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A Brief History

In 1790, Maryland and Virginia ceded portions of their territory for the purpose of establishing the Federal City. For the next 10 years, the Federal City was policed by constables appointed by these two states. In 1802, when the original charter of Washington was approved, police authority was centralized and power was granted to the city itself to establish patrols, impose fines, and establish inspection and licensing procedures. Until the creation of the Metropolitan Police Department in 1861, the city had only an auxiliary watch with one captain and 15 policemen.

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln took personal interest in founding a regular police department for the District of Columbia. It was a time of constant danger in the Nation's Capital. With the beginning of the Civil War, an army was billeted in the city, government employees were increased by ten-fold, and hordes of unsavory elements descended upon the District's few square miles. President Lincoln personally dispatched an emissary from the newly created Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners to New York City to become familiar with that system, which itself was based on the world-acclaimed Metropolitan London Police Department.



The ideas and knowledge gained from this study led to the creation of the Metropolitan Police Department on August 6, 1861. In September of that year, attorney William B. Webb was appointed the first Superintendent of the Police, with an authorized force of 10 sergeants and a number of patrolmen as needed, but not to exceed 150. Up to 10 precincts were authorized. The Superintendent of Police was paid \$1,500 annually, with sergeants earning \$600 and patrolmen \$480.

The sergeants and most of the personnel for two precincts were sworn in that September. Officers had to be US citizens, able to read and write the English language, have been DC residents for two years, never convicted of a crime, between 25 and 45 years of age, and at least five feet, six inches tall. The men went to work right away in 12-hour shifts, seven days a week with no days off and no vacations. They were issued neither equipment nor badges, and they had to obtain their own handguns. The first arrest made by a Metropolitan Police officer was on a charge of intoxication.



Program Of Events

Welcome to the Metropolitan Police Department's 23rd Annual 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.

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| Master of Ceremony | Dustin Sternbeck |
| Presentation of Colors | MPD Honor Guard, Pipes & Drums |
| National Anthem Trumpet Soloist | Officer Clifford Vanterpool |
| Invocation | Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo |
| Welcome Remarks. | Chief Robert J. Contee, III |
| Presentation of Awards | |
| COP Special Award Recipients | Youth Division Detective of the Year |
| Sworn Bureau Employees of the Year | Amin Muslim Professional Staff Manager of the Year |
| District Detectives of the Year | Community Policing Award |
| Homicide Detective of the Year | Sergeant of the Year |
| Detective of the Year | Lieutenant of the Year |
| Professional Staff Bureau Employees of the Year | Captain of the Year |
| Deborah Ennis Professional Staff Employee of the Year | Inspector of the Year |
| Cadet of the Year | Commander of the Year |
| Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year | Crime Reduction Award |
| Violent Crime Suppression Division Member of the Year | Violent Crime Reduction Award |
| Special Operations Division Officer of the Year | Unit of the Year |
| Keith Williams School Resource Officer of the Year | PSA of the Year |
| | District Officers of the Year |
| | Officer of the Year |
| Special Remarks. | Mayor Muriel Bowser |
| Closing Remarks | Chief Robert J. Contee, III |
| Benediction. | Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo |



In Memoriam



The Department is saddened to have said goodbye to these members in 2022. Their contributions to our agency were many and varied, and their service to the city will not be forgotten.



Sergeant Lance Andriani



Officer Patrick Shoemaker



Officer Millard Pitts





Donald Graham

Before joining The Washington Post as a reporter in 1971 and holding several news and business positions at the company, Donald Graham wanted to understand the city where he had grown up, so when he returned from serving in Vietnam, where he was drafted to the 1st Cavalry Division during the war, Donald decided to join the DC police department. Because of his appreciation for his hometown, the Department and its members, he helped to finance the DC Police Memorial, which honors fallen police officers. His contributions continue to serve as an inspiration to many members of law enforcement across the city.



Don Blake

After 48 years of law enforcement and security services, Don Blake retired on June 31, 2008. While with MPD, Don received over 100 commendations, including five official recognitions from the Chief of Police, the District of Columbia Award for Meritorious Services, and the Silver Medal of Valor. In 2010, he established the DC Police Memorial and Museum foundation to honor and remember DC Police Officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice. He is a lifetime member of the Department and continues to pave a strong path for law enforcement members to follow.



Matthew Graves

Matthew Graves was confirmed by the United States Senate on October 28, 2021, and sworn in on November 5, 2021, as the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. He first joined the Office in 2007 as a line Assistant United States Attorney, serving with distinction in both the Superior Court and Criminal Divisions. He began his legal career as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Richard W. Roberts, then United States District Court Judge for the District of Columbia. Thereafter, he joined the Washington, DC, office of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now Wilmer Hale). Prior to his nomination and commission as United States Attorney, Matthew was a litigation and compliance partner in the Washington, DC, office of DLA Piper.





