



Twenty-Second
ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

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Excellence Is Transferrable

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.



Welcome to the Twenty-Second Annual Metropolitan Police Department Awards Ceremony, honoring the employees of the MPDC and our law enforcement partners, civic organizations, and residents who have helped to make a difference in our communities over the past year. This year, our ceremony will celebrate outstanding contributions to the Department's overall mission.

- Master of Ceremonies**Dustin Sternbeck
- Presentation of Colors.** MPD Honor Guard
- National Anthem** Sergeant Alexia Austin-Love
- Invocation** Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo
- Welcome** Chief Robert J. Contee III

Presentation of Awards

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| Chief of Police Special Awards | Keith Williams School Resource Officer of the Year |
| Citizen of the Year | Amin Muslim Professional Staff |
| Sworn Bureau Employees of the Year | Manager of the Year |
| District Detectives of the Year | Community Policing Award |
| Youth Division Detective of the Year | Sergeant of the Year |
| Homicide Detective of the Year | Lieutenant of the Year |
| Detective of the Year (Agency Wide) | Captain of the Year |
| Volunteer Corps Member of the Year | Inspector of the Year |
| Cadet of the Year | Commander of the Year |
| Joseph Pozell Reserve Member of the Year | Crime Reduction Award |
| Professional Staff Bureau Employees of the Year | Unit of the Year |
| Deborah R. Ennis Civilian Employee of the Year | PSA of the Year |
| VCSD Officer of the Year | District Officers of the Year |
| Special Operations Division Officer of the Year | Officer of the Year (Agency-Wide) |

- Closing Remarks** Chief Robert J. Contee III
- Benediction** Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo

CAROL SNYDER

COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY

Throughout her tenure with Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency of the District of Columbia (CSOSA), Carol Snyder has been one of MPD's greatest allies. Ms. Snyder has worked closely with the Department on various public safety measures, initiatives, task forces, and community events. Ms. Snyder has always made herself a dedicated partner, answering calls and emails at all hours of the day and night. As CSOSA's liaison assigned to MPD, she has spent many of her most recent years embedded within the Command Information Center, working closely with the Criminal Research Specialists assigned to the Investigative Support Section. Ms. Snyder has always been willing to lend her expertise in intelligence and offender supervision. Her partnership over the years has been invaluable and she will be greatly missed in her very well-deserved retirement.



PRITA PIEKARA

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY

Prita Piekara has made a significant difference in our community by helping place signs that encourage drivers to reduce their speed and alert drivers of speed bumps. She is committed to implementing ideas that will help citizens be safer in the community. She works continuously with the neighbors and businesses to make improvements to our community and has partnerships with government agencies to fix problems. Ms. Piekara has helped our community feel safer and has made a difference. She has worked tirelessly to help the neighbors in PSA 504 feel safer.



NIBIN UNIT

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

In April 2021, the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Washington Field Division (WFD) and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) faced an unprecedented challenge when their National Intelligence Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) partner laboratory, the Department of Forensic Services (DFS) lost its accreditation. With over 5,500 cartridge cases processed each year and more than 2,000 NIBIN leads returned to investigators each year, the suspension of this crucial function could have had a disastrous effect on the criminal justice system. ATF's WFD leadership immediately worked with ATF HQ to obtain the NIBIN Mobile Command Center (MCC) to help supplement the loss of the lab. Within 12 days of the lab losing its accreditation, the Mobile Command Center was in place, staffed with a team of agents, analysts and Task Force Officers to assist with this laboratory work. The MCC was operational for four months beginning on April 12, 2021 and ending on August 9, 2021. During this deployment, the unit acquired 695 crime scene cartridge cases into NIBIN, resulting in 373 leads; test-fired 657 firearms and entered them into NIBIN, resulting in 169 NIBIN leads; traced approximately 700 recovered firearms; conducted 15 media and dignitary visits; and provided training to numerous MPD units and divisions.

NIBIN Mobile Command Center Members:

ATF Director: **Regina Lombardo** (Retired) and **Assistant Special Agent in Charge Christopher C. Amon**; ATF Washington Field Division: **GS Sam Ward**, **SA Dan Futrell**, **SA Orlando Mora**, **SA Rebekah Lipsky**, **IRS Aleksandra Mratinkovic**; MPD: **TFO Wayne Gerrish**, **TFO Eric Roche**, and Contractor **Babar Dass** (Retired); USSS Uniformed Division: **Officer Eric Hadizma** and **Lt. John Panikiewsky**.



SERGEANT
ERICA DORTCH-JONES

TECHNICAL AND ANALYTICAL SERVICES BUREAU

Sergeant Erica Dortch-Jones is a 22-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department. She has steadfastly served the Firearms Registration Branch (FRB) since 2021. The FRB is a very public-facing unit focused on the process of registering firearms and issuing concealed pistol licenses. While in the FRB, Sergeant Dortch-Jones has been an exemplary employee and has ensured the objectives of the bureau and MPD are met consistently and professionally. The position she occupies is very demanding, but she faces the challenges with a positive attitude and completes her assignments efficiently and effectively. Sergeant Dortch-Jones provides a wealth of knowledge to her colleagues and she offers guidance to those new to the unit. Her contributions to the FRB and MPD go above and beyond her job description and serve as an example of how others should perform.



