

THE RESERVE LOOKOUT

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"Excellence in Volunteer Policing" - Commander Southby

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



It is a great pleasure to send this message to all members of the Reserve Corps on the occasion of the launch of your newsletter, *The Lookout*. Along with other members of the MPD Command Staff, and many of our career members, I am very grateful to you for your outstanding service to the

Department, the citizens of the District of Columbia and the many visitors to our nation's capital. We all appreciate your volunteer service in enhancing law enforcement in this special community.

I appreciate the many demands on your time, from your families, your employers and the Department. I know that it is not easy to balance these competing demands, but you do this very well. You also bring a wide variety of skills and experiences which complement those of our career members. In addition, as we continually strive to advance the profession-

alism of all our members—career and reserve—we are placing more demands on you in terms of duty hours, participation in professional development and distance learning programs. I am especially gratified to see your strong commitment to the recently established Reserve Corps Focused Initiatives, which are already making significant contributions to our patrol services throughout all seven police districts.

Through the medium of *The Lookout* you will be able to keep in touch with your colleagues, read about your successes, learn how others are contributing to MPD, and be made aware of upcoming activities.

Keep up your good work and, once again, thank you for your exceptional volunteer service.

Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police

RESERVIST SNAPSHOT



Reserve Officer Mike Noyes joined the MPD Reserve Corps in 1995. He is a Level 1 (Armed) member. He has served in the Homicide Branch and Special Operations Division, and he is currently assigned to the 4th District. Officer Noyes has been a member of the Maryland National Guard since 1982, serving as an Infantry officer and Judge Advocate. He has been on active duty since 1996, and is a Lieutenant Colonel assigned as the Chief of the Operational Law Division for the National Guard Bureau. He is married with three beautiful daughters, ages 13, 15 and 17.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



I am delighted to see the establishment of *The Lookout* as our own Reserve Corps medium to acknowledge the achievements of our members, publicize our many contributions to the Department and the District of Columbia community and provide you with information on upcoming activities. *The Lookout*

was prompted by our new Reserve Corps Liaison, Lt. Daniel Ewell, and I am very grateful to him for spearheading this initiative.

It is a time of great activity within the Reserve Corps Division. Many things which we have discussed for a long time are coming to fruition, and more are in the pipeline. I am especially grateful to Ms. Polly Hanson, Executive Director of the Strategic Services Bureau, for her strong commitment to our division. We would not be on our current trajectory without her advice and support. This, of course, is multiplied by the arrival of Lt. Daniel Ewell who is helping us resolve many administrative, personnel and training issues.

The recent launch of RCFI, our Reserve Corps Focused Initiative program, has been very exciting and bodes well for our future contributions. I hope this will become our "Signature Program." Assistant Chief

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A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POLLY HANSON



Volunteers are vital to this community and to the Metropolitan Police's commitment to public safety. No matter how large government is, it can never replace the spirit of volunteerism.

I have seen the difference the Reserves have made. Already in 2010, the Reserves have contributed numerous hours and resources to support parades and crime suppression activities. As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, We make a life by what we give." You give to the members of the Metropolitan Police Department and the residents of the District of Columbia. The Reserves have a long and distinguished history of service. The program celebrates sixty years of service this year. Thank you for the high-quality support you provide to the District of Columbia government, members of the Metropolitan Police Department, its residents, businesses, communities and visitors and for making the District a safer place to live, do commerce, and visit.

Polly Hanson,
Executive Director
Strategic Services Bureau

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Groomes, Executive Director Hanson and all the District Commanders have advised and supported us in implementing RCFI, and for this I am most grateful. Inspector Dennis Starks is managing the operational aspects of RCFI. I encourage all our members to participate in this significant contribution to enhancing patrol services whenever you can. The schedule for future RCFIs has been distributed and we will inform you as to the specific districts as soon as they are determined by AC Groomes.

We are in the process of arranging three special dates for Reserve Corps Professional Development Training at the Academy with the help of Mr. Eric Walddt and MPA staff. These sessions will enable us to complete the PDT training requirements satisfactorily and with minimal disruption to our employment responsibilities. The proposed dates are Saturday, June 19 and Saturday, September 18, 2010. These will be very long training days in order to cover all the required topics, so be prepared! I will distribute further information about this training in due course. But please look at your calendars and select one of these dates for your training.

I trust that all our members are familiar with 'Road Map 2010' which I distributed through the Platoon Leaders and Branch Managers earlier this year. This document summarizes my objectives for the Division for this calendar year. I encourage everyone to read this document carefully and refer to it from time to time.

We are also implementing this year, for the first time, the proper departmental personnel evaluation procedures. Your Platoon Leaders and Branch Managers will be explaining these procedures to you as they are put in place.

