

Commander Robert J. Contee

Sixth District



Commander Robert J. Contee III was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He attended Charles Young Elementary School, Browne Jr. High School, and graduated with honors from Spingarn Senior High School. He joined the Metropolitan Police Department as a police cadet in November 1989 and became a sworn member of the Department three years later. He quickly rose through the ranks, achieving the rank of Sergeant in 1997, Lieutenant in 2000 and Captain in January 2004.

Recognizing his dedication, commitment, and hard work, Chief of Police Charles H. Ramsey promoted him to Commander in charge of the Second Police District in August 2004, making him the youngest appointed Commander in the Department's history. In April 2006, Commander Contee was transferred to the Special Operations Division, where he was responsible for overseeing tactical patrol, special events and traffic safety functions.

Throughout his career, Commander Contee has served in a variety of assignments, including the Third District as a Patrol Officer, the Second District, and the Training Academy as a Sergeant. Additionally, as a Lieutenant, he worked in the Second District, Regional Operations Command-East, and also led the Intelligence Branch. Prior to being promoted to Commander of the Second District, he served as Captain in charge of the Violent Crimes Branch, which investigates homicides, sexual assaults, and other serious crimes across the city.

Commander Contee has completed the Management College at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) of the Police Executive Research Forum in Boston, Massachusetts. Because he is a command official who believes in continuing education in his discipline, he is also studying Police Science at George Washington University. To date, Commander Contee is the highest ranking Police Cadet on the Department, and currently serves as the Commander for the Sixth District in Southeast DC.

Senior Police Officer Wallace L. Bradford

Metropolitan Police Academy



Senior Police Officer (SPO) Wally Bradford joined the MPD as a member of the first class of Police Cadets in June of 1965. The starting salary at the time was \$3,680 a year. As a Police Cadet, SPO Bradford worked in the Hack Inspector's office, Warrant Squad, Auto Squad, Twelfth Precinct, and Chief's Office. He also attended the Police Academy and worked as a police radio dispatcher.

Bradford was sworn in as an officer in August 1968, and assigned to the Twelfth Precinct (later part of the Fifth District), where he served his probationary time performing patrol duties as a foot patrol officer, scout car relief officer, and station patrol single systems officer.

In 1972, SPO Bradford passed the promotional examination to become a sergeant and in August of that year became the first police cadet to be promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was promoted in the second class of sergeants in August of that year, only a few days after his 25th birthday, the youngest member to be promoted within MPD at the time.

After achieving sergeant, he was assigned to the First District, where he remained for the next 19 years. While serving in the First District, SPO Bradford worked in each of the three sectors, developing and implemented the first successful Community Empowerment Policing program in Washington, known then as "Beat 26." Beat 26 included such innovations as a community newsletter, telephone tree, and block captain program.

After retiring with great fanfare in 1991, Bradford returned to the Department as one of its first Senior Police Officers in 1994, working at the Academy to train MPD's newest officers in various techniques and programs. In 2001, he received an Achievement Medal for inventing the "Wally Board," a device used to stabilize protesters while police officers try to extract them from "Sleeping Dragons." The device is now incorporated in the US Department of Homeland Security domestic preparedness training materials.

As a member of the Metropolitan Police Department, SPO Bradford has played witness to Inaugurations, presidential funerals, protests, fireworks, and other unique aspects of world history. Being a member of the Metropolitan Police Department is not just a job — it's a "front row seat to the greatest show on earth."

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The Police Cadet Training Program provides training and experience in the field of law enforcement to qualified individuals between the ages of 17 to 21 who have the desire to pursue a career with the Metropolitan Police Department. The program is designed to prepare candidates for entrance into the Metropolitan Police Officer Recruit Program.

Benefits

Our comprehensive benefits package includes:

- » Starting salary \$25,315–\$33,055 per annum
- » Full college tuition through the University of the District of Columbia
- » Dental and Health benefits
- » Annual and sick Leave

In addition, cadets will gain familiarization with the daily operations of the department and its rich history through temporary assignments throughout the departments police districts and specialized units. Cadets will participate in community policing activities, and interface with citizens and visitors of the District of Columbia.

Minimum Requirements

In order to enter the Police Cadet Training Program, candidates:

- » Must be enrolled in a District of Columbia high school or have graduated from high school and received their diploma or a GED issued by the District of Columbia
- » Be between 17 and 21 years of age and a senior enrolled in high school (Must not be 21 years by the date of hire)
- » Pass a comprehensive background investigation that includes a medical examination, drug screening and a psychological evaluation
- » Possess at least 20/100 vision, correctable to 20/30 in both eyes
- » Possess, or acquire, a valid driver's license
- » Receive an acceptable assessment of high



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school/college academic records before entry into the program

- » Pass a college proficiency examination administered by the University of the District of Columbia
- » Conform to Physical Fitness Standards
- » Possess high moral character