AGENT
GARY CIAPA

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Agent Gary Ciapa currently serves as the MPD-FBI Fraud and Public Corruption Liaison. Additionally, he has handled some of the most high-profile events and investigations within the Department. He has an outstanding reputation, both within the MPD and with our partner agencies, especially with the FBI and the USAO. Agent Ciapa has completed some of the most detailed, complex, and meaningful misconduct and use of force investigations of any IAD Agent over the years. His investigations have made meaningful contributions towards the agency's goals of integrity, fairness, and accountability.



OFFICER
STEPHEN BENSON

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officer Stephen Benson is a valuable member of the Strategic Engagement Office (SEO). In 2021, he elevated his work level and ethic by developing content that the SEO videographer could use when creating recruiting videos. With a background in marketing, Officer Benson has proposed innovative ideas that have led to the production of entertaining and visually-appealing videos that the Department has used to recruit more officers. Additionally, Officer Benson has assisted with recruiting events, spoken at universities, and helped out other units. Officer Benson has also conducted advances for the Chief of Police when he attends public events, and has worked as part of his security detail. He is reliable and always willing to help with no questions asked.



SERGEANT
NIC RIZZI

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Sergeant Nic Rizzi currently serves in the Criminal Investigations Division, Fifth District Detectives Unit. He is an exemplary sergeant who demonstrates superior knowledge of MPD rules, regulations and procedures, all while exercising an excellent work ethic. Sergeant Rizzi has dedicated himself to public safety and to guiding his subordinates in their work. He is always one who his superiors and subordinates can rely on for help when they need it. Sergeant Rizzi sets himself apart from his peers when it comes to case management and keeping up on his detectives' case loads.



OFFICER
LISA JONES

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

Officer Lisa Jones is a high-level performer who excels when working in a high-stress, dynamic environment. She significantly exceeds expectations and has provided leadership, training and guidance to JSTACC/CIC members. She presents ideas and information to her peers and supervisor in a clear and concise manner. Additionally, she has emerged as one of the primary trainers for newly assigned CRS and detailed members. Officer Jones is responsible for the coordination, information capturing, and accurate completion of the JSTACC/CIC Daily report and the Crime Briefing report. She supports JOCC activations which handle emergencies, major events, and critical / unusual incidents. Furthermore, Officer Jones provides support for the CIC Fusion Desk, ShotSpotter, LPR, Tips, Everbridge Notification System, report writing and the entry and deletion of information in the various MPD databases. In addition, she consistently volunteers to work extra hours to cover understaffed shifts to ensure proper coverage.



SERGEANT
ROBERT ZUROWSKI

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT BUREAU

Sergeant Robert Zurowski has consistently displayed exemplary leadership as the Administrative Sergeant assigned to the Youth and Family Services Division (YFSD) in the Youth and Family Engagement Bureau. At the beginning of 2021, the city was faced with unprecedented acts of civil disobedience which threatened the nation's democracy. As a result, all members were called on to work exceptionally long hours while still maintaining their investigative workloads and other responsibilities. Sergeant Zurowski took on the arduous task of scheduling and detail and vehicle assignments for the entire division while also working in the field, supervising members on various detail posts, and maintaining operational efficiency and administrative support to the bureaus. In addition to helping YFSD run smoothly, Sergeant Surowski also boosts morale by planning various team-building events such as his famous Chili Cook-Off, which highlights the best chili recipes from the various branches within the unit.



SENIOR SERGEANT
RAYMOND CHAMBERS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Senior Sergeant Raymond B. Chambers has served with the Metropolitan Police Department for close to 36 years. He currently works at the MPD Police Academy, using extensive expertise and knowledge to help develop curriculum for tactical training to recruits and sworn officers. Senior Sergeant Chambers shows a true passion for his job. His extensive expertise and knowledge allows him to easily support the many officers and officials of the Department and other outside agencies who request training from MPD. Senior Sergeant Chambers continues to transfer his excellence to so many others to help make our department the very best in the country.



CAPTAIN
JUDITH MACK

PATROL SERVICES NORTH

Captain Judith Mack has continually provides exceptional services as a captain in the Metropolitan Police Department. In the beginning of 2021, Mack served as a captain in the Third District, leading her sector by creating strong bonds with partner agencies and the community. In May 2021, Captain Mack moved to Patrol Services North (PSN) as the administrative/executive officer. Her transition into this position was seamless and it allowed PSN operations to continue functioning without skipping a beat. In fact, operational efficiency improved to the point that all PSN district administrative offices complimented her leadership.



SERGEANT
JOSEPH HUDSON

PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

Sergeant Joseph Hudson is essential to the efficient functioning of Patrol Services South (PSS). He consistently provides support to the assistant chief through his long hours of service, and he provides a wealth of information for all things related to PSS. When the assistant chief is on leave, Sergeant Hudson works closely with whomever is acting in the assistant chief's stead, and does so with tact and diplomacy. He keeps everyone in the bureau organized and on-time for all meetings and engagements, and can be relied on for logical and well-thought-out advice.



DETECTIVE
DAVID NAPLES

FIRST DISTRICT

Detective David Naples was promoted to the rank of investigator and assigned to the First District Detectives office in August 2020. While initially assigned to the midnight tour, Detective Naples quickly established himself as an extremely talented and intuitive investigator. In short order, Detective Naples was assigned primarily robbery cases and volunteered to work a permanent evening tour of duty. Over the first ten months of 2021, he closed 63 cases, including 18 robbery cases, and received three commendations, one 62e, and one letter of appreciation from a citizen for his outstanding work. He has established himself as a valuable and dedicated member of the First District Detectives office.