COP Special Award Recipients



Jarod A. Forget

Jarod A. Forget is the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Washington DC Field Division. SAC Forget is responsible for expanding the DEA's high level of investigative and regulatory services throughout the community. Jarod and his team at the DEA continue to collaborate with MPD to develop new and innovative ways to combat and protect families against the national fentanyl crisis and violent crime across the region.



David Sundberg

David Sundberg is the assistant director in charge of the Washington Field Office (WFO). He joined the FBI in 2002 as a special agent and was assigned to the Portland Field Office to work on organized crime and drug matters. Prior to joining the FBI, he served as a detective with the Dover Police Department in New Hampshire. David works closely with MPD to reduce the ongoing gun violence problem in the District.



Charles J. Patterson

Charlie Patterson is the Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) – East, Office of Field Operations for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). In this assignment, DAD Patterson is responsible for all ATF criminal enforcement and regulatory functions for 15 States and the District of Columbia. Through his leadership, ATF works collaboratively with MPD to combat violence by targeting illegal firearms in the DC metropolitan area.



EOCOP Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year

Sergeant Ricky Perez

Sergeant Ricky Perez is a tremendous asset to the Strategic Engagement Office. Sergeant Perez has contributed many innovative ideas while serving as Training Coordinator, including developing a new system to track, schedule, and reschedule training. He oversees numerous administrative tasks such as auditing hours, issuing letters to retired reserves, handling investigations, and ensuring the maintenance of reserve vehicles. In addition to his regular duties, Sergeant Perez occasionally joins his fellow MPD officers on patrol, conducts certification rides, and participates in efforts to help boost morale among members of the Department. One of his greatest attributes is that he genuinely cares for the Reserve Corps, which shows in all his work.



HSB Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year

Sergeant Gregory Alemian Sr.

Sergeant Gregory Alemian simultaneously runs three units within the Metropolitan Police Department: the Family Support Team (FST), the MPD Ceremonial Honor Guard and Pipes & Drums, and the Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU). He responds "on call" to the gamut of departmental needs, which are often high-stake and high-profile events. Additionally, he has taken the initiative to transfer his excellence by teaching at the academy. Sergeant Alemian handles workload stress with grace and decorum. He also serves as a pillar in his community, including his status as Den Leader for the Boy Scouts of America.



IAB Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year



Senior Sergeant Gerthaline Pollock

Senior Sergeant Gerthaline Pollock is the impetus of the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Administrative section, always working assiduously to ensure the bureaus' optimal performance. Senior Sergeant Pollock is well-respected and loved by many of her colleagues at MPD, mainly due to her positive attitude, warm smile, and willingness to help her team with any task. She is an inspirational leader who has touched many lives, especially in those she mentored at MPD.

ISB Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year



Officer Denise Hamilton

Officer Denise Hamilton, a veteran of almost 24 years, is one of MPD's most hard-working and dedicated members. She is often the first to arrive in the morning and the last to leave at the end of the day. Officer Hamilton handles several demanding tasks for the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB), including but not limited to monitoring hundreds of administrative emails daily, assigning and tracking investigations, disseminating correspondence, and informing members of drug screenings. The ISB would not be able to function effectively without the commitment and efficiency of Officer Hamilton.

PDB Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year

Sergeant Trina Bruce-Lawson

Sergeant Trina Bruce-Lawson was detailed to the Metropolitan Police Academy (MPA) in May 2022 and then assigned to the Specialized Training Branch as the MPA Range Lead Supervisor in September 2022. Sergeant Bruce-Lawson, trailblazing her way through Department, is the first female Sergeant to lead the MPA Range and has a clear vision of how she wants to strengthen training efforts at the Firearms Section.

A proactive and strategic leader, Sergeant Bruce-Lawson constantly examines how other jurisdictions respond to officer-involved shootings and uses that information to train her team and develop tactics for continuously informing MPD officers of the Use of Force Policy. Sergeant Bruce-Lawson exemplifies the Engaged Workforce's goal of promoting a healthy workforce and encourages her team to exercise often and adopt healthy eating habits for living long-lasting lives.



TASB Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year

Lieutenant Linda Daniels

Lieutenant Linda Daniels is the consummate professional. As the manager of Equipment and Supply, her natural bend as a task-oriented leader allows her to move seamlessly through all the managerial duties associated with her role. In addition to her desire to complete every job efficiently, she has high standards for the quality of her work—her consistent attention to detail and organization skills are traits necessary for ESB's success. Lieutenant Daniels' leadership style is commendable. Her empathy, thoughtfulness, and compassion have earned her the respect and admiration of her team and colleagues and have contributed to the success of MPD.



YFEB Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year



Officer Tamu Moraine

Officer Tamu Moraine provides youth with the tools to turn their lives around. Whether she is planning resume workshops, basketball tournaments, or ensuring a child and their family have food for the holidays, Officer Moraine displays her passion daily. In May 2022, she organized for court-involved youth to make Mother's Day gift baskets for their mothers and grandmothers. Officer Moraine has partnered with MPD members as a mentor to prepare city youth for their futures and discourage recidivism. She strives to mend relationships with the community and build confidence in young people.

