



2007

The Year in Review

As 2007 comes to an end, Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the highlights of her leadership with the Metropolitan Police Department. Under Chief Lanier's direction, MPD introduced several initiatives and programs to improve public safety. Following are some of the highlights from these successful and innovative new measures.

MPDC's First Woman Chief

Cathy L. Lanier was named Chief of Metropolitan Police Department by DC Mayor Adrian Fenty. She officially assumed the leadership position on January 2, 2007. On April 3, 2007, members of the DC Council approved her confirmation.

Shortly after her confirmation, Chief Lanier unveiled a new mission statement and guiding principles to help direct the changes she planned for her first year.



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The Mission of the Metropolitan Police Department



It is the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department to safeguard the District of Columbia and protect its residents and visitors by providing the highest quality of police service with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to innovation that integrates people, technology and progressive business systems.

Guiding Principles of Chief of Police Cathy L. Lanier



- ★ Reduce crime and the fear of crime in the community
- ★ Change the culture of the MPD from reacting to crime to building and sustaining safe neighborhoods
- ★ Position the MPD to be viewed and respected nationally and internationally as a model for how it serves the community
- ★ Build homeland security into the culture of the MPD and the community without creating fear
- ★ Make the relationship between police and neighborhoods paramount — tailoring policing to neighborhoods
- ★ Build on what the MPD is doing right
- ★ Focus on MPD's routine activities, fostering innovation and initiative, all while maintaining fiscal accountability
- ★ Encourage teamwork and leadership at every level of the police department and throughout the community
- ★ Emphasize that every MPD employee has the power to influence positive change — and encourage them to improve the service they provide to both the Department and community
- ★ Throughout the department, focus on how the MPD can address youth issues
- ★ Enhance follow-up in all aspects of the department to meet community needs.



Homicide Closure Rate

As of December 31, 2007, the city has had 181 homicides. Although slightly higher than last year, the homicide closure rate remains strong, at 69.6 percent. The homicide closure rate is the highest it has been in 10 years. This is also the fifth straight year that the homicide clearance rate has been more than 60 percent.

For 2006, the homicide closure rate was 64.5 percent. In 1997, the homicide closure rate was 70.1 percent.

Chief Lanier attributes this achievement to the hard work and dedication of the Violent Crime Branch detectives and officials and to the cooperation and support of the community in which we serve.

Summer of Safety 2007

For summer 2007, the MPD kicked off its first Summer of Safety Program (SOS), Chief Lanier's Summer Crime Initiative, designed to reduce the normal spike in crime during the summer months. The program began in June with block parties and other structured activities around the city where kids and their parents could find out about supervised events that were offered at little to no cost to District youth.

Many of the events were coordinated by MPD school resource officers, and they were free. In addition to that, each of our police districts hosted a summer camp. For youth who were old enough to work, MPD partnered with the Department of Employment Services to offer jobs with MPD.

The list of events this summer included:

- ★ kids' safety programs
- ★ ice cream socials
- ★ rugby, martial arts and soccer camps
- ★ teen events, planned by teens
- ★ community softball games
- ★ and many more

During the Summer of Safety, the city saw a dramatic reduction in youth violence.



District Takes Fifth Place *with* This Year's National Night Out Celebration



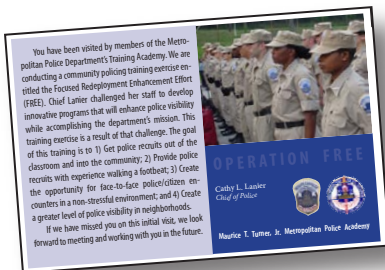
The Metropolitan Police Department placed fifth place nationally for the city's participation in the 24th Annual National Night Out on August 7, 2007.



