

# 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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## DC REGION CRACKING DOWN ON DRUNK DRIVING AS PART OF CHECKPOINT STRIKEFORCE

Think a DUI can't happen to you? Think again. The majority of drunk driving arrests are first-time offenders, many of whom are well-intentioned, usually responsible people who "felt fine" to drive, when in fact they were a risk to themselves and others. The consequences if you are arrested and convicted for a first-time drunk driving offense include up to 90 days in jail, six months license revocation, sky-rocketing insurance rates and thousands of dollars in fines. And that's if you're lucky. An alcohol-related traffic collision that results in injuries or death could tragically change your life, and the lives of those involved in the collision, forever.

Each year, nearly 12,000 people die on our roads due to impaired driving. On average there were over 1,200 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities involving a driver or motorcycle rider with an illegal BAC of .08 or higher in our region. Law enforcement agencies continue to aggressively target impaired drivers with the Checkpoint Strikeforce program each year. The Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign is an intensive law enforcement mobilization designed to get impaired drivers off our roads. As part of this national campaign, which started last week and will run through next weekend, checkpoints are scheduled in the District of Columbia almost every day next week.

- » Drinking and driving is against the law. Find out the penalties for driving under the influence in the District of Columbia at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/dui>
- » Checkpoint Strikeforce is a campaign aimed at preventing DUI since 2002. Learn more and watch their commercials at: <http://www.checkpointstrikeforce.net/>
- » NBC 4 covered this topic on a segment that aired on August 14. Watch the news item at: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Area-Police-Ready-for-Nationwide-Drunken-Driving-Crackdown-166204676.html>



## REPORT INTERNET CRIMES THROUGH THE FBI'S IC3

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) receives, develops, and refers cyber crime complaints to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies. The IC3 gives cyber crime victims a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations.

Many complaints involved identity theft, such as loss of personally identifying data, and the unauthorized use of credit cards or bank accounts. The IC3 uses information from the complaints to detect emerging trends and proactively fight consumer victimization through educational efforts with project partners, various publications and the consumer education website, [www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com](http://www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com).

- » Learn more about the Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3) at: <http://www.ic3.gov>

## SPOTLIGHT ON... SPECIAL LIAISON DIVISION

Chief Cathy L. Lanier remains fully committed to ensuring the safety and well being of every person who lives, works, and recreates in the District. Her commitment includes those members of our community who are served by the Metropolitan Police Department's Special Liaison Units.

The mission of the Special Liaison Division is to provide a support mechanism to all citizens within the District of Columbia, empowering the community and building relationships through effective law enforcement strategies, leadership, advocacy, education and support. The vision of the Division is to build relationships based on mutual respect and trust by providing exceptional support to the citizens of the District of Columbia. These efforts will foster access, success and lifelong learning relationships while advancing the District's interests in a well informed and empowered citizen base.

The Special Liaison Division supports community policing with communities that are sometimes underserved, and is composed of the Asian Liaison Unit (ALU), Deaf and Hard of Hearing Liaison Unit (DHHLU), Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU), and the Latino Liaison Unit (LLU).

The Special Liaison Division includes "affiliate" officers on patrol throughout the city. The affiliate officers have volunteered to receive specialized training on diverse communities, their issues and how to best serve them. They will continue to work in their home district, but will receive coordinated support, information, and trainings through the Liaison Units in the SLB.

This expansion enables MPD to:

- » Enhance response to these communities throughout the city, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- » Provide consistent information to these communities, while ensuring that information about their needs is integrated into services in each patrol district.
- » Reinforce the messages of progressive training, policies, and procedures department-wide.

» Learn more about the Special Liaison and access links to all of the Special Liaison Units at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/specialliaisonunits>

» Get to know the members of the GLLU at the Open House set for September 27. View the flier at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/gllu>

DATA BOX	
<b>Homicides</b>	as of 8/17/12
2012: 56	
2011: 70	
% Change: -20%	
Closure Rate: 76.8% (43 closures)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	(week end. 8/11/12)
Total Arrests: 797	
Weapons: 14	
Robbery: 14	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 11	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 20	
Narcotics: 117	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	(week end. 8/11/12)
Total Arrests: 53	
Weapons: 3	
Robbery: 6	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 4	
Narcotics: 3	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 8/13/12
August: 80	
2012 Total: 1,211	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 8/17/12
2012: 10	
2011: 24	
% Change: -58.3%	

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

##### 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>.

##### Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline.

The Use the CyberTipline to report 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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