

# 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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## NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS DEPLOYED; WARNING PERIOD TO RUN THROUGH JUNE 6

The Metropolitan Police Department recently announced the deployment of new automated speed enforcement cameras beginning on May 7, 2012.

The deployment locations for the Photo Enforcement Units will continue to be at sites with the highest number of crashes and injuries, calls for police service, and high speed volume. MPD also considered recommendations or requests from the Department of Transportation, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and civic or citizen associations.

During the 30-day educational phase, violators will be issued warnings. On June 6, MPD will begin issuing live moving citations to violators. The new photo enforcement locations are as follows:

» For more information about automated traffic enforcement in the District of Columbia, go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/automatedenforcement>.

### Location

Southwest Freeway SW, at Exit 4  
I-395 SW, after Exit 4 eastbound  
400 block of 14th Street, SW  
200 block of 17th Street, NE  
800 block of Maine Ave SW  
1300 block of 4th Street, SW  
9th Street Tunnel NW  
3000 block of Foxhall Road, NW  
1800 block of Harvard Street, NW  
7600 block of Georgia Avenue, NW  
4800 block of Georgia Avenue, NW  
1700 block of North Portal Dr NW  
2800 block of Bladensburg Road, NE  
3100 block of Bladensburg Road, NE  
2200 block of South Dakota Avenue, NE  
South Dakota Avenue and V Street, NE  
700 block of Franklin Street, NE  
1400 block of New York Avenue, NE  
1500 block of West Virginia Avenue, NE  
2000 block of West Virginia Avenue, NE  
3100 block of Minnesota Avenue, SE  
3000 block of Minnesota Avenue, SE  
3700 block of Massachusetts Avenue, SE  
3900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
4300 block of Texas Avenue, SE  
4800 block of Texas Avenue, SE  
5000 block of Sheriff Road, NE

### Speed Limit

40mph  
40mph  
35mph  
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## AS THE 2012 BOATING SEASON GETS UNDER WAY, THE MPD HARBOR PATROL STRESSES SAFETY

The warm weather has brought the unofficial start of summer to DC and that means the summer boating season is about to kick off. Again this year, the MPD's Harbor Patrol Unit is reminding boaters to respect the water and to practice important safety measures. In particular, boaters are being warned that boating while under the influence is strictly prohibited on DC's waterways. Boat owners and guests are also reminded of the critical importance of personal flotation devices – or "PFDs," for short. US Coast Guard regulations require that all boats have a wearable type PFD for each person on board or being towed. Each PFD must be in good condition, readily available, and the proper size for the intended wearer. Boaters need to ensure that there are properly fitting PFDs for all children who may be aboard their vessels. In addition, boats 16 feet in length or longer must carry a Type IV throwable device. Most adults need an extra 7-12 pounds of buoyancy to keep their heads above water. A PFD can provide that "extra lift" to keep you afloat until help comes. Your weight isn't the only factor in how much extra lift you need. A person's body fat, lung size, clothing, and water conditions are also important.

The DC Harbor Patrol is a critical, but largely unknown, part of the Metropolitan Police Department. The Harbor Patrol polices all of the rivers, inlets, and waterways that majestically surround our nation's capital. The 20-member unit encounters the same types of incidents that occur on DC streets including disorderly conduct, loud music, domestic violence, high-speed chases, and robbery suspects.

In addition to patrol duties, the Harbor Patrol also prepares boaters in the District of Columbia by offering a Boating Safety Course. This course is designed to educate boaters of the legal requirements, navigational rules, safety equipment, risks of boating accidents, and other issues pertaining to safe boating. Anyone operating a vessel on District of Columbia waterways is required to have a Boating Safety Certificate. The Boating Safety Certificate is issued to individuals who successfully complete the Boating Safety course.



» For more information about PFDs and their use and care, as well as other safety and equipment requirements, visit:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/harborpatrol>

» The Harbor Patrol offers boating safety courses that are required of anyone who operates a boat in DC. Get the 2012 schedule at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/boatingsafety>

### DATA BOX

#### Homicides as of 5/11/12

2012: 28

2011: 36

% Change: -22.2%

Closure Rate: 78.6% (22 closures)

#### Adult Arrests (week end. 5/5/12)

Total Arrests: 970

Weapons: 33

Robbery: 11

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 13

Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 11

Narcotics: 229

#### Juvenile Activity (week end. 5/5/12)

Total Arrests: 61

Weapons: 3

Robbery: 8

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 0

Narcotics: 5

#### Firearm Recoveries as of 5/8/12

May: 65

2012 Total: 708

#### Traffic Fatalities as of 5/11/12

2012: 6

2011: 14

% Change: -57.1%

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

##### 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>.

**Join the MPD Reserve Corps.** The MPD Reserve Corps, a volunteer policing

program is seeking new members. Applications are now being accepted at <http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>.

##### 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>.

**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>.

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