

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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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SEES UPTICK IN ROBBERIES, OFFERS REWARDS FOR INFORMATION IN CASES

As Mayor Gray noted in his State of the District speech, crime – whether it's petty theft or armed robbery – will not be tolerated in our city. The Metropolitan Police Department is aggressively fighting a recent increase in robberies and thefts in neighborhoods across the District via several methods. Many of the crimes have involved smart phones and other personal electronic devices. Mayor Gray and Chief Lanier encourage District residents to be alert and provide information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of those who have perpetrated these crimes.

The MPD is now offering a reward of up to \$10,000 cash for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons responsible for robbery or the illegal sale of electronics. Additionally, the MPD offers the following tips to reduce your risk of becoming a target:

- » Avoid excessive drinking, or if you have been drinking, recognize its impact on your judgment. Alcohol is a contributing factor in many assaults.
- » Keep valuables close. Women should not hang purses on the back of a chair. Men should put wallets in their pockets.
- » If possible, don't walk alone during late-night hours. Walk in groups whenever you can – there is always safety in numbers.
- » Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible. Avoid alleys, vacant lots, wooded areas, and other short-cuts or secluded areas. These are usually not well-lit or heavily traveled.
- » Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. Walk close to the curb to avoid doorways, bushes, and other potential hiding places.
- » Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace. Don't stop to talk to strangers.
- » Always be aware of your surroundings
- » If you are wearing headphones, don't turn up the volume so high that you cannot hear outside noises.
- » Report any suspicious activity or person immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department at 3-1-1. Or, if it is an emergency, dial 9-1-1.
- » Avoid carrying large sums of cash, or displaying expensive jewelry, etc. in public.
- » If you must carry large sums, divide the cash into smaller quantities and carry in multiple places on your person (wallet, purse, side pocket, etc.)

IT'S PAYDAY Every Day
Starting January 27, 2012
24 hours a day

Get up to \$10,000 cash for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons responsible for robbery or the illegal sale of electronics

— OR —

DC Crime Solvers offers up to \$1,000 reward for anonymous tips that lead to an arrest and prosecution of persons responsible for robbery or the illegal sale of electronics

REWARD HOTLINE
202-727-9099
24 HRS • 7 DAYS • ALL FREE
GIVE YOUR TIP • GET PAID

ANONYMOUS TEXT
50411

Have you overheard someone bragging about robbing people? Do you know a place where stolen goods are being sold? Has someone tried to sell you the latest hot phone on the street? Put them on blast and you could get up to \$10,000 cash for your information.

EVERY DAY ALL DAY
the
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT
and you

Taking the profit out of crime.

Get more on rewards at mpdc.dc.gov/rewards

- » Call the Reward Hotline! Give your tip; get paid. Call anytime – 24 hours, 7 days a week: (202) 727-9099
- » Want to send an anonymous text? You can! **TEXT YOUR TIP to 50411**
- » Get more safety tips on the MPD's website at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/safety>
- » The MPD administers or participates in numerous rewards programs designed to encourage individuals to step forward and provide police with information that will help solve crime and bring offenders to justice in DC. Learn more about the rewards programs at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/rewards>

DC YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE JR. POLICE ACADEMY

The Jr. Police Academy is a six-week summer program for students ages 14 -17 who are curious about the law or interested in law enforcement, politics and the criminal justice system to gain an insider's perspective by learning about the criminal justice system and the internal operations of a police department. The Jr. Police Academy gives students a chance to compare CSI and Law & Order to MPD and the District of Columbia Government.

Students who are accepted into MPD's Jr. Police Academy may earn an hourly wage to participate if they sign up through the DC Department of Employment Services' Youth Employment Program (SYEP), a locally-funded initiative sponsored by the Department of Employment Services (DOES) that provides District youth ages 14 to 21 with enriching and constructive summer work experiences through subsidized placements in the private and government sectors.

Through SYEP, DOES strives to provide young people with the opportunity to:

- » Earn money and gain meaningful work experience;
- » Learn and develop the skills, attitudes, and commitment necessary to succeed in today's world of work;
- » Gain exposure to various exciting career industries; and,
- » Interact with dynamic working professionals in a positive work environment.
- » Though SYEP is a short-term employment and training program, our goal is to introduce our youth to employers who will positively impact their futures.

Employers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area make this annual program possible by volunteering to serve as Host Employers and providing structured job opportunities for youth during the summer.



» For more information on the Jr. Police Academy and to download MPD's Jr. Police Academy application, visit:
<http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/JPA>

» Students who would like to be paid to participate in the Jr. Police Academy, must also register through the DC Department of Employment Services' Summer Youth Employment Program. Get more information on SYEP and download an application at:
<http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1232,q,537757.asp>

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

One City Summit Set for Tomorrow.

DC residents are invited to join Mayor Vincent Gray and 1,000 other community members at the Washington Convention Center on February 11, for a frank discussion about what needs to be done to create Washington DC as One City. For more information visit <http://onecitysummit.dc.gov>.

Join the MPD Reserve Corps. The MPD Reserve Corps, a volunteer policing program is seeking new members. Applications are now being



accepted at <http://dcpolice.jobs>.

Preventing terrorism is everybody's business. If you SEE something, SAY something. Call the MPD at (202) 727-9099 to report suspicious activity that has already

occurred. Call 911 to report in-progress threats or emergencies. Learn how you can help fight terrorism at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/operationTIPP>.

Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline. The

CyberTipline is a Congressionally-mandated means for reporting crimes against children.

Report crimes 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling **1-800-843-5678** or reporting crimes online at <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

Support the Washington DC Police Foundation.

The Washington DC Police Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that brings together the business, civic, and other professional communities to promote public safety by providing financial and in-kind resources to the MPD, expanding public safety awareness, and advancing public safety policy and initiatives. Learn more about the extraordinary support the Washington DC Police Foundation provides to the MPD. Learn more about the Foundation at <http://www.dcpolicefoundation.org>.

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 2/10/12
2012: 9	
2011: 10	
% Change: -10%	
Closure Rate: 33% (3 closures)	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 2/6/12
February: 24	
2012 Total: 231	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 2/10/12
2012: 3	
2011: 3	
% Change: No change	

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