

# 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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## YOU CAN HELP PREVENT TERRORISM IN OUR BACK YARD JUST BY PAYING ATTENTION AND SPEAKING UP

The Washington region is a special place, one that we are privileged to call home. Now, citizens can help protect our home from those who would do harm by calling attention to potential threats to our community.

Now, when you see something that just doesn't look right, you can quickly and easily make an electronic record of what you observed and report it to local police for investigation and possible action. The information you provide could be the difference in preventing an attack on one of our nation's most cherished institutions or critical functions. Making a report is free, easy, and an important element of our shared responsibility to protect our nation from harm.

It is usually an individual business or service organization that will be the first to notice something out of the ordinary. When that happens, it is critical that these suspicions be immediately passed on to law enforcement, so that the information can be examined, evaluated and, if necessary, acted upon. The key to preventing terrorist incidents in our nation's capital is cooperation between law enforcement and the community. It is your awareness reported to police that can help predict and prevent attacks before they happen.

The iWATCH suspicious activity reporting tool enables users to provide detailed information about suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate possible criminal or terrorist activity.

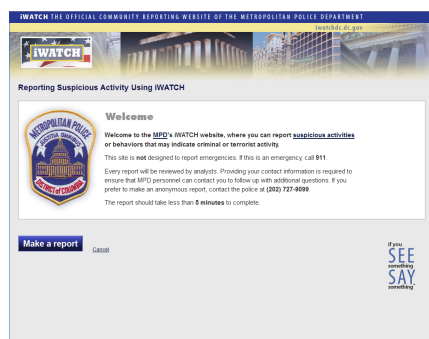
When a user logs in to [www.iwatchdc.dc.gov](http://www.iwatchdc.dc.gov), they are first presented with a Welcome screen (pictured at right). By clicking on "Make a Report," you will be prompted to enter your contact information (shown below) so that a member of the Metropolitan Police Department may contact you to follow up with any additional questions about what you've witnessed.

Follow the prompts, clicking on "Next" until you have completed all of the fields and pages that are applicable to the report you are making. The forms will prompt you for the basic information, such as the date and time of occurrence, the location (entered by typing a street address, cross streets, by clicking on the map), information about the subject(s), vehicle(s), and a brief narrative (description) of what you saw. You can also submit photos on the "Attachments" screen.

Once you've entered all the data, the system will provide an opportunity to review everything before you submit it.



- » Learn more about iWATCH and how to report suspicious activity at:  
<http://www.mpdcc.gov/iwatch>
- » If you see something unusual or suspicious, make a report at:  
<http://iwatchdc.dc.gov>
- » Learn more about Operation TIPP, MPD's anti-terrorism initiative for the business community, at:  
<http://www.mpdcc.gov/tipp>
- » Watch the See Something, Say Something video from the Department of Homeland Security at:  
<http://youtu.be/YtUJOAZRQ8k>
- » Stay up to date on the latest alerts and information from MPD. Follow us on Twitter at:  
<https://twitter.com/#!/DCPoliceDept>



## CANDELIGHT SERVICE TO HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES ON SEPTEMBER 11

Join Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Chief Cathy L. Lanier, Chief Kenneth Ellerbe, other public safety officials and members of the public for a Candlelight Service of Remembrance: "Remembering Lives Lost ... Honoring First Responders" on Sunday.

The candlelight service will commemorate the lives of DC residents, students, teachers and chaperones who lost their lives during the terror attack 10 years ago. It will also highlight the service and commitment of first responders. The event runs from 5 to 6:30 pm at The First Baptist Church of Washington, DC, 1328 16th Street, NW.

The event is part of a weekend of activities centered around the tenth anniversary of the September 11 tragedies, including a day of service, tributes, and remembrances being held throughout the District.



» For more information on the various activities planned in honor of the September 11 anniversary, see: <http://www.september11.dc.gov>

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

##### MPD Expands YouTube Channel.

The Metropolitan Police Department's new official YouTube channel has recently launched. The site is a central location for visitors to learn about crime prevention, safety tips, special messages and more. When an investigation may benefit from the public's assistance, detectives will share surveillance video seeking assistance in identifying the alleged perpetrators. Future profiles and interviews with key MPD members are planned to be offered on the site and much more. Currently, the site offers tips on burglary prevention, gas station safety,



boating safety and BUI, DC's curfew law, and more. Check it out at [www.youtube.com/OfficialDCPolice](http://www.youtube.com/OfficialDCPolice).

**FBI Launches Child ID App.** A new free tool from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is designed to help parents keep a convenient electronic copy of their child's vital information handy on their smart phone. The new app — "Child ID" — is currently available for iPhone with versions in the works for other mobile platforms soon. A child goes missing every 40 seconds in America. Help protect your child with this convenient, free tool.



**MPD Celebrates 150 Years.** The Metropolitan Police Department turned 150

on August 6. Look for a special decal on most marked vehicles to highlight and celebrate this landmark in the agency's history. In addition, many of our uniformed officers have chosen to honor the sesquicentennial by wearing a commemorative badge through September 30, 2011.



In honor of the milestone, additional information about the Department's history is being added to our website, including the biographies of every Chief of Police since 1861, a history of the badge, and more each week. To see the special section, visit [www.mpdcc.gov/150th](http://www.mpdcc.gov/150th).

### DATA BOX

<b>Homicides</b>	as of 9/9/11
2011: 75	
2010: 82	
% Change: -8.5%	
Closure Rate: 90.6% (68 closures)	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 9/5/11
September: 37	
2011 Total: 1,312	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 9/2/11
2011: 27	
2010: 19	
% Change: 42.1%	

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

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