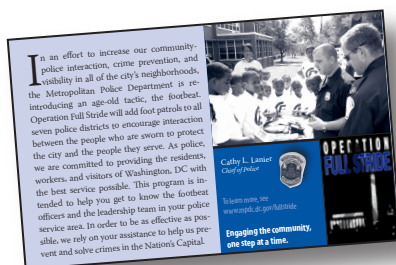
The festivities and events held in honor of the 24th Annual National Night Out this August 7 garnered the attention of the event's national organizers, the National Association of Town Watch. The kickoff event and dozens of other activities planned throughout the city that evening qualified the city's participation for fifth place among cities with populations of 300,000 or more.

Hundreds of residents and officers turned out for activities that took place all over the District.

Operation FREE/Full Stride



In an effort to increase our community-police interaction, crime prevention, and visibility in all of the city's neighborhoods, the Metropolitan Police Department introduced two programs to help re-connect members with the citizens they serve on a daily basis. In August, the Metropolitan Police Academy launched, "Operation FREE" (Focused Redeployment Enhancement Effort) to give recruits nearing graduation the opportunity to meet members of the communities they will soon serve, increase visibility in the neighborhoods, and provide face-to-face interactions.



Following on the success of Operation FREE, Assistant Chief Diane Groomes re-introduced an age-old tactic, the foot beat in October. Operation Full Stride added foot patrols to all seven police districts to increase foot patrols across the city. Operation Full Stride helps citizens get to know the foot beat officers and the leadership team — the sergeants and lieutenants — in their police service area so they can call on them in a time of need or when they have a question.

Full Stride will also help MPD increase citizen participation by assisting MPD officers in preventing and solving crimes in the Nation's Capital.



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Reorganization of the Metropolitan Police Department

In September, Chief Lanier announced a major restructuring of the Department. The reorganization streamlined the MPD to better serve the District.

The reorganization eliminated the Regional Operation Commands North, Central, East and Operational Support Command. The restructuring also reduced the number of Assistant Chiefs from eight to six, and eliminated two Senior Executive Director positions that were the equivalent of Assistant Chiefs. The changes created a less top heavy command structure, and are designed to improve the level of police service to residents.

The new organizational structure consists of the Executive Office of the Chief of Police to include six bureaus:

- ★ Assistant Chief, Executive Officer — Assistant Chief Alfred Durham
- ★ Patrol Services and School Security Bureau — Assistant Chief Diane Groomes
- ★ Homeland Security Bureau — Assistant Chief Patrick Burke
- ★ Professional Development Bureau — Assistant Chief Joshua Ederheimer
- ★ Corporate Support Bureau — Mr. Edward Hamilton
- ★ Investigative Services Bureau — Assistant Chief Winston Robinson
- ★ Internal Affairs Bureau — Assistant Chief Peter Newsham

Special Liaison Units

In October, as part of her departmental reorganization and her long-term commitment to the expansion of the units, Chief Lanier created a centralized command of the Special Liaison Units which now fall directly under the Executive Office of the Chief of Police.

The Special Liaison Unit is comprised of the Department's current liaison units, Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU), Latino Liaison Unit (LLU), Asian Liaison Unit (ALU) and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit (DHHU). All four units fall under the supervision of Sergeant Brett Parson, who works out of the Executive Office of the Chief of Police.

The unit's day-to-day operations are still supervised by their current leaders. The units will also continue to deploy from their current locations throughout the city and maintain their citywide functions and missions.



MPD Launches New Smart Patrol Technology

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier in November announced the deployment of the Smart Patrol car. The new wireless technology will make MPD patrol officers more efficient and effective.

The new technology allows officers to perform local and national criminal record checks, receive dispatch calls and submit police reports — all with just a tap of an index finger on a touch screen computer. Locators are installed on each of the laptops, allowing dispatchers to locate officers anywhere in the city. The technology also gives officers the ability to receive and respond to calls for service without the use of a radio.

Initially, 50 cars were outfitted with the new laptops. Approximately 200 patrol cruisers will be retrofitted per quarter with the new technology, ultimately installing the laptops in all 800 patrol cars. The cost to outfit a vehicle is about \$6,500 per patrol car.