DETECTIVE
RICHARD MARRON

SECOND DISTRICT

Detective Richard Marron reports to duty daily with a very positive attitude and is willing to serve and help all. He has very strong investigatory skills. His knowledge, commitment, and a strong work ethic help him handle the demands of investigating a variety of cases with ease. 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 responsible for the crimes. His reports are well-written and he documents his investigations in great detail. Because he has exemplary interpersonal skills, he treats his victims, witnesses, coworkers and other community stakeholders in a friendly, respectful, responsive, and compassionate manner.



DETECTIVE
PHILIP TRIDICO

THIRD DISTRICT

Detective Philip Tridico is one of the hardest-working members at the Metropolitan Police Department. His dedication to the Department is shown through the long hours he puts in at work, the pride which he displays by conducting a thorough job, and the trust he has instilled in those around him. Detective Tridico balances his hard work ethic with a sense of humor. The Third District is proud to work with him.



DETECTIVE
JAMES MONAHAN

FOURTH DISTRICT

Detective James Monahan is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Fourth District Detectives Unit as an Investigative Review Officer (IRO). This responsibility requires a person with exceptional organizational skills, knowledge of DC code, an eye for detail, and the willingness to work long hours. In 2021, Detective Monahan reviewed thousands of cases and conducted initial follow-ups to ease the workload of his coworkers. Along with his additional duties, fellow IROs are routinely sent to meet with Detective Monahan to assist them in streamlining, training, and enhancing their skill set. When MPD needs to develop new systems or investigative tools, Detective Monahan has been the primary point of contact who continually evaluates and offers constructive feedback. His tireless work ethic and teamwork has been instrumental in keeping 4DDU operating at its highest potential.



DETECTIVE
TIMOTHY McDONALD

FIFTH DISTRICT

Detective Timothy McDonald has been a part of the Fifth District Detectives Unit for several years. He is currently the senior member of the Fifth District's Violent Crimes Squad. His commitment to his cases, the citizens, his colleagues, and officials is unquestionable. Detective McDonald, who also serves as the Training Detective for new members, is an informal leader of his peers and is always willing to make time to help others. His can-do attitude is contagious to other members of the office and to the squad. When discussing cases with superiors, any mention that Detective McDonald is working the case always results in a positive response, as his writing skills are unmatched and he continues to maintain an excellent relationship with the USAO and citizens alike. Detective McDonald has an uncanny ability to make do with what he has and he is not afraid to make a critical decision, which is always in the best interest of the department.



DETECTIVE
ROBERT KACELOWICZ

SIXTH DISTRICT

Detective Robert Kacelowicz joined the Metropolitan Police Department in 1997 and is a Senior Detective in one of the busiest offices in the city. Despite his seniority and extensive experience as a detective, he continues to choose the most high-profile and demanding cases in the office. Detective Kacelowicz completes thorough investigations, leaving no stone unturned in an effort to identify and arrest the offender, thus giving the victims of these crimes closure and making the District of Columbia a safer place. During the investigation of a shooting, his excellent investigative work led to the gathering of critical evidence, which was ultimately beneficial in gaining the trust of a witness and complainant in the case. As a result of his efforts, Detective Kacelowicz was able to identify the offender and arrest him. Detective Kacelowicz goes about his business quietly but effectively, and is a pleasure to all with whom he works.



District Detectives of the Year

DETECTIVE EIN WILLIAMS

SEVENTH DISTRICT

In August of 2020, **Detective Ein Williams** was assigned to the 7th District Detectives Office and quickly began to stand out amongst his peers and fellow detectives. Due to his work ethic, Detective Williams was selected to investigate the 7th District's most violent crime cases with a core team of detectives. Detective Williams is highly effective in identifying leads, inconsistencies, contradictions, and gaps in his cases that require further investigation, and has a keen eye for detail in analyzing evidence, which in turn strengthens his cases. He is always willing to assist and serve as a resource for new detectives and officers. It is without question that Detective Williams has made the District of Columbia a safer place by removing some of the city's most violent offenders from the streets.



Homicide Detective of the Year

DETECTIVE JAMES PHILLIPS

HOMICIDE DIVISION

Detective James Phillips was joined the Homicide Branch in 2019, and he hit the ground running as soon as he was assigned his first murder case – a 2014 cold case. Since then, he has closed (with arrests) 13 of the 17 homicide cases assigned to him. Additionally, two cases have pending arrest warrants. As a homicide detective, he has also assisted district detectives, federal prosecutors, and members of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force in an effort to close violent crime cases throughout the city. Due to Detective Phillips' persistence and determination, he ended 2021 with a 117 percent homicide closure rate. In every case assigned to him, Detective Phillips takes his time to put all the puzzle pieces together and continues to bring much-needed justice and closure to families and the community as a whole.



Youth Division Detective of the Year

DETECTIVE AARON MAKANOFF

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

Detective Aaron Makanoff was assigned to the Physical and Sexual Abuse Branch on the midnight shift in 2021. Despite the challenges of working abuse case while being assigned to the midnight tour of duty, Detective Makanoff had 50 percent more sexual abuse offense investigations in 2021 than all but one of the other detectives in the unit. His 17 sex offense investigations resulted in seven arrests. He worked high-profile cases, some involving school teachers, that were covered by the media, as well as other sex assaults that required the utmost attention and investigative skill. Detective Makanoff is an asset to the Youth Division and is to be commended for his commitment to the Metropolitan Police Department, the community, and his profession.



