims whose murder he has been tasked to investigate, keeping them apprised of the progress of his investigations. Detective Truby is dependable and has the respect of his peers, supervisors and members of the USAO. He is extremely deserving of being awarded Homicide Detective of the Year.



COMMUNITY POLICING AWARDS

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU — SOUTH

Officer Jason Medina

Officer Jason Medina embodies the spirit of community policing. He not only keeps track of the crime stats in the entire district and assists the captains and lieutenants with their meetings, but he regularly interacts with the community fostering positive connections. Officer Medina is a great mentor to new officers who are new to the Metropolitan Police Department. In fact, years ago, a new officer, who is now a Captain, wanted to learn more about the district she was patrolling and Officer Medina drove her around for hours pointing out the hot spots, areas where citizens had complaints for various issues, and areas where MPD and citizens had cameras in her sector. Officer Medina even introduced the new police officer at the time to community leaders. Officer Medina is an indispensable member of the Sixth District and the Metropolitan Police Department.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Officer James Thomas

Officer James Thomas has proven to be exemplary at championing the philosophy of Community Policing and should be recognized for his commitment. He is passionate, selfless, and dedicated to the residents of the District. Officer Thomas educates the youth on new trends, current topics, and dangerous behaviors that may have an adverse effect on the youths cognitive thought processes, self-esteem, decision making, and engagement in delinquency or recidivism. Outside of the unit programs, Officer Thomas has a group of young men that started attending bible study with him; he even assists Beulah Baptist Church with a host of community events for youth during his off time; and he has recently been instrumental in guiding six youth to the MPD Cadet program. In short, Officer Thomas definitely inspires and guides youth and their families along the correct paths.



JOSEPH POZELL RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU — NORTH

Reserve Officer Zachary Schwartz

Reserve Officer Schwartz is currently the Patrol Services North Official for the Reserve Corps Department. In this capacity, he has demonstrated outstanding leadership on many levels. He and Reserve Officer George Davis co-lead the Leadership Night for the current recruit class in which he answered all of their questions and provided great insight into the life of being a Reserve Corps member. He is an outstanding communicator and is on top of everything with four districts he leads—everything from ticket printers to uniform sizing compliance to vehicles. He is never afraid to jump in and help, and he was one of two officers who worked the Holiday Detail two days before Christmas so that DC citizens could get their last minute shopping done safely. He is well liked and well respected within the Reserve Corps and is always willing to lend a helpful hand when it is needed.



CITIZEN VOLUNTEER CORPS MEMBER OF THE YEAR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON COORDINATOR

Nicholas Koven

Nick Koven has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to the Citizen Volunteer Corps. Nick Koven has been with MPD a little over a year and in that time; he has taken the lead on one of the Citizen Volunteer Corps' most popular initiatives: the launching of the Domestic Violence Liaison position. This position is in partnership with DC SAFE. Nick has taken the lead on managing the logistics for the Domestic Violence Liaison position. Mr. Koven has also been an outstanding Domestic Violence Liaison. He has been an incredible asset to Office of Volunteer Coordination (OVC) and the department; his attitude has never been anything less than extremely positive and he approaches everything with a "can do" mindset.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer Euri Hernandez

Euri Hernandez is an officer in the Seventh District who is specially trained to interact effectively and safely with individuals who may be in a mental health crisis. On June 11, 2017, Officer Euri Hernandez was working the midnight tour of duty when he and his partner were called to respond to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital for a combative patient. When officers arrived, the patient was extremely agitated, using a large piece of wood as a makeshift weapon and demanding the officers shoot him. Without hesitation, Officer Hernandez's specialized training went to work. He was able to calm down the patient who eventually dropped the weapon and sat down. Through his patient and persistent efforts, this officer was able to deescalate a tense and potentially dangerous situation without any serious use of force or injuries to the patient, staff, or other police officers.



CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM AWARD

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU – SOUTH

Seventh District

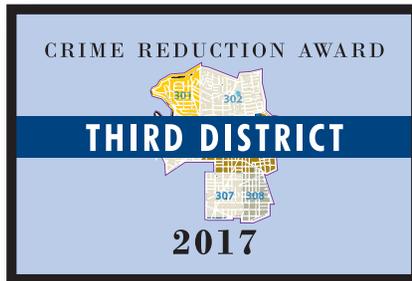
The Seventh District's Crime Suppression Unit is coming off of a very successful and productive year. When Chief Newsham spoke on gun violence and the devastating effect it has on our communities, the unit realized that each illegal weapon taken off of the streets equates to lives saved. The unit was inspired and took Chief Newsham's message to heart and the unit's performance spoke for itself. In 2017, the unit recovered 200 guns and seized over \$43,000 of U.S. Currency, nearly doubling their productivity of the previous year's 109 guns and nearly \$25,000 dollars. During the year, they totaled 270 arrests, executed 62 search warrants and seized 32 vehicles. Their efforts contributed to a 25 percent reduction in violent crime and a 44 percent reduction in robberies involving guns. Their love of the job and commitment to duty cannot be overstated. The unit also promoted a positive image for the Department by engaging in community activities throughout the summer. They played basketball and football with the children of the seventh district and even dissected fish at the Barry Farms Recreation Center.

CRIME REDUCTION AWARD

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU – NORTH

Third District

During 2017, the Third District achieved a 20 percent overall crime reduction, leading the next closest District by 5 percent. The Third District also achieved a 21 percent reduction in violent crime, a 20 percent reduction in property crime, and an overall crime reduction of 20 percent. Every category of crime in the Third District was reduced, to include Homicide (72 percent reduction from 7 cases in 2016 to 2 in 2017), robbery (26 percent), burglary (46 percent reduction) and Theft from auto (30 percent reduction). The efforts of the members of the Third District each day contributed to these dramatic reductions. Through visible policing, positive engagement with the community, and a professional approach to public safety, the Third District made great strides in reducing crime in DC and making it a safe place for all.



PATROL SERVICES AREA OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU – SOUTH

Police Service Area 706

During 2017, the members of PSA 706 worked hard at refocusing as a group, in the areas of community engagement and crime reduction. PSA 706 dedicated themselves to being better engaged with the community they serve and love. They accomplished this by focusing on their customer service skills and commitment to excellence. PSA 706 was able to lower violent crime in the PSA by 32 percent. Additionally, they reduced homicides by 50 percent, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon by 19 percent, and reduced robberies by 53 percent. They even reduced property crime by 12 percent in their PSA. They had decreases in all categories of property crime with significant decreases in Burglaries and Theft from Autos. These efforts were a team effort from every member of PSA 706.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Officer Sharron Artis

Officer Sharron Artis has been doing outstanding work as a School Resource Officer (SRO) since 1997. Officer Artis has earned the name “Mama Artis” by opening doors and paving the way for the youths in D.C. She has established long-term relationships with students, parents and even grandparents. Officer Artis has cemented a solid foundation of trust between law enforcement and youth.

In 1997, Officer Artis started in the school system as an outreach coordinator in Martha Washington Vocational High School. Officer Artis planted seeds with the students by forming trust and reliability which was no easy task. Officer Artis had no idea that these relationships would continue to grow throughout the rest of her career. She continued to build on these very difficult and different relationships both with male and female students, parents, and grandparents.

Officer Artis’ hard work transformed many students into beautiful and blossoming young adults and to her that was rewarding enough. In 2006, when Officer Artis was placed at Dunbar High School, she knew she would miss her students dearly but she would bring with her all the lessons learned over the past decade. Unbeknownst to her, Officer Artis’ work mimicked the new model of the School Resource Officers, to her it came natural. She formed a group at Dunbar for the most troubled female students, called “Ladies of Dunbar”. Officer Artis witness some of her students become college graduates, military personnel, police officers, parents and grandparents. Additionally, she has assisted in closing many criminal and missing person cases. Officer Artis is still participating in numerous programs offered by School Resource Officer program and is very instrumental in the success of the Anacostia Stars Summer Youth Employment Program.



NSID OFFICER OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Officer Sarah Mickey

Officer Sarah Mickey may be quiet and all about business when you meet her, but she is a workhorse for the Gun Recovery Unit and Narcotics and Special Investigations Division (NSID). She routinely assists other agencies, her co-workers, and supervisors with getting the mission accomplished. Further, Officer Mickey is a mentor on her spare time and in the Army Reserve. Officer Sarah Mickey demonstrates outstanding work ethic and commitment to the continued success of the Gun Recovery Unit.