PSN Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year



Sergeant Joseph J. Mulcahy

The Fourth District's success this past year is partly due to the exceptional leadership of Sergeant Joseph J. Mulcahy, who leads the administrative office. Sergeant Mulcahy has self-initiated multiple processes, which helped the district operate more efficiently. He also provides excellent direction to the administrative staff for various tasks, including scheduling, fulfilling overtime and training requests, completing monthly and quarterly reports and CDU management/activations, assigning and tracking all IS investigations and so much more. Sergeant Mulcahy is always available to support his team. He maintains an open-door policy to anyone seeking his counsel, even when off duty.



PSS Bureau Sworn Employee of the Year

Sergeant Anthony Walsh

Sergeant Anthony Walsh's 10 years of service with the Department have earned him a wealth of knowledge and experience. As an administrative sergeant, he is integral in streamlining the district's daily operations and fulfilling scheduling and training requirements. With Sergeant Walsh's guidance and leadership, his team improved the effectiveness and transparency of Patrol Services South by frequently producing and distributing administrative products throughout the bureau. In addition to his duties, he oversees the First District Community Outreach Unit, which coordinates dozens of monthly events across the city. Sergeant Walsh continues to be a model employee and ensures that the goals of both the Department and the bureau are consistently met and exceeded.



First District Detective of the Year

Detective Davon Williams

Detective Davon Williams models outstanding investigative skills and teamwork as one of the lead detectives in closing violent crimes, especially robberies. In 2022, he had a closure rate of 60 percent. His attention to detail and ability to navigate effectively in communities throughout the District of Columbia allow him to gain information that leads to identifying a suspect or additional evidence. Detective Williams' humble demeanor and high standards towards his cases have earned the public's trust and appreciation, and respect amongst his peers and officials across the Department.



Second District Detective of the Year



Detective Jennifer Ellis

Detective Jennifer Ellis' dedication to the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia shows in her work performance. With a diverse caseload including everything from investigating Domestic Violence offenses to misdemeanor and felony cases, Detective Ellis consistently excels at case management, closing 70 investigations in 2022.

In addition to being a team player and leader among her peers, Detective Ellis shows profound compassion for the victims of crime by always being available and responsive to inquiries and developments within her cases. Detective Ellis is an integral member of the Second District and the Department.

Third District Detective of the Year



Detective Andrew Shaheen

Detective Andrew Shaheen's vigilance has helped his team make several arrests. His most outstanding performance was when he responded to investigate a robbery on New Year's Eve, where he obtained video of four suspects armed with handguns fleeing in a gray car. Shortly after the incident occurred, there was a shooting of another victim.

Detective Shaheen requested video footage from the crime scene and recognized that it included the vehicle and four suspects from the earlier robbery. Detective Shaheen's remarkable attention to detail and determination make him deserving of recognition.

Fourth District Detective of the Year

Detective Ryan Savoy

At the beginning of 2022, Detective Ryan Savoy was assigned to the Carjacking Task Force to stop and close a pattern of armed robberies and carjackings. Detective Savoy's hard work and investigative skills led to the Grand Jury indictment of the wanted individual. He is a dependable member of his team and is always willing to offer his assistance, whether covering a court hearing or staying late in the office to make sure other detectives do not have to work alone. Detective Savoy is a model detective for the Fourth District.



Fifth District Detective of the Year

Detective JunChou Zhang

Detective JunChou Zhang always strives to do his best and make himself available for his colleagues and officials alike. Detective Zhang always has a can-do attitude and will volunteer for anything that helps the team. His case management is unmatched in both investigations and professionalism. During this year, Detective Zhang completed the testing and assessment for Detective Grade 1. He studied unrelentingly, and his cases did not suffer in the least. Detective Zhang is indispensable to the Fifth District Detectives Office.



Sixth District Detective of the Year



Detective Daren Brake

In 2022, Detective Daren Brake produced the highest closure rate of violent crime cases in the Sixth District Detectives Unit. Detective Brake is a team player among his peers and works effectively with partner agencies to target suspects. He is highly productive and efficient, making him an asset to his team, district and agency.

Seventh District Detective of the Year



Detective Rodney Anderson

Detective Rodney Anderson, a seasoned professional with almost 19 years of experience with the Metropolitan Police Department, has demonstrated exceptional leadership, critical thinking skills, and a deep commitment to finding justice for victims of crime. His dedication to serving the community has earned him the respect of his colleagues and residents of the Seventh District.

Homicide Detective of the Year

Detective Shayne O'Bannon

Detective Shayne O'Bannon, a member of the Homicide since 2016, is deeply committed to making the District of Columbia a safer place for residents.

