

# WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



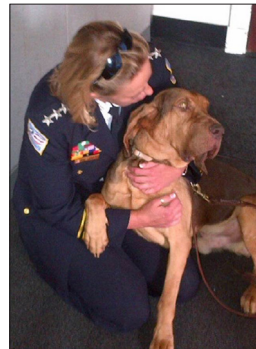
Friday, September 6, 2013

## MPD WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBER: SAM THE BLOODHOUND

The Metropolitan Police Department's Patrol Canine Corps is proud to announce its newest member. The Canine Unit has acquired its first Bloodhound – "Sam." Sam has been trained to follow the scent of humans when presented with an article of clothing or any object that a subject has touched. The scent doesn't have to be considered "fresh" to be useable. A Bloodhound can even track a scent from a vehicle seat.

Sam is trained in scent discrimination, which means he has the capability to follow a scent through areas that are contaminated by others, including animals and other humans. He has also successfully trained on scents that are several days old.

Sam is a wonderful addition to the MPD's Canine Unit. While the MPD has several dogs that are trained to conduct human tracks, Sam's sole purpose is to track people – even over long distances. This will be especially helpful when members need to investigate critical missing person incidents or when they need to locate a suspect after clothing or some other article has been left behind.



» New York Times op-ed columnist, Maureen Dowd, wrote a special profile of Chief Lanier following the addition of Sam the Bloodhound to the force. Read the complete work at: [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/01/opinion/sunday/dowd-the-adventure-of-blondie-and-the-bloodhound.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/01/opinion/sunday/dowd-the-adventure-of-blondie-and-the-bloodhound.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

## TWENTY-FIVE NEW OFFICERS ARE HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 31 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, August 30, 2013, at the Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC.

Training awards presented during the ceremony recognized Officer Robert Vandyke (Academic Training Award); Officer Christopher Brown (Firearms Training Award); Officer Robert Vandyke (Vehicle Skills Awards); and Officers Carol Smith and Douglas Berlin (Physical Skills Awards). The new officers all completed approximately 24 weeks of training at the police academy, which includes a full program of physical, classroom, and firearms training to prepare them for the challenges of being a police officer. The subjects covered include laws of arrest, search and seizure, criminal law, traffic regulations, human relations, community policing, and ethics. In addition, recruit officers receive skills training in firearms, operation of emergency police vehicles, self-defense, advanced first aid, and much more.

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is focused on building a crime-fighting partnership with the community, and developing our own promise and potential as a department. Police work requires a certain type of individual — one who has strong interpersonal skills and the motivation to work with our partners to help build strong, safe and healthy communities throughout the District of Columbia.



» For more information on becoming a police officer in the MPD visit the police recruiting website at: <http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>

» The MPD is looking for volunteers to join the MPD's Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPD in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details on the Reserve Corps and other volunteer programs are available at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/volunteer-opportunities-mpdc>

## STREET CLOSURES THIS WEEKEND INCLUDE DC TRIATHLON AND ADAMS MORGAN DAY FESTIVAL

The Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Transportation would like to inform the public of street closures for events scheduled for both Saturday, September 7, 2013 and Sunday, September 8, 2013.

The **Beat the Deadline 5K** race start time will be from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Roadways around 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, will be closed.

The 8th Annual Events **DC Nation's Triathlon** will take place Sunday, September 8, 2013. Streets associated with the triathlon will be closed from 5:30 am to 1 pm. The 1.5-kilometer swim, which takes place in the Potomac River, begins off Ohio Drive, not far from the Tidal Basin. Swimmers will swim past Arlington Cemetery and under the Memorial Bridge twice. The 40-kilometer bike route winds past the Potomac River, the White House, the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, United States Peace Institute, and the Kennedy Center. The 10-kilometer run route is a single-loop that takes competitors past the Tidal Basin, Jefferson Memorial, National Holocaust Memorial, US Mint, Hains Point, and more. Drivers wishing to cross the Potomac River should note that, among other streets, the **14th Street bridge HOV outbound lanes will be closed to traffic**. Below is a list of a few of the street closures, as well as alternate routes that can be used during the event:

- Ramp for Westbound 395 toward Maine, Avenue will be closed to traffic. (Alternate routes will be 14th Street Bridge, 9th Street Tunnel and 12th Street Tunnel)
- Potomac River Freeway will be closed to traffic. (Alternate routes will be 23rd Street, NW, Constitution Avenue, NW and Virginia Avenue, NW)
- East and westbound M Street, NW and south Wisconsin Avenue, NW, will remain open to traffic during the event.
- Whitehurst Freeway will not open inbound or outbound from 5:30 am to approximately 1 pm.

On Sunday, September 8, 2013, the **Adams Morgan Day Festival** will take place in the District of Columbia. In conjunction with this event, there will be several street closures around 18th Street, NW, from Florida Avenue to Columbia Road, 4 am to 10 pm.

Motorists traveling in the area of these events may experience delays and should consider alternative routes if possible. The Metropolitan Police Department and the District Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists to pay full attention whenever operating any motor vehicle and to be mindful of heavy pedestrian traffic that may be associated with special events. These street closings are subject to change without notice based upon unanticipated events and prevailing conditions.

» Read the MPD's news release with a complete listing of all street closures at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov>

» For more information about the Beat the Deadline 5K, please visit:  
<http://press.org/5k>

» For more information on the Nation's Triathlon, including a complete course map, go to:  
<http://nationstri.com/>

» Get details on the Adams Morgan Day Festival at:  
<http://www.ammainstreet.org/>

### 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>.

**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>.

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