Detective of the Year (Agency-Wide)

DETECTIVE ANTOINETTE MASON

CARJACKING TASK FORCE

Detective Antoinette Mason was assigned to the Carjacking Task Force in January of 2021 and immediately became an asset to the unit. Her eagerness, tenacity, and ability to see cases thoroughly through to the end made it apparent to the detective officials that Detective Mason was truly a special talent. She is one of the top Carjacking Task Force Unit Detectives. Her attention to detail and keen investigative skills led her to closing multiple high priority and serious cases, ranging from armed carjackings to armed robberies. Detective Mason continues to be an example of hard work, dedication, and sheer commitment to the community and the citizens of Washington, DC.



Volunteer Corps Member of the Year

BRUCE EXSTRUM

FIRST DISTRICT/2D CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. **Bruce Exstrum** is a truly dedicated supporter of the Metropolitan Police Department as a volunteer. Mr. Exstrum provides assistance in the First District station and makes outstanding public service his goal. He is also a member of the 2D Citizens Advisory Council as its secretary. In addition to coordinating meeting notes at the CAC, he also plays a pivotal role in tracking high-profile court cases through the system and providing essential feedback to the commander of the Second District, as well as all members of the CAC.



Cadet of the Year

CADET

JOVANNY BRITO

CADET CORPS BRANCH

The Cadet Corps Branch is a structured environment to develop and shape youth into responsible and accountable adults. **Cadet Jovanny Brito** has taken great strides to become such an adult. Since he joined the Cadet program, he has been an exemplary cadet. He consistently demonstrates humility and his positive attitude changes the energy in any room he enters. He is very competitive, which helped him become one of the top performers in Physical Training. Cadet Brito's hard work and dedication is also evident into the classroom where he has an overall 3.6 grade point average. He is currently detailed to the First District, where he works with Mr. Barry Jamison, the Department's Body-Worn Coordinator. Mr. Jamison has expressed on numerous occasions how he admires Cadet Brito's work ethic and professionalism. Cadet Brito is truly a role model for all cadets and has a bright future with MPD.



Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year

RESERVE OFFICER

WILLIAM PACK

FIRST DISTRICT

Reserve Officer **William Pack** has earned numerous accolades and assisted the Department in a variety of ways since completing his field training and becoming a certified officer. Officer Pack has received the Life Saving Medal and the Ribbon of Valor (for voluntarily reporting to the First District during the January 6th insurrection). In addition, Officer Pack saved a domestic violence victim from being struck with a baseball bat and has recovered numerous firearms from the streets. He has excelled so much in the last year, that Officer Pack has been able to provide training to other reserve officers. Officer Pack has provided thoughtful analysis and guidance to the Strategic Engagement Office and the Office of Information Technology. Officer Pack has been tasked with taking numerous non-sworn senior officials (from MPD and other agencies) on ride-alongs, where his professionalism and good judgment helped to garner incalculable goodwill and support to the Department.



BIN FENG ZHENG

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Bin Zheng’s coordination, organization, and leadership skills have helped the Metropolitan Police Department bring in roughly \$900K in grant funds. Mr. Zheng works closely with critical stakeholders, facilitating proposal responses, and in many cases, taking a lead role in scoping the work, writing multiple sections, and collating materials for these grant proposals. His efforts have led to sergeant leadership training; policing innovation; augmented/virtual reality training; and a peer support program. Mr. Zheng also regularly supports units including the School Safety Division (SSD), the Strategic Engagement Office (SEO), Community Outreach, Violent Crime Suppression Division (VCSD), and the Metropolitan Police Academy. He created data visualizations that help streamline analysis and ensure that relevant stakeholders are aware of resource allocation needs. Zheng regularly goes beyond the bounds of his position and is on-call and responsive 24/7. His innovation, work ethic, and high-quality analyses and products have made him a critical asset to MPD.



SHAUNTZE BARNETT

HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

Shauntze Barnett is an irreplaceable asset to MPD and continues to be an emerging leader in the Command Information Center (CIC). She is extremely dependable and a dedicated member to the mission of the CIC. Mrs. Barnett’s work ethic, job knowledge, and communication skills have been impressive while assigned to the CIC. For the past three years, she has helped develop new and detailed members of the CIC by conducting training and orientation, and also conducts training for the entire shift--staff and supervisors alike. She has served in the role of “acting watch commander” more than a dozen times when needed. Mrs. Barnett is a dynamic team member capable of handling diverse assignments. She demonstrates the keen ability to multitask while managing competing priorities and getting quality deliverables out quickly.



KATHLEEN CRENSHAW

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Kathleen Crenshaw is the Director of the Court Liaison Division and during CV 2021, she spearheaded the Internal Affairs Bureau’s (IAB) community engagement efforts, which continues in CV 2022. She enthusiastically volunteered for this effort to create a positive and meaningful opportunity for members of the IAB to engage the communities that we serve. She has collaborated with local non-profits like the Central Union Mission, House of Ruth, and Martha’s Table to coordinate food drives, clothing drives, and volunteer opportunities for IAB members. Kathleen is inquisitive and has a drive to thoroughly learn her profession. She has reinforced many of the Court Liaison Division’s existing relationships with external stakeholders, such as the US Attorney’s Office, Office of the Attorney General, US Marshals Service, Department of Corrections Central Cell Block, Pretrial Services Agency, Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency, and the DC Superior Court. Kathleen has coordinated the Safe Surrender Program spearheaded by the DC Superior Court in an effort to allow persons with outstanding arrest warrants to have their court matters addressed directly with the respective court rather than through arrest. Kathleen is always very professional and epitomizes the values of the MPD through her work product, interaction with internal and external stakeholders, and peers, subordinates, and managers alike.