During 2022, he served as the lead detective in five new homicide cases, four of which he closed in the same year. Additionally, in early 2022, Detective O'Bannon closed a 2021 murder

investigation, arresting a subject who MPD and federal law enforcement agencies sought for committing violent offenses across the Northwest quadrant. Detective O'Bannon's dedication and effectiveness at closing his investigations show throughout the year — he completed the year with a 100 percent closure rate, and has since closed 10 of his last 11 assigned cases with a pending arrest in the 11th.



Detective of the Year

Detective Joshua Branson

Since beginning his assignment in the Homicide Branch more than 15 years ago, Detective Joshua Branson has maintained sustainable success in investigating and closing homicide cases, as well as bringing justice to many families of victims across the District.

In multiple instances, sometimes many years after an incident occurred, Detective Branson never lost momentum, continued to conduct numerous grueling interviews, and reviewed voluminous CCTV footage and other evidence until he apprehended the suspect and brought closure to the victim's loved ones. Detective Branson's most high-profile cases in 2022 include the heavily-armed sniper near the Edmund Burke School in Van Ness on April 22 and the homeless attacker who targeted victims in Washington, DC, and New York City.



EOCOP Professional Staff Employee of the Year



Brianna Burch

Brianna Burch is an individual who demonstrates the utmost professionalism and integrity as a spokesperson for MPD. She consistently goes above and beyond to take on additional tasks that she feels will only more positively benefit the agency.

Brianna routinely demonstrates the aptitude to manage several projects simultaneously with minimal supervision while maintaining critical relationships within every branch of MPD and with the community. She never hesitates to stay long hours or help alleviate a colleague's heavy workload. Brianna's work ethic, leadership, character, and dedication to her team and the Department is unmatched.

HSB Professional Staff Employee of the Year



Jessica Knowles

Jessica Knowles' fellow MPD members consider her a "hero" because of her outstanding performance in the Violent Crime Suppression Division (VCSD). She has been instrumental in analyzing data and utilizing social media to identify crime patterns and criminal activity, which has helped her team to develop leads, identify suspects, and close cases. Additionally, Jessica helps facilitate briefings and de-briefings in MPD's Tactical Information Center and provides real-time feedback to operational units regarding computer-generated inquiries for countless investigations. Her invaluable contributions reflect her work ethic and unwavering commitment to ensuring a safer DC.



IAB Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Rhonda Robinson

Rhonda Robinson became the acting Director of the Court Liaison Division in 2022 due to her outstanding performance and exceptional leadership ability. In this capacity, she has proven herself to be patient, intelligent, hard-working and able to maintain professionalism with her subordinates and managers. Additionally, she has established effective working relationships with external stakeholders, such as the DC Superior Court, the DC Department of Corrections, the US Marshals Service, and the Federal police agencies in the District of Columbia.

Rhonda epitomizes the spirit of excellence in all she does at MPD — she takes advantage of every opportunity to learn new skills and utilizes that knowledge to develop her staff and advance the Department.



ISB Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Erica Hill

Erica Hill's faithful service to the Evidence Control Division is worthy of recognition. In the past seven years, she has proven to be patient, approachable, and always willing to provide additional support to her peers. As a Property and Evidence Technician, she is responsible for intaking and accounting for various drugs, money, firearm, and boxed items of evidence into the warehouse. In addition to her daily duties, Erica took the helm of a challenging project and successfully relocated vehicles to and from the temporary impound lots to Blue Plains. While regularly working 12-hour shifts or longer, she invariably handles every assignment with diligence, providing accurate reconciliation of records. Erica's dedication and hard work have greatly helped the Division to achieve its goals in 2022.



PDB Professional Staff Employee of the Year



Damon Johnson, III

Damon Johnson joined MPD in February 2022 as a Recruiting Coordinator, and within this short period, he has singlehandedly increased the Cadet Corps by 150 members. He continues to pioneer efforts in recruiting while innovating creative solutions to challenges that were seemingly impossible to resolve in the past. In addition to his role at MPD, Damon goes beyond his daily duties and mentors many members of the Cadet Corps.

TASB Professional Staff Employee of the Year



Keith Peterson

Keith Peterson has exceptional problem-solving and customer service skills. Keith is the first point of contact and often the most critical resource for the Timesheet Manager Application (TMA). Since taking over TACIS, he has conducted more than 50 training sessions and worked diligently on documentation, business analysis, quality assurance, and training exercises of the TMA. His eagerness to find solutions is commendable.

YFEB Professional Staff Employee of the Year

VaTanya Middleton

VaTanya Middleton, a six-year team member of the Youth and Family Services Division, has a true passion for helping children. VaTanya has been integral in the success of the Lunch with a Cop program, an effort to provide positive social interactions between MPD police officers and youth in the community. During the summer camp, she teaches bi-weekly fitness classes and assists with family mediation meetings. VaTanya handles some of the unit's administrative tasks such as recording time and attendance and generating reports.



PSN Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Tequila West

Since 2020, Tequila West has excelled beyond her role as Staff Assistant while simultaneously assuming the position of Training Coordinator at the Second District Administrative Unit. Although the task was difficult, Tequila still maintained the highest percentage of members registered for the first nine months of 2022 compared to all patrol districts. Her work is and continues to be impressive.



