

# WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

*A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia*



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## LITTERING ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM BEGINS IN FOURTH DISTRICT ON MAY 1

On April 27, 2011, Mayor Vincent C. Gray announced that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) would begin a pilot project May 1 to enforce laws against littering by writing tickets and imposing penalties on pedestrians as well as motorists who litter.

Throughout May, MPD will issue warnings to violators as they work with community partners to educate the public about littering enforcement. Beginning June 1, 2011, anyone violating the city's littering law in the MPD's Fourth District (which covers much of Ward 4 and part of Ward 5) may be issued an actual ticket or be subject to arrest.

If an officer sees an individual intentionally or carelessly dropping waste material of any source on public space, in waterways, or on private property not controlled by the individual, he or she may receive a \$75 ticket for littering. Failure to properly respond by following the instructions on the back of the ticket will result in additional penalties.

Those cited are required to provide an accurate name and address to the issuing officer. Those who refuse or fail to provide an accurate name and address can be arrested. Upon conviction, non-cooperative litterers will be fined an additional \$100 to \$250 by the D.C. Superior Court.

While the pilot is in effect, MPD will continue citywide enforcement of the prohibition against disposing, causing, or allowing the disposal of litter from a vehicle on any public or private property, subject to a \$100 traffic ticket

» Read the complete news release at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov>

» Get more information on the Littering Enforcement Pilot Project or download a flier at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/littering>

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK TO BRING THOUSANDS TO DC TO HONOR OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "National Police Week." Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on DC each May to participate in a variety of events to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty. The 23rd Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Friday, May 13, 2011. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC. Other Police Week events include bicycle and motorcycle rides, wreath-laying ceremonies, the 14th annual Blue Mass (May 3 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 10th and G Streets, NW), seminars by Concerns of Police Survivors, a Pipeband March and Service, and the Police Unit Bicycle Tour.

Locally, the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary sponsors the 32nd Annual Memorial Service for law enforcement officers from the region killed in the line of duty. The ceremony will take place at 11 am on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the memorial fountain outside MPD Headquarters at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW. This year, the service will honor six members of the community who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2010.

» National Police Week info and a schedule of events are at:  
<http://www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek/>

» MPD maintains an online memorial to officers killed in the line of duty. Family members, friends and other loved ones may submit remembrances at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/heroes>

## REPORT INTERNET CRIMES THROUGH THE FBI'S IC3

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) receives, develops, and refers cyber crime complaints to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies. The IC3 gives cyber crime victims a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations.

Many complaints involved identity theft, such as loss of personally identifying data, and the unauthorized use of credit cards or bank accounts. The IC3 uses information from the complaints to detect emerging trends and proactively fight consumer victimization through educational efforts with project partners, various publications and the consumer education website, [www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com](http://www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com).

- » Learn more about the Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3) at: <http://www.ic3.gov>

## SECURE YOUR BICYCLE TO REDUCE THE RISK OF THEFT

Bicycling is a great form of exercise and it helps reduce pollution. It's fun for both adults and children. Weather you use a bicycle to get to and from school, for your daily work commute, or for exercise, it is important that you always secure it when it's not being used. In an effort to prevent thefts and to aid in the recovery of stolen bicycles, the MPD offers the following simple suggestions.

- Invest in a quality lock and use it whenever you are not riding the bicycle.
- Lock your bicycle in an area that is well-lit.
- If you are not going to use your bicycle for a significant period of time, locate a place (preferably inside) where you can safely secure it.
- Document the following information about your bicycle: make, size and serial number. Store this information in a safe place. The serial number is found underneath the bicycle between the crank arms and the bottom bracket. Keep all receipts for your bicycle, including the purchase receipt and repair receipts; these will help provide proof of ownership if your bicycle is stolen.
- Register your bicycle with the National Bike Registry.

While bicycle registration is no longer required in the District of Columbia, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the MPD strongly encourage residents to register their bicycles with the National Bicycle Registry (NBR). NBR is a service that allows you to register your bicycle by serial number in a national database. If your bike is ever stolen, it can be identified and you can prove ownership. Law enforcement anywhere can access this database. NBR also guarantees your registration. If your bike is stolen and not recovered by police within six months, NBR will register your next bike for free and the stolen bike information will remain in the database until the bike is recovered no matter how long it takes.

- » Read the MPD's frequently asked questions on registering your bike in the District of Columbia at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/bikereg>
- » Get details on the bike helmet law in DC at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/bikesafety>
- » The MPD offers theft prevention tips as well as a variety of other tips on ways to protect yourself and your property. Check out all of our safety tips online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/safety>

DATA BOX	
<b>Homicides</b>	as of 4/29/11
2011: 33	
2010: 31	
% Change: 6.5%	
Closure Rate: 79% (26 closures)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	week end. 4/23/11
Total Arrests: 901	
Weapons: 15	
Robbery: 9	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 5	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 9	
Narcotics: 204	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	week end. 4/23/11
Total Arrests: 68	
Weapons: 4	
Robbery: 7	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 2	
Narcotics: 5	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 4/25/11
April: 126	
2011 Total: 595	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 4/29/11
2011: 12	
2010: 12	
% Change: No Change	

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

**Got Drugs?** The Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) second National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is this Saturday, April 30, from 10 am–2 pm. More than 5,300

sites nationwide have joined the effort that seeks to prevent pill abuse and theft. Get more information and find a collection site near you at <http://www.justice.gov/dea/>.

**Street Closures for the Avon walk for Breast Cancer and Race for Hope, 4/30 & 5/1.** The MPD wishes to advise the

public that events on or around the National Mall will take place both days this weekend, from 7 am to 2:30 pm. Motorists may encounter possible delays if operating in the vicinity of this event and may wish to consider alternative routes. Get more information at <http://mpdc.dc.gov>.

#### Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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