VERA WORSLEY

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Vera Worsley is one of the hardest-working and most dedicated employees of the Agency and has shown herself to be an amazing member of the Investigative Services Bureau. She is very efficient, always on time, always in a great mood, and willing to help everyone. She always picks up the phone when you call her and is willing to come in at a moment’s notice to help in the Unit’s mission. She is a very valued member of the Investigative Services Bureau’s Violent Crime Suppression Division family.



GANIAT HARRIS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Ganiat Harris has done an excellent job at building and maintaining relationships with hiring managers and members of MPD at all levels of the organization. Ms. Harris is empathetic and professional in her interactions with both internal and external customers. She takes the initiative to resolve issues without being asked and is forward-thinking, anticipating the needs of others. When her manager was promoted, she immediately stepped up, offering assistance outside of her assigned duties to ensure that HR operations ran efficiently. Ms. Harris took the initiative to mentor newer staff members, supporting and helping others to further develop themselves. She shows initiative with developing new ways of thinking to improve processes. She is a constructive communicator and can discuss difficult issues effectively. Ganiat continues to take ownership in HRMD's success and accepts responsibility for herself and her contributions as a member of the team.



KRISTIN COUSINS

PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

Kristin Cousins serves as the First District Station Customer Service Representative for the evening tour of duty. Ms. Cousins possesses an eagerness to help both sworn members and the general public in any tasks presented to her. This year, Ms. Cousins sought to learn more about MPD's Impactful Community Engagement initiative and initiated a meeting with the 1D Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Cousins shared an abundance of ideas on how sworn members can connect and gain trust with the public. One idea Ms. Cousins suggested was to host a movie night at the station. The idea sparked the Outreach Team to implement the idea and the outcome was receptive by the Southwest community. It has now been incorporated in the First District's outreach logistics and event planning.



TAWANA KING

PATROL SERVICES NORTH

Tawana King has been a member of the Metropolitan Police Department for 26 years. During her tenure, Ms. King worked in Headquarters as a legal instrument examiner, in the Recruiting Branch, and in the Fifth District. As the Fifth District administrative assistant, Ms. King oversees the IQ requests, FOIA requests, Litigation Hold requests, OPC tracking, CAN coordinator and BTA Coordinator. She also handles Probationary Review requests, vacancy announcements requests, tracks PD-42s, PD-78s, forcible entry memos, awards nominations, drug screens, and Watch Commander reports. When she was required to telework, Ms. King still maintained her schedule, so she could complete her duties and members could actually see her if they needed to change their court dates. Even when Ms. King was out of the office or on leave, she was only a phone call away to answer any questions or help solve any issues that would arise. Ms. King has dedicated her time and efforts to ensure members of the Fifth District were taken care of, even through the COVID-19 pandemic.



NICHOLAS BRANIC

TECHNICAL AND ANALYTICAL SERVICES BUREAU

The entire First District recognizes the outstanding work done by **Nicholas Branic** to support the First District with identifying emerging crime trends as well as giving recommendations on allocating deployment. His continuous effort has impacted the First District's operations on a daily basis by giving helpful and timely data to address overall criminal investigations, apprehensions, and crime reduction strategies, as well as compiling statistics for various meetings.



Professional Staff Bureau Employees of the Year

MARY JONES

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT BUREAU

Since joining the team at the Youth and Family Services Division (YFSD), **Mary Jones** has been instrumental in assisting the commander with existing outreach activities, along with the task of developing new and inventive ways to form partnerships and gain the trust within the community we serve. Ms. Jones also serves as the Division's Training Coordinator and back-up Time and Attendance Clerk. In 2021, Ms. Jones planned and coordinated "Lunch with a Cop" to build a positive rapport and/or relationship between elementary aged children and MPD members. She also planned and coordinated the YFSD Christmas party, as well as the Employee Appreciation Day event.



VCSD Officer of the Year

INVESTIGATOR

RYAN BERNIER

VIOLENT CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION

Investigator **Ryan Bernier** has performed above and beyond his duties on a daily basis. Investigator Bernier trains recruits and officers in all areas of narcotics, search warrants, signing and processing confidential informants and managing the confidential funds. He is an extremely positive person and is a joy to work with.



Ennis Professional Staff Employee of the Year

GAMALA JENKINS

TACTICAL AND ANALYTICAL SERVICES BUREAU

Throughout her employment with MPD, **Gamala Jenkins** has been a valued asset to the Tactical and Analytical Services Bureau (TASB). She provides outstanding customer service in her position by consistently greeting her customers with a smile, a positive attitude, and a drive to solve the issues that she was called to address. She is friendly and follows up with her customers to ensure that the problems that were initially reported were solved appropriately. Ms. Jenkins epitomizes the gold standard in customer service.



SOD Officer of the Year

OFFICER

KELVIN DYSON

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION / CANINE PATROL UNIT

Officer **Kelvin Dyson** has been with the Department for 32 years and with the Canine Patrol Unit (CPU) for 19 years. Yes, Officer Dyson has been with SOD for 19 years! During this time, he has grown to be an asset not only to SOD, but also an invaluable member of the CPU. As the lead trainer, Officer Dyson is nothing less than instrumental in building working relationships with the DC Police Foundation, government, and private entities in obtaining resources used by the Canine Patrol Unit to better serve the Department and the community. He leads by example and never shies away from public demonstrations, which results in a positive, educational, and interesting experience with his presentations. With his years of experience, his commitment to the CPU and SOD, and his professional nature, Officer Kelvin Dyson truly deserves the title of SOD Officer of the Year.