PSS Professional Staff Employee of the Year



Carolyn Davis

Carolyn Davis, a remarkable and diligent member of Patrol Services South (PSS), does exceptionally well with maintaining effective relationships with community stakeholders. As Staff Assistant to Assistant Chief Andre Wright, she coordinates the PSS retreat for sergeants, organizes special and community engagement events, and manages the bureau team's community service efforts. While interacting with the public and her peers, Carolyn is always respectful and willing to lend additional support whenever needed.

Deborah Ennis Professional Staff Employee of the Year



Kenneth Chandler

Kenneth Chandler, a talented lawyer and Legislative Analyst at MPD, consistently exceeds the expectations of his role, even when the workload is demanding. In 2021 and 2022, the Council proposed multiple bills that were far longer and more comprehensive than most legislation, including the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022 and the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022. While drafting and redrafting numerous versions of proposed changes, Kenneth remained cheerful and unflappable and continues to represent the Department well in all aspects of his duties and assignments.

Cadet of the Year

Dawan Cunningham

Cadet Dawan Cunningham, a McKinley Technical High School graduate and entrepreneur, is being honored for his leadership, drive, positive attitude, and ability to exceed all expectations of his duties. After joining the Cadet Corps in 2021, Cadet Cunningham quickly impressed his colleagues and supervisors and thus was detailed to use his talents to recruit prospective candidates from DC high schools.

He has been instrumental in encouraging young DC residents to join the Cadet Corps by highlighting the benefits of the program and the advantages of policing in the community. Cadet Cunningham's ability to embody humanity as he exemplifies the Department's Code of Ethics reflects his leadership, making him well-deserving of the Cadet Corps Cadet of the Year award.



Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year

Reserve Officer Stephen Nimalasuriya

Reserve Officer Stephen Nimalasuriya currently serves as the team lead for the Third District Reserve Corps. In 2022, he provided outstanding, high-quality police services and Reserve Corps leadership and contributed over 1000 hours of total service to the Department. During his service, Reserve Officer Nimalasuriya received multiple commendations, a Lifesaving Award (with a fellow Reserve Officer), and piloted the field training process for uncertified Reserve Officers in the Third District. Reserve Officer Nimalasuriya enjoys volunteering and looks forward to continuing his MPD volunteer career for years to come.



Violent Crime Suppression Division Officer of the Year



Investigator Jason Pearce Best

Investigator Jason Pearce Best's consistent efforts in 2022 have helped to combat the fatal overdoses in DC communities.

Investigator Best was instrumental in the first successful mass fatal overdose investigation in the District. Due, in part, to his efforts, two suspects were identified and charged in US District Court for distributing fentanyl, resulting in death or physical harm. The VCIT Team and Investigator Pearce Best employed a range of tactics to solve this case, including undercover operations, surveillance, and numerous interviews with witnesses, survivors, and family and friends of the deceased. They also examined cell phone records and hours of CCTV footage and recovered forensic evidence.

SOD Officer of the Year



Darrell Davis

It is not uncommon for Senior Police Officer (SPO) Darrell Davis to go the extra mile to support his colleagues in the Special Operations Division's Planning and Logistics Section. He is the go-to person for special events, such as prominent films and TV shows premiering in the District. Additionally, SPO Davis has an impressive ability to visualize nearly any road within the city when planning road closures for a special event. While performing complex tasks, he maintains a can-do attitude and completes his assignments with tremendous pride and efficiency.

Keith Williams School Resource Officer of the Year

Officer Shamika Griffin

Officer Shamika Griffin is a compassionate and inspirational member with more than 10 years of service with the Department. She enjoys her role as School Resource Officer, as it allows her to foster her passion for working with kids and bridging the gap between law enforcement officials and the community.



Officer Griffin leaves a lasting impression wherever she goes and on whoever she meets—she was nominated and selected by the 8th-grade student body and school leadership at Kelly Miller Middle School to serve as the Keynote Speaker for the school's class of 2022 graduation. Officer Griffin embodies the vision of what a School Resource Officer should be. She is an asset to her agency, the school community, and the community she serves.

Youth Division Detective of the Year

Detective LiNida Bines

Detective LiNida Bines works tirelessly to complete her investigations in a timely manner. As a result of her repeated presence in the various DC public and charter schools, she has built rapport and developed mutual trust with the school administrators, parents, and students. In 2022, Detective Bines investigated over 163 cases, many of which were “hot” cases, requiring an immediate response. Along with managing such a heavy caseload, Detective Bines was unselfish with information and was always willing to assist her fellow detectives with their investigations.