Mayor Fenty Targets Crime *through* Focused Neighborhood Improvement Effort

In November, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty launched a targeted pilot initiative aimed at reducing criminal activity and increasing quality of life in at-risk communities. The effort, involving several District agencies in cooperation with non-governmental community-based organizations, will target three Focused Improvement Areas (FIA) in the city's 3rd, 5th and 7th Police Districts.

The program focuses on combining existing community policing efforts such as Operation Full Stride and the delivery of human services. Objectives include increasing employment opportunities, engaging youth in meaningful activities, increasing school attendance and improving neighborhood appearance.

In addition to the MPD, lead District agencies for FIAs include the Department of Employment Services, Department of Human Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, DC Public Schools, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.



Mayor Fenty Works *with Council to* Add Resources *for* Community Policing

Also in November, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, joined by Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham and MPD Chief Cathy Lanier, announced additional resources aimed at reducing criminal activity, specifically related to gang activity in the three targeted Focused Improvement Areas. Additional resources for community policing have been allocated to the Third District following several shootings in Ward 1 — many of them related to crew activity.

Specifically, community policing efforts will be enhanced through the following initiatives:

- ★ Expanded shotspotter technology — \$1.8 million has been dedicated to expand shotspotter gunshot location technology to various locations around the city rolling out in 3rd and 4th Districts. Shotspotter detects gunfire across large urban areas using a small number of inexpensive and easy-to-deploy sensors.
- ★ Financial resources for gang intervention activities — \$1.2 million in grants to the Metropolitan Police Department for expanded community partnerships to address gang intervention and mediation beginning in the Third District.
- ★ Gang Intelligence Partnership expansion — an expanded focus in the Focused Improvement Areas, beginning in the Third District.

All Hands on Deck



During All Hands on Deck (AHOD), all available sworn MPD personnel were on patrol throughout the District emphasizing community policing, focused law enforcement and community outreach. The AHOD initiative is part of the Metropolitan Police Department's larger effort to improve public safety by encouraging greater communication with residents. More officers on patrol during AHOD allowed for more proactive policing, rather than restricting them entirely to patrol cars responding to multiple calls for service.

AHOD was conducted in five phases. Phase V of AHOD began on Friday December 7, 2007 and continued through Sunday December 9, 2007.

The first four phases of AHOD were conducted in June, July, August and November. All five AHOD's netted more than 2,400 arrests.



MPD Gun Amnesty Program



Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced that over 600 guns were recovered as a result of a Gun Amnesty Program that was conducted on two Saturdays in December. The collections were held December 15 and December 29 at various locations in the Third, Sixth, and Seventh police districts. The Gun Amnesty Program, which is a part of the Metropolitan Police Department's commitment to reducing gun violence in the District, offered an opportunity for people to turn in their weapons to authorities without fear of prosecution.

The total numbers, broken down by participating locations, were as follows:

- ★ 367 guns turned in (Third District Location)
- ★ 161 guns turned in (Sixth District Location)
- ★ 100 guns turned in (Seventh District Location)

The total amount paid for turn-ins under this program was \$33,100.

Gun Recovery Unit

In November, the Department re-established the Gun Recovery Unit (GRU), a city-wide unit designed to seize firearms. We work closely with other jurisdictions. GRU has also had success with Gun Trafficking cases in the District and in Prince George's County.

As of December 27, 2007, GRU:

- ★ has made 121 arrests; 48 of those were for firearm related offenses.
- ★ has obtained and executed 32 search warrants.
- ★ 67 firearms (61 handguns, 3 assault rifles, 1 rifle, 2 shotguns).
- ★ 11 replica firearms, pellet guns, BB guns.

The Gun Recovery Unit has also made the following seizures:

- ★ Nine vehicles
- ★ \$60,853 in US currency

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