Officer Mickey is a quiet leader amongst her coworkers at the Gun Recovery Unit and within NSID. She is a resource people can rely on for advice and the “go to” person from her supervisors to get the job done. Officer Mickey was the affiant in over thirty search warrants last year which led to the recovery of narcotics and firearms. Further, Officer Mickey has built relationships with other agencies in the area and routinely assists them with identifying their suspects. Officer Mickey works a lot on social media search warrants and recently executed a search warrant which led to the seizure of five guns. Officer Mickey is currently in the Army Reserves and dedicates a lot of time to ensuring their mission is complete, as well. She also is a mentor in the program hosted by D.C. Kids. Officer Mickey has proven she is dedicated to the MPD and her outside goals and continuously works hard to achieve them all.

DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

HOMICIDE BRANCH

Officer Ray Shields

Detective Ray D. Shields joined the police department in 1994 and was assigned to the Third District. Detective Shields was assigned four homicide cases from July through December 2017. Each case offered unique circumstances that presented a challenge to solve. Detective Shields utilized his skills and followed the leads to bring each case to closure. Detective Shields interviewed witnesses, viewed hours of video footage and worked with the U.S. Attorney to secure search warrants.



In one of the cases, both the homicide victim and suspect died on the scene and there were no witnesses. Detective Shields did recover and view video footage from multiple locations that captured portions of the incident. Using his skills, Detective Shields was able to determine and verify the circumstances surrounding the homicide and the case was closed administratively. Detective Shields also secured an arrest warrant for one of his assigned cases that occurred in 2010. In this case, the suspect is currently incarcerated in another jurisdiction and will be transported to face the murder charge upon his release. Detective Shields is an outstanding investigator, is well respected by his peers, and has an impeccable reputation with the USAO.

SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU – NORTH

Sergeant Shawn Rooney

Sergeant Shawn Rooney supervises the Nightlife officers in Adams Morgan and has done so for several years. This is an incredibly difficult task given the extremely high number of alcohol serving establishments in a small geographical area. This is compounded by the large number of complaints and arrests for public intoxication.

Sgt. Rooney is a consummate professional that demonstrates true leadership that inspires the officers while building morale.



LIEUTENANT OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU – SOUTH

Lieutenant John Branch

In 2017, Lieutenant John Branch was assigned to the Seventh District. He has been challenged with a heavy caseload of administrative investigations because he has overseen all the specialized units in 7D. These units generate a large volume of administrative work and he has been able to meet the demand by completing investigations that are sound, well thought out, and on time with little to no need for follow-up or corrections. Lieutenant Branch's leadership over the Crime Suppression Team and Powershift Units lead to the recovery of 300 firearms, a record number in 2017.



The Crime Suppression Unit targeted some of the most violent and most dangerous individuals located in the District of Columbia. Their ability to target and arrest such suspects while keeping the upmost professionalism is a reflection on Lieutenant Branch's leadership. He has chosen to mentor his subordinates and share his extensive knowledge of tactical training with his teams. Lieutenant Branch's never backs down from a challenge or a responsibility. Lieutenant Branch has engaged in community outreach in 7D and shows a clear concern for all the members assigned under him.

CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU – SOUTH

Captain Ramey Kyle

Captain Ramey Kyle has successfully managed a Summer Crime Initiative Area and several initiatives that have improved the performance and efficiency of the Metropolitan Police Department.



Captain Kyle managed Summer Crime Initiative Area and 7D 2. During the initiative, violent crime was reduced by 33%, and overall crime was reduced by 16%. The crime reduction was hard fought, as the initiative turned a double digit violent crime increase into a substantial decrease in a month and a half. Through collaboration with 7D detectives, they were able to end a robbery spree plaguing the Congress Heights neighborhood and dismantle the violent robbery crew responsible.

Captain Kyle also managed 7D Admin, where they were able to clear all overdue administrative investigations and had multiple weeks of zero investigations on the overdue list. This success was something that had not been achieved by any district in memorable history. Captain Kyle also managed the 7D FTO Selection Process. 7D was the only District to complete the processes in the required amount of time and successfully assessed and recommended thirteen officers for various positions. Captain Kyle has also served as the 7D coordinator for the CIGIC pilot program. This program has successfully reduced the amount of time taken for ballistic evidence to be collected, examined, and distributed to detectives for follow-up. This initiative has drastically improved the investigative capabilities of the Criminal Investigations Division and is a model for the rest of the department to follow.

INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Inspector Michael Coligan

Inspector Coligan is an outstanding commanding officer that mentors and guides his troops with professionalism. He is knowledgeable about all aspects of the schools and makes sure that information is relayed to the appropriate command staff.



Inspector Coligan has guided the School Safety Division through the transition from Patrol Services Branch to the Intelligence Services Bureau with great tact and professionalism. He understands the importance of the role that his unit plays in providing public safety throughout the city, fostering positive relations with the students of D.C., and working efficiently with D.C. government agencies. Inspector Coligan can be counted on to provide accurate and timely information that is actionable and promotes safety in the Third District and elsewhere in the city. His officers and officials respect him, and can rely on him for sound judgement and guidance.

COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

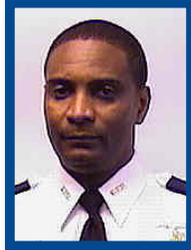
PATROL SERVICES BUREAU – SOUTH | SEVENTH DISTRICT

Commander Regis Bryant

In December 2016, Commander Regis Bryant was assigned to the Seventh District and has since transformed the district, including greatly improving morale, officer productivity, and an increased the recovery of illegal firearms. Under the leadership of Commander Bryant, the Seventh District achieved a 13 percent crime reduction and recovered 413 guns in 2017.

The work at the Seventh District is plentiful and sometimes very challenging. However, under Commander Bryant's leadership, 7D has become a desired assignment for MPD members. Commander Bryant leads by example and routinely models the behavior he expects from his "elite team" at 7D, cultivating an environment of teamwork and trust. He mentors and coaches his subordinates by providing them with the support needed to do their jobs, without micromanaging their efforts. His leadership has made the Seventh District one of the most desirable places to work.

In the short time he has been assigned to the Seventh District, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that the 7D officers are properly recognized for their outstanding law enforcement efforts. In collaboration with several community partners, Commander Bryant hosted several officer appreciation events in 2017 and a Seventh District awards banquet. Commander Bryant has also demonstrated administrative efficiency throughout the year. In 2017, the Seventh District experienced several weeks with zero overdue administrative investigations. Despite the high volume of cases processed in the Seventh District, Commander Bryant ensured the investigations were not only timely, but also consistent with a high administrative quality. Commander Bryant epitomizes community engagement at the highest level and is quick to resolve resident concerns before issues are elevated. Both, young residents and the young at heart have embraced Commander Bryant in his role as District Commander.



CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARDS

DIRECTOR OF FORENSIC SERVICES

Dr. Jenifer Smith

Since her appointment as Director of the Department of Forensic Science, Dr. Smith has been essential to building a strong partnership with the Metropolitan Police Department.

Dr. Smith has been essential in advancing the Department of Forensic Science and assisting the Metropolitan Police Department fulfill its mission. Under Dr. Smith's leadership, the Department of Forensic Science has been able to expedite the examination of ballistic evidence. This has provided faster leads to detectives in order to close cases. Dr. Smith has also greatly improved the efficiency and quality of the Latent Fingerprint Unit and the Forensic Biology Unit. Dr. Smith has been essential in the creation of the Forensic Chemistry Unit which will, in the near future, take on the task of testing narcotics that are recovered in our city.

Her dedication, integrity, leadership, and pride are demonstrated by her unwavering commitment to provide quality and timely service to all criminal justice agencies in the District of Columbia. Dr. Smith has built an excellent reputation with law enforcement agencies, attorneys, and judges. She is a dedicated employee who upholds the highest standards while consistently ensuring those under her leadership are providing exceptional service.



CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jim Berry

James D. Berry, Jr. has been an invaluable partner and devoted supporter of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for many years. Mr. Berry has long-served as the Chairperson of the Chief's Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), which provides the Chief with the community's perspective, input, and advice on matters affecting the entire Department. His work as Chair of the Chief's CAC has had a profound impact on the members of MPD and their continued work building safe and strong neighborhoods throughout the city. He also currently serves as the Acting Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)

for the District of Columbia, where he and his team work to enhance public safety, prevent crime, and reduce recidivism. Mr. Berry has a long and distinguished history of public service in Washington, D.C. He has served in leadership roles with civic associations, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the Council for Court Excellence, and the Public Trust for Drug Prevention and Children at Risk, to name just a few. Mr. Berry is recognized for his long service to the community and his deep support of the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department.



CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARDS

US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Rick Tischner

Richard Tischner, known to many of us as Rick, has been with the United States Attorney Office for the past 32 years. He currently serves as the Chief of the Superior Court Division.



During his tenure at the United States Attorney's Office Rick has been a valuable partner with the Metropolitan Police Department. Rick has been essential in the successful prosecution of numerous complex criminal cases. Rick is always available to lend support and assistance when needed- even in the middle of the night - as he did when mass arrests were made during the 2017 Presidential Inauguration.

His professionalism and dedication is an inspiration to others. Whether he is working on a collaborative, such as Project Safe Neighborhoods or reviewing a criminal case, Rick displays an unwavering commitment to the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Brian Ebert

Brian Ebert serves as the Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) of the Washington Field Office of the United States Secret Service. This is the Secret Service's largest and busiest field office with jurisdiction including Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, and Southern Maryland. SAIC Ebert oversees the development and execution of the security plans for National Special Security events that occur in Washington D.C., to include international heads-of-state summits, joint sessions of Congress, and Presidential Inaugurations.



During the 2017 Presidential Inaugural planning process, SAIC Ebert played a key role in coordinating the missions of the USSS and the MPD. Through his leadership and working closely with his law enforcement partners, SAIC Ebert developed the overall USSS security plan, addressing areas that include dignitary protection, transportation, and overall event security. He worked tirelessly to ensure that all of those involved in the planning process were engaged in a coordinated and cooperative effort which resulted in successful event.

CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARDS

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU PLANNING TEAM

Assistant Chief Jeffery Carroll and HSB Planning Team

Assistant chief Carroll was the Department's lead planner and Operations Section Chief for the 2017 Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2017, and also oversaw MPD's presence at the Women's March on Washington on January 21, 2017 and the Right to Life March on January 28, 2017. The Presidential Inauguration itself is a complex event that required many months of planning by District, federal, and regional partners - as well as 3,000 additional officers from around the country. As the main point of coordination, Assistant Chief Carroll managed and oversaw the movement, logistics, and operations of not only MPD personnel on Inauguration Day, but also hundreds of other law enforcement agencies who traveled to Washington, D.C. to support inaugural activities, including the parade. In the months leading up to that weekend, Assistant Chief Carroll and his team worked closely with federal and local stakeholders to outline and confirm requirements, logistical needs, and jurisdictional responsibilities, as well as develop a comprehensive operational plan. During those same months leading up to the Inauguration, the Special Operations Division also planned the logistics and operational plans for both the Women's March and the Right to Life March. As a result of Assistant Chief Carroll's excellent leadership and expertise in coordinating these complex large-scale events that occurred within less than eight days of each other, MPD officers were prepared and well-trained, responding professionally and respectfully to keep safe the collective million or so total participants' at all three events.



DC SAFE ORGANIZATION

DC Safe

The Metropolitan Police Department's Office of Volunteer Coordination (OVC) worked closely with D.C. SAFE throughout 2017 to launch the Domestic Violence Liaison Program. This opportunity allows MPD volunteers to ride along with patrol officers and provide victims of domestic violence with resources and information provided by D.C. SAFE. Volunteers receive over twenty hours of specialized training by D.C. SAFE, in addition to their MPD volunteer training, and sign up for shifts to ride along with officers. Volunteers do not act as law enforcement personnel or advocates, but rather as a liaison between D.C. SAFE, MPD, and domestic violence victims in need of information about services. These volunteers join the ranks of the MPD volunteers and provide critical information and resources to a vulnerable population, thus helping furthering D.C. SAFE and MPD's missions of serving and helping the public. D.C. SAFE was an instrumental partner in designing and providing the comprehensive training for our volunteers. D.C. SAFE and their team were continually enthusiastic and energetic in their desire to provide MPD volunteers training and ensure that we connect victims with resources for domestic violence. To date, over forty volunteers have been trained by D.C. SAFE between the fall 2017 and spring 2018 cohorts.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