Amin Muslim Professional Manager of the Year



Evelyn Lopez

Evelyn Lopez has exceeded beyond measure while serving within MPD's Office of Communications. In 2022, she served as the Supervisor for MPD's Media Productions Team. In this role, she coordinated many of MPD's video shoots, body-worn camera wireframe productions, social media videos, internal videos to the force, and many

other critical media productions produced by the Office of Communications and Department. She will also step outside her usual supervisory role to help anyone in need. She accomplished all of this through her mindset to succeed and her determination to achieve positive results on behalf of the Department. Evelyn is known for her character, professionalism, and hardworking approach by all who work with her.

Community Policing Award



Sixth District Community Outreach Team

The Sixth District Community Outreach team exhibits excellence in every aspect of their respective job functions. All five members bridge the gap between the community and the police seamlessly with professionalism and dedication. It is clear to all who encounter this group that they love what they do as it shows

through meetings, publications, hosting events and much more. In the past year, this team has created QR Codes for businesses, provided senior wellness checks and safety presentations, abatement quality of life assistance in concert with partner agencies, produced publications, and facilitated all holiday events for children, elderly, stakeholders and the like. Officers Jason Medina, Frantz Fulcher, Brayden Dyer, Sharlynn Plows, and Aaron Hunter are the true definition of community policing.

Sergeant of the Year

Sergeant Valkyrie Finamore

As part of the Carjacking Task Force, Sergeant Valkyrie Finamore manages a team of 12 detectives and answers directly to the captain of the District Investigations Branch. She is a trustworthy and reliable leader who always takes initiative. Sergeant Finamore has established and maintains close working relationships with law enforcement partners from the FBI, ATF, US Attorney's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and nearly all the state and local agencies in the region. Her passion and dedication are unrivaled. Sergeant Finamore is an inspiration to others, and her drive and expertise have contributed to numerous case closures, making the city safer.



Lieutenant of the Year

Lieutenant Megan Mulrooney

Lieutenant Megan Mulrooney has assisted the First District with combating crime through strategic deployment of resources and analysis of crime trends. She has streamlined processes to ensure the district runs more efficiently and routinely instructs subordinates on best practices in policing. Lieutenant Mulrooney is also active in the community, carrying bubbles, toys, and chalk for children. During the 2022 Christmas season, she took it upon herself to prepare, transport, and serve a hot meal to the members assigned to the midnight shift. This kind of selfless and compassionate behavior has positively impacted the community and officer morale within the district.



Captain of the Year



Captain Kevin Kentish

Captain Kevin Kentish has demonstrated leadership and professionalism to the executive and command staff, his team, and citizens while serving in one of the most challenging positions in the Department.

As a leader of the homicide branch, Captain Kentish is responsive 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He often responds from home on his days off and in the middle of the night. His dedication to working and solving homicide cases is unmatched.

Inspector of the Year



Inspector Ashley Rosenthal

In 2022, Inspector Ashely Rosenthal took over as the Director of the Testing and Assessment Branch and, within the same year, successfully completed the promotional and detectives selection processes. She was responsible for identifying subject matter experts, identifying testing materials, developing the tests, and providing feedback, which was a monumental effort that required long hours. Additionally, Inspector Rosenthal has been instrumental in the running and revamping of Prospect Day. Inspector Rosenthal can be relied upon to take on tough challenges and complete missions for the betterment of the Department.

Commander of the Year

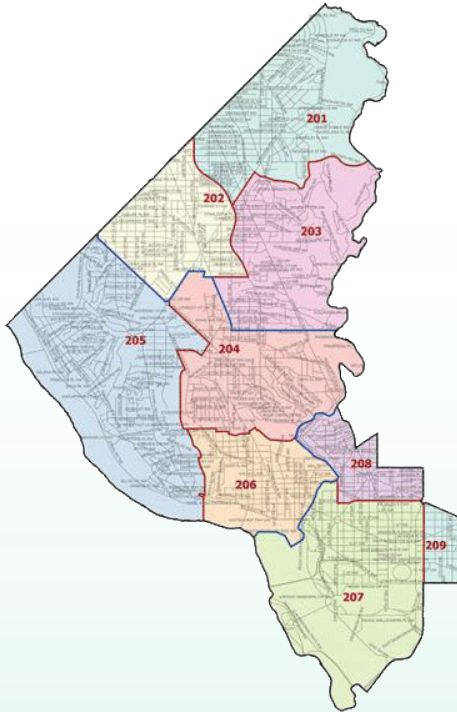
Commander Carlos Heraud

The Fourth District has seen a reduction in violent crime under the leadership of Commander Carlos Heraud. He works closely with his management staff to ensure they have the resources, tools, and confidence to make real-time decisions regarding crime trends. He has a strong connection with the officers and sergeants, providing them with intelligence and training to be effective in their patrols. Additionally, Commander Heraud is deeply passionate about community outreach and frequently works with councilmembers, ANCs, and clergy leadership. His respect for others, willingness to help, and creation of a supportive work environment has increased morale in the District overall.



