

# 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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## MPD CELEBRATES EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AT METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 12TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

For the twelfth year in a row, the Metropolitan Police Department honored outstanding police officers, civilian employees, agency partners and community members who have helped to make DC neighborhoods safer over the past year. More than 60 individuals and organizations were recognized during the MPD's 12th Annual Awards Ceremony, held Thursday evening, March 1, at Gallaudet University's Elstad Auditorium, at 800 Florida Avenue, in Northeast DC.


Some of MPD's honored employees include:

- » The **Blue Badge Medal** was awarded to **Officer Stanley Rawls** who was seriously wounded after a mentally ill subject shot him during a call for service. During this exchange, Officer Rawls was shot in the chest, shoulder, and neck. The road to recovery has not been easy. Thankfully, Officer Rawls survived and has healed from his injuries. He is back to full duty and is now working at the Second District.
- » **Reserve Officer Jeremy Brady** was named **Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year**. In 2011, Officer Brady volunteered a total of 1,958 hours, made 39 arrests, and issued over \$76,000 in Notices of Infraction (NOIs). Reserve Officer Brady has demonstrated his commitment to the Reserve Corps Program through the many tasks and hours he has devoted to the Department. Reserve Officer Brady also spends many hours as an adjunct instructor and is involved in the Reserve Corps Outreach Program (RCOP), designed to target qualified candidates interested in joining the MPD Reserve Corps.
- » Sixth District **Officer Jason Medina** was received the **Officers of the Year** award for his commitment to community policing, which led to the construction of a brand new baseball field in Watts Park. After the baseball field was completed, over 50 children participated in a league on that new baseball field. Officer Medina also worked with the Department of Public Recreation and the Office of the Attorney General to create signs for rules at the Marvin Gaye Park which allowed MPD to complete barring notices for subjects in violation of DC Codes in the park.
- » **Detective Alexander Mac Bean** has been very diligent in his duties closing out the year with a 120 percent closure rate; this includes investigations from previous years with the oldest case occurring in 2001. Two great examples of his hard work were displayed in closing a series of cases where the perpetrator impersonated a law enforcement during the criminal activity and the other case involved a 16-year-old victim who was kidnapped, brutally beaten, and sexually assaulted over 10 years ago. For his outstanding work in 2011, Mac Bean was named **Detective of the Year**.
- » **Sergeant of the Year** for 2011 is **Sergeant David Young**, a veteran of the Navy who has brought his discipline and leadership skills to MPD. Sergeant Young has established himself as a premier Sergeant in the Fourth District. He starts his nights with an impeccable uniform and always studies the current issues and carries them to his roll calls which are very informative and interactive.
- » The MPD recognized **Lieutenant Paul Wingate** as **Lieutenant of the Year**. Wingate has performed

» Download the program book with details about all of the 12th Annual Awards Ceremony honorees online at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/heroes>



TWELFTH ANNUAL  
**AWARDS CEREMONY**  
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT




**THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012 | 7:00 PM**


*Honoring the accomplishments of members  
of the Department and our community partners  
for their outstanding efforts over the past year*

**Gallaudet University  
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Mayor

at an exemplarily level in the Homicide Branch for 18 of his 25 years of service with the MPD. In 2011, Lieutenant Wingate's platoon received 59 fresh cases, and closed 37. Additionally, they closed 31 prior year cases for an unprecedented 115% closure rate.

- » **Acting Captain Michael Farish**, received the **Captain of the Year** award. The Homicide Branch's success in 2011 was due, in no small part, to the leadership of Captain Michael Farish. The outstanding 95 percent UCR homicide closure rate was well above the average for similarly-sized cities. In 2011, the average number of days to close a homicide case was 33 days. Several cases were closed within a week. The successful and timely investigations of murders by the Homicide Branch contributed to the record low number of homicides in the city.
- » **Dr. Laurie Samuel**, of the Professional Development Bureau was named **Deborah R. Ennis Civilian Employee of the Year**. Dr. Samuel oversees the Supervisory Support Program (SSP), MPD's Early Identification and Intervention System. Dr. Samuel provided assistance to the Patrol Services and School Security Bureau in improving the timeliness and quality of SSP Assessments, which was critical, as the program is an effective management tool to identify and address "potentially career-damaging incidents" or "inappropriate behavior." Dr. Samuel proved to be an excellent resource and partner, who utilized her knowledge and experience to help PSSSB improve officials' understanding of the program and ultimately their Assessments.

These individuals are just a few of the police officers, civilian employees and residents who were honored. Other awards include the Bureau Employees of the Year, for members who work within one of the MPD's seven Bureaus and exhibit standout qualities of leadership, work ethic and commitment to service; District Officer of the Year; School Resource Officer of the Year; Forensic Science Officer of the Year; and Master Patrol Officer of the Year. Several outstanding Units were also recognized. The Best Performing District was awarded to the Seventh Police District and PSA 704 was recognized as PSA of the Year.

The Chief of Police Special Award is presented to community members who have excelled in supporting crime prevention and community policing, and the Chief's Medal of Merit is given to members of other agencies who have assisted the MPD in significant operations.

## MPD SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR MULTIPLE CIVILIAN JOBS

The MPD is currently accepting applications for numerous civilian vacancies. Several of these positions are senior positions for individuals with a background in Information Technology, including managers, asp.net developers and IT project managers. Other positions include Management Analyst (Strategic Change Division); Public Affairs Specialist (Office of Communications); Firearms Identification Specialist; Intelligence Research Specialist (Tactical Crime and Analysis Unit); and Forensic Scientist (DNA Technical Leader). Additional jobs may be added soon.

» For a full listing of current civilian opportunities, please visit the DC eRecruit website, keyword search "police" with a posted date of "anytime." Go to: <http://erecruit.dc.gov>

» Individuals interested in joining the MPD as a sworn member may contact the Recruiting Division at (202) 645-0445 to discuss opportunities available within the Department. For more information, go to: <http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>

### DATA BOX

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| <b>Homicides</b>                 | as of 3/2/12  |
| 2012: 13                         |               |
| 2011: 15                         |               |
| % Change: -13.3%                 |               |
| Closure Rate: 46.2% (6 closures) |               |
| <b>Firearm Recoveries</b>        | as of 2/27/12 |
| February: 123                    |               |
| 2012 Total: 331                  |               |
| <b>Traffic Fatalities</b>        | as of 3/2/12  |
| 2012: 3                          |               |
| 2011: 6                          |               |
| % Change: -50%                   |               |

#### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

**Street Sweeping Resumed; Enforcement Begins on 3/12.** March

1st was the first day of the residential street sweeping season. Parking enforcement of residential sweeping violations will begin Monday, March 12. In residential neighborhoods where there are no

signs identifying parking restrictions, sweeping will occur twice a month. Get more information on DPW's street sweeping program at <http://1.usa.gov/DPWstreetalley>.

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