Another important development is the Field Training Program for RCD members. Mr. Burt Glassman, Strategic Services Bureau, has prepared the initial draft

for this program and, as soon as it is approved, it will be used to certify that all our members have received the appropriate field training following graduation from the Police Academy.

We are also in the early stages of implementing an on-line application and review process for people seeking to join the Reserve Corps. Information about this can be found elsewhere in *The Lookout*. When it is fully operational, this new system will make it easier for people to apply and ensure that the entire recruiting process is efficient and moves candidates along as quickly as possible. It is my goal to have a new Level 2 Class start in October 2010 with approximately 20 to 25 recruits.

Over the next few months, we will be asked to work through quite a number of important details, which are listed in this edition of *The Lookout*. I have instituted a minimum staffing system for the major city-wide details and these have been discussed with the Platoon Leaders and Branch Managers. Please look at your schedules over this period and commit to working several of these major details. If everyone does this, we will not have any trouble in meeting the quotas, and we will be able to guarantee strong support to the Department for this important police work.

Thank you for your dedicated service as a member of the Reserve Corps. I am most grateful to you for your significant contributions, as volunteers, to law enforcement in our nation's capital. I look forward to seeing you at our many activities over the coming months.

Commander Richard F. Southby
Commanding Officer

NEWLY ASSIGNED CAREER LIEUTENANT TO RESERVE



Lieutenant Daniel Lee Ewell, Jr. is a 20-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department. Prior to being assigned to MPD's Reserve Corps, he was assigned as Patrol Lieutenant in the First District. Lieutenant Daniel Ewell began his career as a patrol officer in the Fourth District. During his tenure with MPD, Lieutenant Ewell has worked various assignments and special projects/details. Some of his assignments were Instructor, Metropolitan Police Academy; Patrol Sergeant, First District; Training Specialist, Office of Organizational Development; Patrol Lieutenant, Third District; School Resource

Officer; Area Coordinator, Second, Third and Fourth Districts; Boys & Girls Club Liaison, Office of Youth Violence.

Lieutenant Ewell is a native Washingtonian who attended DC Public Schools. He graduated from Frank W. Ballou High School. He also served seven years in the United States Army. During his service, he was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper.

Lieutenant Ewell completed the Police Executive Leadership Program (PELP) and also received his Master of Science Degree in Management from Johns Hopkins University. During his career, Lieutenant Ewell has received a variety of awards and commendations including the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Customer Service.

RESERVES IN ACTION

Chinese New Year Celebration

On Sunday, February 21, 2010, the MPD's Reserve Corps Division (RCD) assisted in making the DC Chinese New Year celebration event safe for participants and onlookers. Members of the RCD deployed in high numbers to provide police service. They helped with traffic control and crime patrol. They also provided staffing support to MPD's Asian Liaison Station. The deployment of the RCD enhanced manpower in the various events in Chinatown. They also assisted in crime reduction initiatives throughout the city. Assistant Chief Diane Groomes (Patrol Services and School Security Bureau) and Inspector Michael Reese (First District) were present at the event and thanked the RCD for their support.



Reserves deploy to U Street, NW to Assist 3D.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Once again, the Reserve Corps had a strong turnout and provided crowd control support for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade along Constitution Avenue, NW. Fortunately, the heavy rain held off until after the parade concluded. The members manned several posts along Constitution Avenue, assisting with crowd and traffic control.



Reserve Officer Elbert 'Sonny' Mays stands on his post during the Saint Patrick's Day parade.

Reserves Launch their 1st Reserve Corps Focused Initiative (RCFI)

The Reserve Corps Division has recently established the Reserve Corps Focused Initiative (RCFI) to support the Department by targeting high-priority areas in a designated District every second Friday evening. The first RCFI was held in the Third District on March 19; the second was the Second District on April 2; the third was in the Fifth District on April 16; and the fourth was the Fourth District on April 30. The RCFIs are proving to be very attractive duties for our members and are contributing to crime reduction and increased police visibility throughout the District of Columbia.



First Reserve Corps Focus Initiative participants pose for a picture before hitting the streets to prevent crime.

Level One Reserve Members Get On Target in March

In accordance with the Departmental requirement for armed members to re-qualify with their weapons every six months, Reserve Corps members responded to the Metropolitan Police Academy range and successfully completed the training in March. The Reserve Corps Division thanks Ms. Polly Hanson, Executive Director, Strategic Services Bureau, and Lieutenant Daniel Ewell, Reserve Corps Division Liaison, for coordinating the special evening training dates to accommodate the Level One members. Most Level One members work and/or have other obligations during the day. Therefore, the evening range dates provided the opportunity our volunteer members needed to attend.



A group of Level 1 members alongside Commander Richard Southby at the MPA Range.