Crime Reduction Award

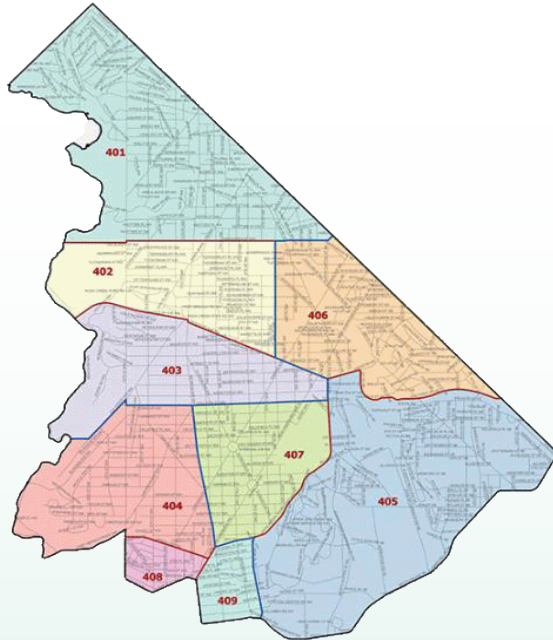
Second District



The Second District's devotion to safeguarding the district's residents is incredibly astonishing. Compared to the Department's 2021 statistics, the team realized the most significant reduction in crime throughout the District of Columbia, ending 2022 with a 6% reduction in violent crime, an 11% reduction in property crime, and a 10% reduction overall. Additionally, the Second District members continued their trajectory of gun seizures and arrests last year, increasing their productivity by 118%. The Second District team continues to be vigilant guardians of the community, making the city a place where residents can live secure, comfortable lives.

Violent Crime Reduction Award

Fourth District



The Fourth District, Sector 3 officers have exemplified outstanding police work and consistently performs beyond the call of duty. Through their combined efforts, these officers have reduced crime in their assigned areas, formed community relationships, removed illegal guns from the streets, and worked with NSID and community members to reduce drug activity. Despite the type of environment and obstacles these workers encounter, they continue to show up and support one another regardless of the nature of the call.

Unit of the Year

Community Focused Patrol Unit (CFPU)



The Community Focus Patrol Unit (CFPU) consists of young officers eager to learn and willing to assist other units with their endeavors. Comprised of three mountain bike squads, CFPU conducted 29 arrests and 10 gun recoveries in 2022. In the same year, CFPU was detailed to the ATV Unit, which helped remove over 130 illegal ATVs from the streets. Additionally, the unit was involved in numerous community events throughout the districts, including distributing groceries, feeding the unhoused population, organizing community bike rides, and constantly interacting with youth.

Sgt. Samuel Desir

Ricardo Carrion

Simeon Norfleet

Sgt. Jose Hernandez

Thomas Cox

Michael Perez

Scott Possinger

Jacobi Crawley

Travor Roberson

Anthony Attardo

Yesis Ferrufino-Lopez

Augustus Thomas

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Eltson Torres

Ricky Bivens

David Leaty

Jerika Wilson

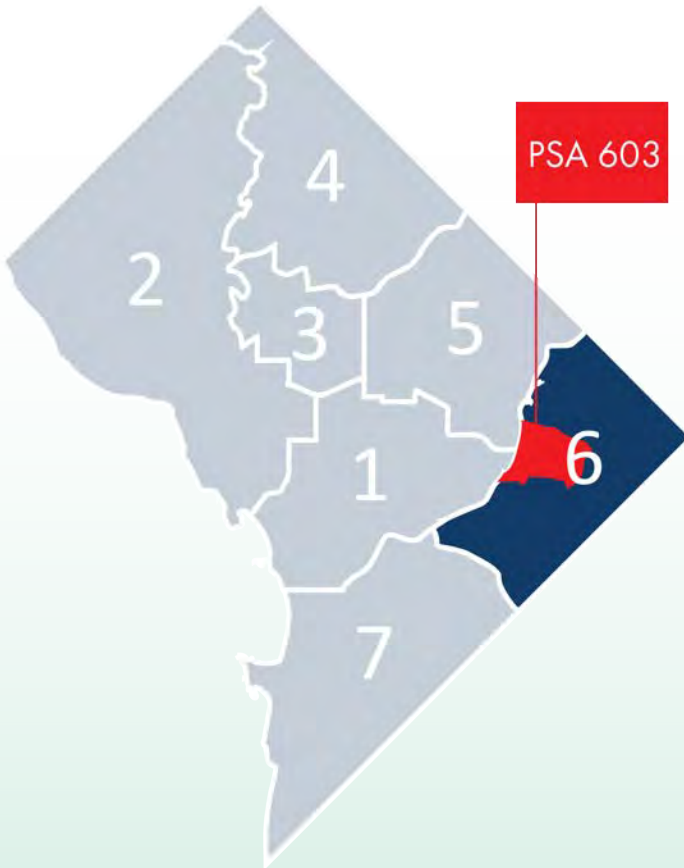
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PSA of the Year

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The valiant efforts of PSA 603 in the 2022 calendar year significantly reduced crime throughout the region. While implementing intelligence-led policing strategies and working closely with local and federal law enforcement through the Homicide Reduction Partnership, PSA 603 achieved a 28 percent reduction in violent crime and a 50 percent reduction in homicide. The team's unflagging determination to reduce crime is helping to make the District a safer place and building trust among residents and the police.