Keith Williams School Resource Officer of the Year

Community Policing Award

OFFICER TYRA MOORE

SCHOOL SAFETY DIVISION

Officer Tyra Moore constantly exceeds expectations as a leader among her peers. Her relentless effort to perform all her duties with professionalism, limited supervision, and thoroughness as a School Resource Officer in the Fourth District is commendable. Officer Moore has taken on the immense task of reaching out to kids in need. She provides them with guidance and support that they may not otherwise receive. She was actively responsible for the managing the MPD cadets during their public presentations at centers, schools, and programs. She was also responsible for the roll calls and maintaining the daily assignments and responsibilities of the cadets. Over the summer, Officer Moore coordinated and interacted with many federal and local vendors and non-profit organizations, the city council, and most importantly, with DC residents, to make "Beat the Streets" a successful series of events. Officer Moore's dedication to her profession and her work ethic allow her to excel as a member of the Department.



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER GARY THOMPSON

LGBT LIAISON UNIT

Senior Police Officer Gary Thompson has singlehandedly orchestrated the creation of various vital partnerships within the transgender community. For example, SPO Thompson has bridged connections between the LGBT Liaison Unit and surrounding LGBT community partners in an effort to discuss ideas and share resources. His goal was to form healthy relationships among local LGBT non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as share information and resources to best help the community and give the citizens of our jurisdiction an opportunity to get help from within and not just an outside location. These connections proved to be very helpful resources during the summer months, in which there were multiple offenses committed against transgender women in the District. Following his dedicated outreach and investigation during these horrible events, communication efforts with the community improved. The LGBT Liaison Unit experienced an new-found willingness of local LGBT establishments to engage with the unit.



Amin Muslim Professional Staff Manager of the Year

ROHIT JOHRI

TECHNICAL AND ANALYTICAL SERVICES BUREAU

As the Director of the Applications Management Division under the Technical and Analytical Services Bureau (TASB), Rohit Johri is responsible for all designing, development, implementation, management, and maintenance of the critical MPD public safety-specific applications and enterprise services used by the agency to manage business workflows and crimefighting operations. Never was this more apparent than in his role and the lead manager for the MPD project to migrate from the legacy Mark43 Cobalt Records Management System (RMS) to the cloud-based Mark43 RM, ensuring the agency achieved the FBI-mandated National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) certification. Surrounded by a skilled and dedicated team, Rohit led this Bureau of Justice Statistics grant-funded effort from 2019 through 2021. Rohit was instrumental in ensuring that several customization functions were delivered in the new Software-as-a-Service solution and that all of MPD's legacy data from Cobalt and ILeads would be available for officers in the new RMS. This is a feat that was not completed, or even attempted, by many jurisdictions in the race for NIBRS compliance. He has an uncanny ability to translate extremely complex technical matters into simplified terms everyone can understand.



Sergeant of the Year

SERGEANT **ANDREW FINKELMAN**

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION/HOMICIDE BRANCH

Sergeant Andrew Finkelman is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, Homicide Branch where he supervises the Major Case and Cold Case Squad and also the Arson Task Force. These assignments require Sergeant Finkelman to be on call 24 hours a day. The cases investigated by his squads are often complex and require great attention to detail and persistence. Sergeant Finkelman continuously provides support and input into these investigations, and ensures that his detectives have the necessary resources to successfully bring these cases to closure. In 2021, the Major Case and Cold Case Squad closed 26 cases. He is always willing to accompany his detectives to interview subjects, review footage, or follow up on leads. Sergeant Finkelman has the trust and respect of his subordinates and supervisors and epitomizes how a leader should perform. He is dependable, respectable, persistent, diligent, and operates with the highest level of integrity.



Captain of the Year

CAPTAIN **DAVID HONG**

SPECIAL LIAISON BRANCH

Captain David Hong goes above and beyond each day as the leader of the Special Liaison Branch. Not only does he manage his team effectively, but he is extremely responsive to the community. In 2021, Captain Hong handled national news stories surrounding Asian hate crimes in Washington, DC, and discussed the ripple effects hate crimes have across the Nation. His close relationships with members of the community make business owners and residents feel comfortable coming forward to report crimes, because they know that the SLB will provide them with the necessary support and resources. He is always available to help out other MPD members and officials by providing information on current critical incidents, assigning his staff to special events, and serving as a spokesperson for media interviews. His attentiveness to all religious institutions, minority, advocacy and special interest groups in the city, is essential to MPD's community policing efforts in Washington, DC.



Lieutenant of the Year

LIEUTENANT **GEORGE DONIGIAN**

FIRST DISTRICT RAPID RESPONSE

On January 6, 2021, Lieutenant George Donigian was serving as the commander of the First District's Rapid Response Platoon, CDU 12, which was one of the first responding units to the United States Capitol. Under Donigian's command, CDU 12 and other responding officers fought valiantly to hold the doors at the Lower West Terrace tunnel, in what would become a pivotal and inspirational moment in the day. In addition to his superior leadership demonstrated during countless CDU deployments throughout the year, he served as the First District Watch Commander 110 times, on all three shifts, including several times while on active CDU details. This required him to adeptly balance the duties of CDU 12 and Cruiser 100 simultaneously. Lieutenant Donigian is relied upon by the First District management team to regularly represent the agency at various community events and meetings. On average, he attends ten events every month. When Lieutenant Donigian is working, management and officers alike trust that the shift will run smoothly and that he will make sound judgments, always prioritizing crime prevention and officer safety.



