

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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VOLUNTEER COOPERATION IN COMPLETING NEW SHORT CRASH FORM WILL HELP DDOT COMPILE DATA ON PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASHES

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is seeking the public's cooperation in using a new short crash form to enable the agency to better identify crash locations throughout the District. DDOT is unveiling a new short crash form for drivers involved in non-injury fender-bender incidents. The District will use the Property Damage ONLY Crash Form to identify locations where these minor crashes occur, crashes typically not reported through the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). MPD typically takes a report only when a crash involves an injury, damage to District or Federal property, a public transportation vehicle, or the motor vehicle sustains body or mechanical damage that renders it inoperable.

DDOT will only use data collected from these less severe crash reports to implement programs to improve road safety for all help in reporting these crashes, the District can target these crash locations and be better able to prioritize and address these problems before they escalate into more serious and/or fatal crashes.

Residents can obtain the Property Damage ONLY Crash Form from an MPD officer, and DDOT urges drivers to keep the forms in their vehicle's glove compartment. The packet includes a prepaid envelope and multiple copies that allow users to exchange driver information. The Property Damage ONLY form will also be available online on the DDOT and MPD websites. Bicyclists and pedestrians are also encouraged to submit the form if they are involved in a non-injury collision with a vehicle.

The request for information on these less severe crashes is on a volunteer basis. DDOT has no other way of tracking these crashes and encourages public cooperation in helping to improve safety on the District's roadways.

- » Read the complete news release online at: <http://ddot.dc.gov>
- » To complete a Motor Vehicle Crash Report for property damage, go to: http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Publication%20Files/On%20Your%20Street/Safety/DC_MotorVehicleCrashReport_Form.pdf
- » Do your best to avoid a crash in the first place. Visit the MPD's website for a variety of traffic safety tips at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/trafficsafety>

The form is titled "Government of the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Crash Report for PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY" and includes a "Print Form" link. It is designed for use only if an NQ police report was taken. The form is divided into sections: "LOCATION & ROAD", "VEHICLE", and "PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST". It contains numerous checkboxes and text fields for recording crash details such as date, time, location, pavement conditions, vehicle types, and damage estimates. It also includes a "CRASH DIAGRAM" section with diagrams of vehicle impact points and a space for a small diagram of the crash scene. At the bottom, there are fields for the driver's signature and the date of the report.

MPD CONTINUES EFFORTS TO KEEP COMMUNITY MEMBERS EDUCATED ON FILING POLICE COMMENDATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is committed to providing quality, professional service to all members of the community. The MPD does its best to recognize individuals who provide exemplary service. Community members or visitors to DC who have had a positive experience with an MPD officer or civilian employee are invited to share their positive experiences by submitting a commendation.

Sometimes, however, individuals may feel that a member of the MPD has failed to meet that standard by engaging in misconduct or using excessive force. In these situations, individuals are encouraged to report this information to the MPD or the District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints (OPC). The Office of Police Complaints is a District Government agency that is independent of the MPD, and its mission is to receive, investigate, and resolve police misconduct complaints filed by the public against MPD and DC Housing Authority Police Department officers.

The MPD will investigate all complaints, including anonymous complaints, in a fair, thorough, and impartial manner. OPC has the authority to investigate complaints alleging harassment; use of unnecessary or excessive force; use of language or conduct that is insulting, demeaning, or humiliating; discrimination; retaliation for filing a complaint with OPC; or failure to wear required identification or refusal to provide name and badge number when requested to do so by a member of the public.

» OPC complaint forms and information sheets can be obtained by:

- Visiting OPC at 1400 I St., NW, # 700, Washington, DC 20005
- Calling OPC at (202) 727-3838
- Calling the OPC 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 866-588-0569
- Visiting OPC's website, <http://policecomplaints.dc.gov>

» OPC complaint forms can be submitted:

- In person or by mail to the address above
- By fax to (202) 727-9182
- By dropping forms off at any MPDC district station

» To file a complaint with the MPD, you may:

- Visit any MPD District station or facility
- Call (202) 727-4385 or the 24-hour hotline at 800-298-4006
- Visit MPD's website at mpdc.dc.gov
- Email the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) at citizen.complaints@dc.gov
- Call the IAB TTY number at (202) 898-1454
- Submit your complaint in person at any MPD facility or by mail to: Internal Affairs Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department, 51 N Street, NE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC
- Fax your complaint to (202) 727-5116

» For more information on filing a commendation or complaint, visit :

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

DATA BOX	
Homicides	as of 6/15/12
2012: 39	
2011: 49	
% Change: -20%	
Closure Rate: 79% (31 closures)	
Adult Arrests	(week end. 6/9/12)
Total Arrests: 944	
Weapons: 20	
Robbery: 6	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 7	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 34	
Narcotics: 147	
Juvenile Activity	(week end. 6/9/12)
Total Arrests: 68	
Weapons: 6	
Robbery: 10	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 4	
Narcotics: 2	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 6/11/12
June: 56	
2012 Total: 895	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 6/15/12
2012: 6	
2011: 17	
% Change: -65%	

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

One City Summer Kick Off Set for 6/16. Mayor Vincent C. Gray and more than 20 government agencies—including the MPD—will celebrate the beginning of One City Summer, the District's comprehensive summer program. The initiative provides an opportunity for youth and families to enjoy activities and receive information on all the services and activities available to District residents this summer. The kickoff event at Banneker Recreation Center begins at 2 pm and ends at 9 pm, with teen events beginning at 6 pm. For more information, go to <http://dc.gov>.

Street Closures on 6/16. The MPD would like to inform the public of the

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's Purple Stride 5k to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 8 am to 11 am. The walk/run will begin at 13th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW, continue to 3rd and D Streets, and then return to Freedom Plaza along Independence Avenue. Closures are expected to last until about 1 pm. For more information, go to <http://mpdc.dc.gov>.

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>.

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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