First District Officer of the Year



Officer Troy Bannon

Officer Troy Bannon is exceedingly generous with his time and contributions to the Department. A busy schedule does not stop Officer Bannon from supporting younger officers. During his leisure time, he volunteers to train new officers when other FTOs are unavailable. He is a valuable resource to officers joining the First District.

Second District Officer of the Year



Officer Jeremy Brady

Officer Jeremy Brady is a mentor, trainer, and volunteer for community projects and events. He is a savant when it comes to information technology, specifically in the area of beta-testing new technology, which has helped boost MPD efficiency. As one of MPD's most adept traffic officers, he continues to make many neighborhoods safer while keeping a polite demeanor and exercising thorough attention to detail. Additionally, Officer Brady spends Friday and Saturday nights patrolling for firearms in the Golden Triangle neighborhood. In 2022, Officer Brady was also one of the recipients of the Medal of Valor for his heroic work at the Burke School active shooting incident on April 22, 2022.

Third District Officer of the Year

Officer Herman Kelly

Officer Herman Kelly is a phenomenal patrol officer of the Third District. Since joining the force in February 2022, he has developed a strong rapport with his colleagues and community members, who consider him one of MPD's most kind and respectful officers.



In less than a year, Officer Kelly has proven to be proactive and diligent, recovering 111 illegal guns connected to shootings across the DMV. His vigilance and outstanding performance have helped detectives solve gun crimes throughout the city. Officer Kelly also mentors other members, providing them with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to recognize indicative behaviors and characteristics of illegal firearm possession. Officer Kelly is professional, respectful, and constitutional in his policing methods and ways.

Fourth District Officer of the Year

Officer Charles Jenkins

Officer Charles Jenkins, often referred to as the "Daywork Field Commander" by the members of the Fourth District, exemplifies what an exceptional patrol officer should look like in the twilight of their career. In his 25 years of service, he has achieved an incredible arrest record and is considered one of the best non-FTO training officers within the Fourth District. He performs beyond the scope of his duties with a renewed and infectious energy daily. Officer Jenkins' empathetic demeanor and unrelenting commitment to policing are integral to the success of the Department.



Fifth District Officer of the Year



Officer Daniel O'Rourke

Officer Daniel O'Rourke, an extraordinary member of the Fifth District, is a pillar of the community he patrols. His caring disposition has helped him develop deep, trusting relationships with residents, which continues to reflect positively on the Department.

With a watchful eye, Officer O'Rourke has identified several violent offenders frequenting his PSA, keeping close tabs on their activities and closely monitoring BOLO's and warrant lists for known subjects. He is a reliable source of knowledge for other officers, never hesitating to step up and assist members who need help with complex reports or arrests. Officer O'Rourke's work ethic, eagerness to improve, and positive attitude inspires his peers, and exemplifies what it means to be a MPD member.

Sixth District Officer of the Year



Officer Susan Henson

Officer Susan Henson is highly motivated and always willing to take on multiple challenging projects, including training new officers, acting as a sergeant when needed, and proactively patrolling her PSA.

Training new officers is a complex task for any FTO. On several occasions, Officer Henson exceeded her duties and trained two PPOs while also assuming the role of an acting official. Despite the complexity of a task, she remains positive and continues to provide high-quality police service.

Seventh District Officer of the Year

Officer Khanh Nguyen

Officer Khanh Nguyen, a member of the Department since 2020, has steadfastly worked to keep the District's residents safe by removing illegal guns from the streets. Last year, Officer Nguyen helped recover 30 firearms, several high-capacity magazines, unregistered ammunition, and two all-terrain vehicles. He exhibits an excellent work ethic, operates at a high level of competency, and is always willing to develop his skills beyond the call of duty.



Officer of the Year

Officer Enmanuel Rodriguez

Officer Enmanuel Rodriguez is a valuable member of the Fifth District and an inspiration to his MPD colleagues and those he serves in the community. Officer Rodriguez, currently a Ph. D. candidate in Criminal Justice and a certified Spanish translator for the Department, is recognized by many of his colleagues as someone who is selfless, dependable, consistent, well-disciplined, passionate, and generous with his time, skills, and knowledge.

Officer Rodriguez has received many commendations for his performance, including a Lifesaving Medal and currently serves as one of the Department's Crisis Intervention Officers. Officer Rodriguez exemplifies what it means to *Transfer Excellence* — he has shown his fellow MPD family that, with hard work and passion, they can make a difference in their patrol areas and within the communities they serve. Officer Rodriguez's willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty makes him a worthy recipient of the Officer of the Year award.



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