PRIVATE CITIZEN

Cathy Cai

On October 20, 2017, Cathy Cai placed herself in danger rendering first aid to her neighbor, who was shot in his upper torso. After hearing the sounds of the gunshots in her neighborhood, Cathy looked out her front window and observed her neighbor bleeding profusely from his chest. She immediately called 911 then ran to aid the victim. Once outside, Cathy administered first aid to the victim, which resulted in saving the victim's life. Prior to the victim falling into an unconscious state, the victim provided the name of the shooter to Ms. Cai. The victim was then transported to an area hospital. The emergency room doctor who treated the victim, informed detectives that it was due to Ms. Cai's immediate first aid to the victim that resulted in saving the victim's life. Further, Ms. Cai provided the name of the suspect as told to her by the victim to detectives investigating the shooting, which aided MPD in obtaining an arrest warrant. The shooter was arrested two short weeks later.

DEBORAH ENNIS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

Diana Havlin

As a crime analyst, intelligence analyst, and former supervisor of the Research and Analytical Services Branch (RASB), Diana's expertise, knowledge, and leadership has been instrumental in both ensuring that MPD was using data-informed approaches on a tactical level with daily decision-making, but also helping to grow and advance the Department's analytical capability. For nearly a year, she led RASB where she mentored analyst, developed innovative approaches for complex analyses and research, improved MPD's data quality, and directly supported the RASB team and the Department in large-scale efforts including the Summer Crime Initiative (SCI) and the Sector roll-out. There have been multiple instances, including trend reports, pattern/ trend analyses, etc., where Diana's products are considered the gold standard, and used as a template for others. She also played an integral role in helping to automate the daily JSTACC report. Additionally, Diana has been instrumental in helping the Department and District understand and respond to the hate crimes that have been occurring over the past year by tracking all hate-bias offenses and incidents and compiling statistics.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Scott Possinger

Officer Possinger joined MPD in November 2015 and has exhibited an uncommon level of dedication and persistence to his duties. Since being assigned to the First District, he has gone above and beyond what could be expected of him at every opportunity. Officer Possinger has demonstrated the ability and willingness to tackle the toughest problems facing his Sector. His work in the last year has been beyond exemplary.

Officer Possinger is a part of a unit that focuses on burglaries and robbery prevention. As part of this dedicated team, Officer Possinger and his partners arrested an individual who admitted to over 15 residential and commercial burglaries. During the debrief, the defendant indicated that he admitted to the additional burglaries because of the officers treated him with respect and dignity.



CHIEF OF POLICE SPECIAL AWARD

VARIOUS MPD MEMBERS

Hurricane Maria Relief Efforts for Puerto Rico

In September 2017, ten MPD members boarded a DC National Guard plane and brought with them medical supplies, food, water, and other necessities. These officers traveled to Puerto Rico to help with the rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Maria left the island devastated. As former police officers in Puerto Rico, these officers were familiar with the landscape, the culture and the people.

Once in Puerto Rico, the officers were assigned to provide humanitarian relief work to the citizens of Puerto Rico and to the officers of the Puerto Rico State Police as they too had been working around the clock with little to no food and water. MPD police split into teams and each day for seven days, they were sent to different parts of the island to help. They navigated their way to towns in the mountains, to coastal cities and to parts of the island that had been hit the hardest, delivering essential supplies to residents and conducting numerous checks on the welfare of elderly and sick residents. Their experiences were documented on MPD's social media platforms and local media outlets but that doesn't do their accomplishments justice. They showed tremendous character and empathy, embodying MPD's "we are here to help" spirit.

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA) / CIVILIANS

Jerome Perkins (WMATA)

Sean Griff (Civilian)

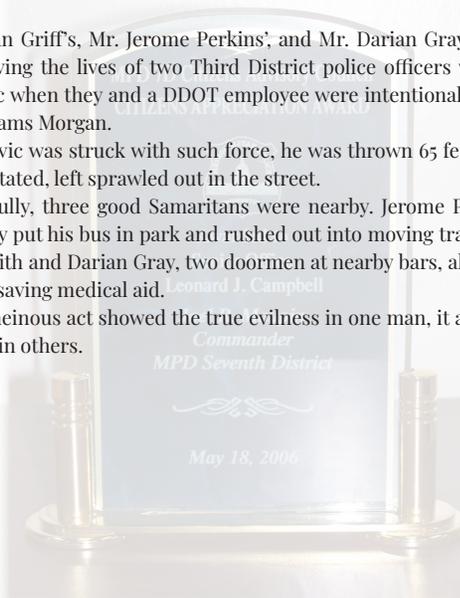
Darian Gray (Civilian)

Mr. Sean Griff's, Mr. Jerome Perkins', and Mr. Darian Gray's swift actions led to saving the lives of two Third District police officers who were directing traffic when they and a DDOT employee were intentionally struck by a truck in Adams Morgan.