Inspector of the Year

INSPECTOR **TASHA BRYANT**

FIRST DISTRICT

As an inspector at the First District, Tasha Bryant served on four different boards and/or committees, but still found time to assist her commander in the administration of the First District. She is logical, thoughtful, and improves on every process she touches. Inspector Bryant — who is now Commander of 1D — demonstrates her leadership on a daily basis, motivating the officers of the First District to do their best work. Aside from the daily police district operations, Inspector Bryant is also involved as a mentor to other management officials, working with them to bring out their potential. Inspector Bryant is dedicated and committed to this job and her positive attitude pervades everything she does.



Commander of the Year

Unit of the Year

COMMANDER

DUNCAN BEDLION

SECOND DISTRICT

Commander Duncan Bedlion has continued to demonstrate outstanding leadership as the Second District (2D) commander for the past several years. In 2021, the district achieved a three percent reduction in overall crime. With countless protests, the impact of COVID and a shrinking workforce, Commander Bedlion managed to continue to inspire his team and motivate them to succeed. During this time, he impressed those around him, as a leader and a teammate. Commander Bedlion makes a continued effort to know every officer in his district and is a friendly face around 2D. He leads by example, strives towards excellence, commits to strategic planning, and holds a consistently-positive disposition. His commitment to delivering the best police services possible incorporates residents, businesses, charitable groups, and District Government partnerships into the collective mission, which is fundamental for safety and teamwork. His character, leadership style, and genuine concern for the well-being of Second District members has had a profound impact.



CARJACKING TASK FORCE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Carjacking Task Force (CJTF) was established on January 24, 2021, due to a substantial increase in carjacking related offenses. In 2021, the members of the CJTF handled 700 criminal investigations. They made 177 arrests and closed several noteworthy offenses. In July of 2021, a group of juveniles committed 15 robberies and carjackings in several police districts. After great detective work, all the suspects were caught sleeping in one of the carjacked vehicles. The CJTF was able to charge four suspects in 15 separate cases. All the members of the team work well together and as a complete unit with a goal of apprehending suspects and bringing resolution to the victims of these violent offenses.



Carjacking Task Force Members:

Sgt. Nicole Copeland (Now Lt.), **Sgt. Valkyrie Finamore**, **Det. Thomas O'Donnell**, **Det. Donte Allen**, **Det. Kristopher Plumley**, **Det. James O'Bannon**, **Det. David Evans**, **Det. James Langenbach**, **Det. Jonathan Lauderdale**, **Det. Melissa Douglas-Hoppel**, **Det. Antoinette Mason**, **Det. Franklyn Then**, **Det. Dwight Jones**, and **Det. Jayme Kingsley**.

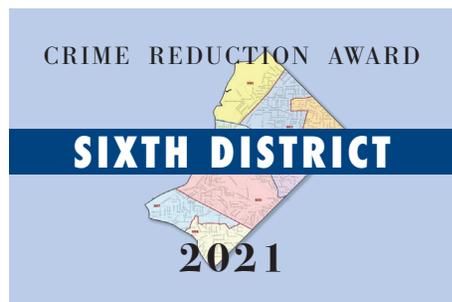
Crime Reduction Award

PSA of the Year

SIXTH DISTRICT

PATROL SERVICES SOUTH

The Sixth District Crime Suppression Team (CST) has targeted their efforts on areas with recurring violent crime. They are dedicated to bringing individuals who commit violent crimes to justice. Through this focused effort, the CST has significantly contributed to the crime reductions in the Sixth District in 2021. The Team's intelligence-driven strategy and focus on violent and repeat offenders has had a positive impact on crime in the Sixth District, thus making our community and city a safer place for all to visit and reside.



PSA 205

PATROL SERVICES NORTH

Throughout 2021, every member of PSA 205 demonstrated their dedication to ensuring the safety & security of our residents and their neighborhoods. Our strong partnership with the community was a significant factor in our crime fighting strategy. Each officer made it their responsibility to reduce crime and effect change in a positive way. Whether it was traffic stops, high visibility foot patrols or community sponsored events the members of 205 always remained engaged. The officers of PSA 205 tailored each of their patrol strategies based on the current crime trends and hot spots. It was this community lead policing and effective enforcement that lead to the overall crime reduction of 42 percent within the PSA.



District Officers of the Year

OFFICER

THOMAS SIMMONS

FIRST DISTRICT

Officer Thomas Simmons is a veteran First District Officer who has served MPD since 1999. As a more senior officer on the evening tour, Officer Simmons serves with quiet humility, wit, and dedication. His uniform and appearance serve as a model for his junior peers. Officer Simmons is tactful in his relationships with the community, which he relays to his peers and supervisors. Officer Simmons' leadership style presents him as a mentor, comrade, and coach. When there was an increase in fatal fentanyl overdoses in Officer Simmons' police service area (PSA) in the Southwest community, He responded to multiple calls for service concerning overdoses, one of which merited an honorable mention from his sergeant.s.



District Officers of the Year

OFFICER

AHMED DORGHOU

THIRD DISTRICT

Officer Ahmed Dorghoud is a member of the Third District's MB Tac team and has been awarded multiple commendations, unit citations, and awards over the past several months. In addition, Officer Dorghoud is extremely professional and a role model for everyone at the District.



