

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, May 3, 2013

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK TO BRING THOUSANDS TO DC TO HONOR OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as “National Police Week.” Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on DC each May to participate in a variety of events to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty. The 25th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Monday, May 13, 2013. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC. Other Police Week events include bicycle and motorcycle rides, wreath-laying ceremonies, the 19th annual Blue Mass (May 7 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 10th and G Streets, NW), seminars by Concerns of Police Survivors, a Pipeband March and Service, and the Police Unity Bicycle Tour.

Locally, the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary sponsors the 34th Annual Memorial Service for law enforcement officers from the region killed in the line of duty. The ceremony will take place at 11 am on Friday, May 10, 2013, at the memorial fountain outside MPD Headquarters at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW. This year, the service will honor six members of the community who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2012.

PLEASE JOIN US: 34th Annual Police Memorial Service Friday, May 10

Please join the Metropolitan Police Department, FOP DC Lodge #1, and the DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors to help honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 11 AM at the Washington Area Police Memorial Fountain, in front of MPD Headquarters, located at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC.

Honoring

Andrew Lee Officer	Chris Young Officer	Adrian Morris Officer	Ernest Taylor Officer	William Thomas Officer	Marion Ford Officer
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Light refreshments will be offered following the service at DC Lodge #1, just two blocks north at 711 4th Street, NW.

To learn about other National Police Week events, please see www.policeweek.org

To confirm your attendance, please contact Lieutenant Pamela Wheeler-Taylor on (202) 727-8808 or email pamela.wheeler-taylor@dc.gov.

- » National Police Week info and a schedule of events are at: <http://www.policeweek.org>
- » To learn more about the the Blue Mass and to see photos from past years, see: <http://www.saintpatrickdc.org/bluemass.html>
- » MPD maintains an online memorial to officers killed in the line of duty. Family members, friends and other loved ones may submit remembrances at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/heroes>

TOWARD ZERO DEATHS: IMPAIRED DRIVING

The District of Columbia is committed to protecting the lives of those traveling on city roads. Toward Zero Deaths represents the city’s goal of reducing traffic fatalities to zero. Traffic deaths are preventable and over the next few weeks, “What’s New” will be sharing information on what you can do to protect yourself in a variety of areas, including seat belt safety, impaired driving, speeding & aggressive driving, distracted driving, and pedestrian & bicycle safety.

Impaired Driving

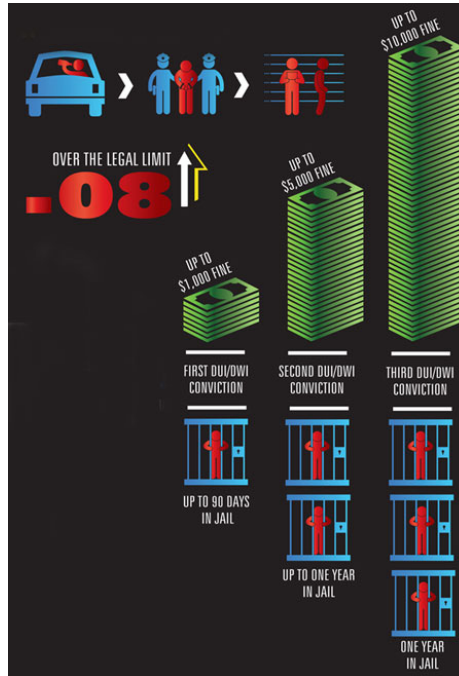
In 2010, 10,228 people were killed nationally in alcohol-impaired driving crashes. That breaks down to one every 51 minutes – accounting for 31 percent of the total motor vehicle fatalities in the nation. Among the fatalities in 2010, alcohol impairment was four times higher at night than during the day. Sixteen percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes during the week were alcohol-impaired, compared to 31 percent on weekends.

Clearly, impaired driving is one of the biggest problems and cause of crashes, injuries and fatalities. The District of Columbia’s laws for impaired driving are clear and police officers are enforcing them.

- » Toward Zero Deaths represents the city’s goal of reducing traffic fatalities to zero. Learn more about how you can improve your safety by going to: <http://towardzerodeathsdcc.com/>
- » By implementing traffic enforcement initiatives, offering tips on sharing the road, and participating in regional programs, the MPD is improving safety on the streets for walkers, bicyclists and drivers. Here are some tips: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/traffic>

Know the Law

- **Driving While Intoxicated (DWI).** Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. A driver can be convicted in court based solely on the breath, blood or urine results without any structured field sobriety test.
- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI).** BAC of .07 percent or lower. A driver can be charged with DUI if, in addition to a BAC reading, the driver has other signs of impairment from a structured field sobriety test and from observations of the suspect's driving behavior.
- **Under Age Drinking.** Persons under 21 cannot purchase, consume, or possess any alcoholic beverages of any kind. If they are found to be operating a motor vehicle with any measurable amount of alcohol, they will be placed under arrest and charged with DWI.



If you're arrested and convicted for an impaired driving offense, penalties include:

Offense	Fine	Jail Term	License
First DUI/DWI Offense	\$300 - \$1,000	Up to 90 days	6 months revocation
Second DUI/DWI Offense	\$1,000 - \$5,000	Up to 1 year	1 year revocation
Third DUI/DWI Offense	\$2,000 - \$10,000	Up to 1 year	2 year revocation
Adults/Parents who aid minors in obtaining alcohol	\$300	None	Up to 90 days revocation

DC participates in the regional Checkpoint Strikeforce anti-impaired driving public awareness campaign. Checkpoint Strikeforce combines high visibility sobriety checkpoints and paid advertising to create awareness of enforcement and educate the public about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving.

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Tell Us How We're Doing. MPD is now part of Grade DC. We invite you to share your thoughts on our service – positive or negative – through MPD's email groups, our social media, or by visiting the Grade DC website. Get

more information at <http://grade.dc.gov>.

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>.

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