Officer Bukvic was struck with such force, he was thrown 65 feet into the air. Both men were incapacitated, left sprawled out in the street.

But, thankfully, three good Samaritans were nearby. Jerome Perkins, a Metrobus driver, immediately put his bus in park and rushed out into moving traffic to check on the officers. Sean Griffith and Darian Gray, two doormen at nearby bars, also abandoned their jobs to provide lifesaving medical aid.

While this heinous act showed the true evilness in one man, it also brought out the genuine humanity in others.



MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU — NORTH

Officer Gregory Kurtz (Third District)

Officer John Muniz (Second District)

Officer Hakeem Ayodeji (Second District)

On June 8, 2017, in Adams Morgan, a truck deliberately struck Officers Bukvic and Duranne while they were directing traffic. Two civilians and a bus driver were able to quickly assist the officers who suffered near fatal injuries. When the radio broadcast was made for “officers down”, Second District Officers Hakeem Ayodeji and John Muniz raced to the scene. Both officers found Third District Officer Gregory Kurtz, alone, with the truck and the two occupants. All three officers worked together to conduct a preliminary investigation. The officers discovered a rifle, an AK-47, and a military-grade automatic rifle, along with a 100-round drum magazine on the back seat of the truck. Also, given the nature of the circumstances and its eerie similarity to other domestic and foreign attacks, several federal agencies took an interest in the case. All three officers risked their own lives to apprehend and arrest the driver of the truck that deliberately ran over and seriously injured Officers Bukvic and Duranne.



BLUE BADGE MEDAL

THIRD DISTRICT NIGHTLIFE UNIT

Officers Alen Bukvic and Richard Duranne

On Thursday evening, June 8, 2017, the Metropolitan Police Department nearly lost two of its finest officers due to the cowardly act of a man who deliberately struck them and a District Department of Transportation Traffic Control Officer with his several ton pickup truck. While this heinous act showed the true evilness in a man, it also brought out the genuine humanity in others, particularly civilians, who readily came to the aid of the downed officers' and the Traffic Control Officer.



Around 9:00 pm, Officers Alen Bukvic and Richard Duranne, who are assigned to the Third District's Adams-Morgan Night Life Unit, observed a traffic backup in the 2400 block of 18th Street, N.W. The officers recognized the inherent safety issues related to traffic congestion in this area, and therefore responded to this location along with the Traffic Control Officer. While Officer Bukvic and Duranne were in the median strip, the pickup truck suddenly veered out of its lane and drove right up the median towards the officers and the Traffic Control Officer. The driver of the pickup truck ran over Officer Duranne and hit Officer Bukvic with such force that he was thrown about 65 feet in the air. Both officers were left sprawled on the street, completely incapacitated. The pickup truck continued on without stopping and struck a recycling truck before it became disabled. Witnesses reported the truck was traveling at about 50 miles per hour when it struck the officers and the Traffic Control Officer.

Upon seeing this, several citizens and other officials immediately came to the aid of the fallen officers and the Traffic Control Officer. Once an officer was able to stop the driver of the truck, both the driver and passenger of the vehicle were extricated from the vehicle. Officers on the scene recovered rifles and a 100 round drum magazine from the backseat of the pickup truck. The driver was charged with three counts of Assault with Intent to Kill and Aggravated Assault while Armed. Also, given the nature of the circumstances and its eerie similarity to other domestic and foreign terrorist attacks, several federal agencies took an interest in the case.

Officers Alen Bukvic and Richard Duranne sustained critical (almost fatal) injuries in the performance of their duties. Both officers are still recovering physically, mentally, and spiritually. Officers Bukvic and Duranne should know how much their presence in the Nightlife unit meant to their colleagues and how much they have been missed. They are part of an elite unit that's dedicated to the safety and welfare of the Adams-Morgan Community. They have received a number of commendations and awards for their individual and unit service to the community. They are duly honored for the sacrifices they have made and MPD wants their families to know how much they are truly appreciated.

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