OFFICER

STEPHEN STANFORD

SECOND DISTRICT

Second District Officer Stephen Stanford's performance in 2021 is reflective of his 15 years of outstanding service. He played a pivotal role in three major violent crime closures that exemplified his dedication, courage, and resolve. On June 17, 2021, Officer Stanford along with his partners were involved in a vehicle pursuit involving four shooting suspects. Officer Stanford calmly voiced the locations throughout the pursuit and was involved in the capture of all suspects, without any injuries to the public. This incredible arrest resulted in all four individuals still being held as of today and a significant reduction in violence between the involved rival gangs. On October 12, 2021, Officer Stanford played a significant role in capturing a robbery suspect who robbed three liquor stores in three days. On October 26, 2021, Officer Stanford was working his outside employment, when he observed a murder suspect. Thanks to his great relationships in the area, he was able to get key tips in finding the suspect the next day and closing the case with an arrest. Officer Stanford has always been an outstanding employee and this year in particular his work was inspiring.



OFFICER

PHILLIP BURGGRAF

FOURTH DISTRICT

Officer Phillip Burggraf is a leader among his peers and has demonstrated this through his professionalism and competency. Officer Burggraf is often chosen by his officials to take the lead in the field, and because of his vast experiences, he is often solicited for professional advice. Officer Burggraf has received various accolades during his tenure with the Metropolitan Police Department, most notably an Achievement Medal for his assistance with apprehending several suspects who were involved with a robbery and carjacking spree that developed across the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Districts.



OFFICER
DONNA ULRICH

FIFTH DISTRICT

Officer Donna Ulrich reports to work daily ready to exceed everyone's expectations. She travels from New Jersey, arrives on time, and extends herself past regular police duties. Officer Ulrich has an extreme special needs daughter that she loves and cares for and then responds to work with energy, a willingness to help others, and positivity. She is an amazing officer.



OFFICER
DAVID JARBOE

SIXTH DISTRICT

Officer David Jarboe is a model officer at the Sixth District. He has years of street experience that he willingly shares with new members as a training officer; he is a true mentor to those around him. Officer Jarboe is steadfast and fair in dealing with the community, but he is also caring and compassionate. His excellence is recognized not only by his peers and supervisors, but also by members of the community. With over 20 years of service with the MPD—most of it at the Sixth District—Officer Jarboe has not slowed down one bit. There is something to be said about a person who works so hard in one of the city's busiest police districts while taking the time to train the next generation of officers and transfers his excellence to the future of the MPD.



OFFICER
JOSEPH MYLES

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Officer Joseph Myles is often tasked with training multiple probationary officers and he does so as a true mentor. He communicates well with his peers and his supervisors. He makes sound judgment calls and ensures the patrol supervisors are made aware of important details on all his scenes so that information can be disseminated through the chain of command in a swift and timely manner. Officer Myles never complains about any assignment and will volunteer to help with anything that is needed. Officer Myles takes his time and ensures that probationary officers understand the importance of basic fundamentals such as conducting thorough canvasses. He applied these fundamentals to a "sounds of gunshots" case and it resulted in the discovery of a firearm in a community plagued by violence. On another scene, Officer Myles and the probationary police officers responded to a call in reference to a possible cruelty to children. The thorough investigation led by Officer Myles resulted in the determination that multiple children in the home were possibly being abused. This resulted in the removal of the children from the home and charges being filed against their mother. These examples reflect the broader and consistent police service provided by Officer Myles. His relentless demonstration of excellence, dependability and professionalism supports not only his colleagues and supervisors, but all Seventh District residents and visitors.



OFFICER
NATHAN CLARKE

SECOND DISTRICT

As a 15-year member at the Second District, **Officer Nathan Clarke** dedication is unmatched. Throughout his tenure, he has been a beacon of positive energy to his peers and an unrelenting force in trying to stop crime. In 2021, Officer Clarke played a pivotal role in the closure of two gun-related assaults in nightlife areas of 2D. In both of those cases, the suspect was arrested and the suspect's firearm recovered in real time. In one case, while patrolling the area, Officer Clarke saw a suspect handling a firearm and trying to provoke or intimidate someone. When Officer Clarke and his partner tried to stop the suspect, he removed the gun and its extended magazine, threw it onto the hood of a parked car, and ran from the area. Officer Clarke remained calm, recovered the gun, voiced lookout information, and held one additional person of interest. The suspect was ultimately apprehended a few blocks away and later pled guilty to Carrying a Pistol without a License (CPWL). Officer Clarke has also spearheaded large-scale drug interdiction operations in the Second District in 2021. He has focused his efforts on areas that have seen violence and his efforts have paid off. In another operation he developed, Officer Clarke led the effort in recovering a handgun without incident from a known drug distributor while his team made multiple narcotics arrests.



The Department is saddened to have said goodbye to the following members in 2021. Their contributions to our agency were many and varied, but their service to the city will not be forgotten.



Officer
Deborah Bolden



Officer
Brian Bregman



Officer
Kyle DeFreytag



Detective
Scott Emmons



Officer
Gunther Hashida



Officer
Kevin Kennedy



Professional Staff
Tracy Martin



Officer
Daniel Merritt



Officer
Jeffrey Smith



Officer
Carlton Starling



Professional Staff
Linda Tolson



Senior Police Officer
Nathaniel Washington





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