

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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HARBOR PATROL OFFERS BOATING SAFETY COURSES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The DC Harbor Patrol is a critical, but largely unknown, part of the Metropolitan Police Department. The Harbor Patrol polices all of the rivers, inlets, and waterways that majestically surround our nation's capital. The 20-member unit encounters the same types of incidents that occur on DC streets including disorderly conduct, loud music, domestic violence, high-speed chases, and robbery suspects.



The Harbor Patrol has immense responsibilities:

it oversees the marinas, regulates fishing and game, and makes sure boats are safe and meet safety regulations. The Patrol's main priority is to provide assistance if anyone gets into trouble on the water. The most common occurrences are capsized canoes or boats, caused by high winds, bad weather, or careless boaters. Most of the time, the well-trained team makes an easy rescue. There are a lot of roadways that run right along the side of the river. The most dangerous job that the Harbor Patrol faces is a rescue from a car in the water. The divers work against the clock and operate a four-man team—the primary diver; a time-keeper, who makes sure there is air in the tanks; a communications officer, who gives directions and uses sonar; and a back-up diver, who rescues the primary diver if he becomes entangled.

The Harbor Patrol also prepares boaters in the District of Columbia by offering a Boating Safety Course. This course is designed to educate boaters of the legal requirements, navigational rules, safety equipment, risks of boating accidents, and other issues pertaining to safe boating. Anyone operating a vessel on District of Columbia waterways is required to have a Boating Safety Certificate. The Boating Safety Certificate is issued to individuals who successfully complete the Boating Safety course.

» Learn more about the MPD's Harbor Patrol online at:

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

» Boating Safety courses are offered by Harbor Patrol throughout the year, from January to December. To see the schedule and for information on registering for a course, go to:

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

STREET CLOSURES PLANNED FOR ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Metropolitan Police Department wishes to advise the public that the 2014 Rock N Roll USA Marathon and Half Marathon are scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014. In order to facilitate this event there will be no vehicular traffic allowed along the routes of the races. However, there will be bump routes to allow vehicles to cross when runners are not present. The races are scheduled to begin at approximately 7:25 am; however some street closures will begin as early as 12 am. All streets affected by this event are expected to be reopened at approximately 2 pm, depending on prevailing conditions. Motorists should expect delays during the races. Individuals who have issues to be resolved or questions regarding traffic access during the races should call (202) 727-9099.

On Sunday, March 16, 2014, the St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place. Constitution Avenue, NW, from 7th to 17th Street will be closed from approximately 12 noon to 3 pm.

» For a complete listing of the streets closed related to these events, read the news releases on MPD's homepage at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov>

» For details on the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, including a course map, go to:

<http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/usa>

» Get information about the St. Patrick's Day Parade at:

<http://dcstpatparade.com/>

MPD SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR SEVERAL CIVILIAN VACANCIES

Each day almost 500 civilian employees serve the Metropolitan Police Department in a broad variety of engaging administrative, technical and operational positions. Every member plays an integral and important role in day-to-day operations of the Department. MPD actively recruits and seeks qualified applicants to serve in civilian capacities. The MPD is currently accepting applications for civilian positions in a variety of areas. Applications for these positions should be submitted to the DC Human Resources Management Division through the DC eRecruit website.



- » MPD civilian vacancies are listed on the MPD website at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/civiliancareer>
- » For a full listing of current civilian opportunities or to apply for an MPD position, please visit the DC Human Resources Management Division's DC eRecruit website, keyword search "police" with a posted date of "anytime."
<https://erecruit.dc.gov/>

Position	ID Number	CS/MSS Code	Salary
Supervisory Communication Specialist	24354	MS-301-11	Up to \$81,819
Director, Records Management Systems	24459	CS 0301-11	Up to \$141,727
IT Specialist (Customer Support)	24194	CS 0301-11	Up to \$72,552
IT Specialist (Applications Software)	22621	CS 2210-14	Up to \$122,153
IT Specialist (Data Management)	22635	CS 2210-14	Up to \$122,153
IT Specialist (Data Management)	22615	CS 2210-14	Up to \$122,153
IT Specialist (Data Mgmt./Systems Administration)	22270	CS 2210-14	Up to \$122,153

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>.

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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