

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia



Friday, September 14, 2012

NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 16-22

MPD and NHTSA are teaming up to offer free child passenger safety seat inspections during National Child Passenger Safety Week. During this week, our goal is to install or check 250 child safety seats for District motorists. We are holding two events this week to help District parents ensure their children are buckled safely into their vehicles. No appointment is necessary to participate. And we're also giving away five free booster seats to the first five parents who arrive with a vehicle and their child at each event.

As part of Buckle Up America, the Metropolitan Police Department encourages all parents and caregivers to know about and follow the law, to acquire and use age-appropriate child safety restraints, to have their child safety seats inspected, and to follow the four essential steps to protecting children in motor vehicles. The four steps to protect your children as they grow older are listed in the steps below. Remember to have safety seats inspected on a regular basis. Seat belts can seriously injure or kill small children who are not properly placed in child safety seats.

Four Steps to Car Seat Safety

» **Step 1: Infants**

From birth to 1 year (or up to approx. 20 lbs), use a rear-facing car seat.

» **Step 2: Toddlers**

From 1-4 years (20-40 lbs), use a forward-facing child seat, or a convertible car seat.

» **Step 3: Younger Children (40 - 80 lbs. and up to 54")**

For younger children (40-80 lbs and up to 54"), use a belt-positioning booster seat (high-back or booster without a back).

» **Step 4: Older Children (8 years or older, more than 80 lbs. and taller than 54")**

For older children (over 80 lbs and over 54"), use a seat belt. Be sure the child is large enough for a correct fit.



» For more information about Child Passenger Safety, please contact Officer Arlinda Page at **(202) 437-8030** or visit the website at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/child-passenger-safety-awareness>

» Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Events:

» **Monday, September 17, 2012**

501 New York Avenue, NW
(MPD's Traffic Safety and Specialized Enforcement Branch)
1 PM-7 PM

» **Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

5035 Central Avenue, SE
9:30 AM-3:30 PM

MPD LAUNCHES NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE

On Monday, September 10, 2012, the Metropolitan Police Department launched a newly designed website featuring enhanced graphics and a more streamlined navigation. This design incorporates the content from the old site into the new format used by the District of Columbia Government Agencies. The organization was created following interviews with MPD staff who regularly interact with the public. However, if you can't find what you're looking for, try the search tool. It is far more effective than before. Just type in what you're looking for and it should come up. Special features on the Department's home page include MPD's Twitter feed, graphics highlighting upcoming events, and links to our most popular pages.

» Check out the MPD's newly designed website at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov>

» Have comments or suggestions regarding the site? Let us know. Email your thoughts to: kaylin.castelli@dc.gov.



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.

» For more information on filing a commendation or complaint, visit :
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/citizencomplaints>

» 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

DATA BOX

Homicides as of 9/14/12

2012: 60

2011: 77

% Change: -22.1%

Closure Rate: 81.6% (49 closures)

Adult Arrests (week end. 9/8/12)

Total Arrests: 702

Weapons: 8

Robbery: 11

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 19

Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 25

Narcotics: 104

Juvenile Activity (week end. 9/8/12)

Total Arrests: 51

Weapons: 1

Robbery: 6

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 3

Narcotics: 3

Firearm Recoveries as of 9/10/12

September: 21

2012 Total: 1,345

Traffic Fatalities as of 9/14/12

2012: 11

2011: 27

% Change: -59.3%

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>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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