Reserve Corps Enforce Traffic Regulations in the First District

RCD members responded to the First District and conducted a safety compliance check. RCD made an arrest of a driver operating without a permit and a driver with an open container of alcohol in her vehicle.



Reserve Officer Baker assists in handcuffing a traffic violator.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Future RCFIs are planned for
 - May 14 and 28
 - June 11 and 25
 - July 9 and 23
 - August 6 and 20
 - September 3 and 17
 - October 1, 15 and 29
 - November 12 and 26
 - December 10 and 24
- Look out for call-up for members regarding the Independence Day, July 4th Detail. Captain Harrington will be contacting you soon.
- The Office of Unified Communications (OUC) is wrapping up the radio reprogramming initiative. Reserve members who have not had their assigned radio programed should contact Lt. Daniel Ewell.
- New Reserve Corps members will be graduating soon and joining the ranks. The graduation is tentatively set for June 15, 2010 at the Metropolitan Police Academy. Please attend and show your support of our new members.

The dates and times listed above are subject to change, so please check your e-mail account daily to stay informed of upcoming events, meetings and training.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Law Ride (May 9)
- Candlelight Vigil (May 13)
- Police Car Parade
- Fourth of July Parade (July 4)
 - Downtown
 - Palisades
 - Takoma Park

Please e-mail Captain Harrington, Reserve Event Coordinator at Lawrence.Harrington@dc.gov to sign-up for the upcoming events.

AWARDS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND RECOGNITION

Reserve Desk Sergeant Alexander Pope Awarded 2009 Reserve Officer of the Year

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) held its Tenth Annual Awards Ceremony on February 24, 2010, honoring members of MPD and community partners for their outstanding efforts in 2009. Reserve Desk Sergeant Alexander Pope was among those awarded, receiving the Reserve Officer of the Year Award. During 2009, Desk Sergeant Pope initiated 98 arrests and participated in 50 arrests as arresting or assisting officer. As a dedicated Reserve Corps member, he contributed 1,347 of volunteer service hours. Desk Sergeant Pope is well known among MPD members as a dedicated and knowledgeable alcohol enforcement official that leads by example. Many Friday and Saturday nights, Desk Sergeant Pope can be called upon to assist with alcohol and traffic-related matters citywide.



Reserve Officer Frank Commended for Assisting in Arrest of Man with Gun

On October 11, 2009, while Sergeant Joseph Perren, Officer Eric Frost, Reserve Officer Gregory Frank and Detective Kevin Copeland were working in Adams Morgan, a busy social spot for many citizens who patronize the various clubs and restaurants. Detective Copeland witnessed several individuals shooting at each other near the corner of Euclid and Champlain Streets, NW. Detective Copeland immediately voiced the incident over the radio as he engaged the shooters. Officer Frost, while patrolling on a mountain bike, spotted one of the shooters and gave chase. Sergeant Perren and Reserve Officer Frank gave assistance and they were able to safely apprehend the shooter in the area. A gun was recovered from the suspect. During one of Chief Cathy Lanier's weekly crime briefings, all members involved were commended for outstanding police work.



Sergeant Joseph Perren, Officer Eric Frost, Officer Gregory Frank, and Detective Kevin Copeland

Reserve Officer Doptis Assisted in Estate Fraud Case

In the fall of 2009, an informant approached an MPD detective stating that he believed an individual had created and forged the will of his deceased companion. The alleged will left all of the decedent's possessions to that individual and named him as Personal Representative. The decedent's estate included a home on Capitol Hill.

The case was assigned to the Financial Crimes and Fraud Unit, and Reserve Officer Jean Doptis was called in because estate cases are one of her specialties. The docket in the Probate Division of the Superior Court was reviewed and an investigation was launched. Witness interviews were conducted and the suspect was arrested, interviewed, and charged. The suspect ultimately pled guilty to second degree fraud and was sentenced to 18 months probation and fined. Reserve Officer Doptis was advised that the case was so unusual that it attracted attention in DC legal circles and may have established precedent in criminal proceedings involving fraudulent wills.

Reserve Officer Doptis has 25 years experience in estate work and civil and criminal investigations. Currently, she conducts a business that provides legal support and technical services in the area of Code Analysis, Due Diligence, Fire Inspection, Identity Theft & Fraud Investigations, Investigative Analysis, and other services. Her background knowledge and expertise assisted MPD in closing this case.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Reserve Corps Division (RCD) regrets to announce the passing of former Reserve Lieutenant Willie B. Flowers on January 1, 2010. Lieutenant Flowers served in the RCD from May 1953 to October 1991. Members of RCD attended his funeral services

and presented the family a letter of condolence from Chief Cathy Lanier and an American flag. The RCD provided an escort to his burial site. Lieutenant Flowers son, Mr. Michael Flowers states, "My father loved the Reserve Corps...he was proud to be a member."