

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, April 25, 2014

MPD TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 26 2013, from 10 am to 2 pm. The Metropolitan Police Department is providing the public with a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, to reduce the potential abuse of medications. We urge the community to take advantage of this opportunity to discard unwanted, unused, and

expired prescription drugs from medicine cabinets, bedside tables, and kitchen drawers.

Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (over 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its seven previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 3.4 million pounds—more than 1,700 tons—of pills.

» Learn More about the Prescription Drug Take Back, and find a location where you can bring your drugs at:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

| Drop Off Location | Address |
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| First District | 101 M St., SW |
| 1D Substation | 500 E St., SE |
| Second District | 3320 Idaho Ave., NW |
| Third District | 1620 V St., NW |
| Fourth District | 6001 Georgia Ave., NW |
| 4D Substation | 750 Park Rd., NW |
| Fifth District | 1805 Bladensburg Rd., NE |
| Sixth District | 100 42nd St., NE |
| Seventh District | 2455 Alabama Ave., SE |
| Wisconsin Baptist Church | 3920 Alton Place, NW |



TWENTY-EIGHT NEW OFFICERS ARE HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 28 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC.

Training awards presented during the ceremony recognized **Officer Tashina Wilhelm** (Academic Training Award); **Officer David Aikin** (Firearms Training Award); **Officer Tashina Wilhelm** (Vehicle Skills Awards); and **Officers**

Tashina Wilhelm and **Brian Dennehy** (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 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>

HAVE YOU BEEN A VICTIM OF A THEFT OR ROBBERY?

PHOTOS OF RECOVERED PROPERTY AVAILABLE ON MPDC.DC.GOV

Every year, the Metropolitan Police Department recovers hundreds of stolen and abandoned bicycles, and hundreds of lost and found electronic devices. This property is inventoried by the MPD's Evidence Control Branch. Property not claimed within 90 days of recovery is considered abandoned. The MPD will advertise this property as abandoned and may dispose of any property not claimed within the designated timeframe. Recovered property not claimed may be auctioned through www.govdeals.com or donated. Before any recovered bicycles are auctioned or donated, images will be posted online.

Any person or entity having a right of claim to any item of property pictured online must appear in person to the Evidence Control Branch, # 17 DC Village Lane, SW, to retrieve it.

To claim property pictured via one of the links above, individuals must provide the MPD's Evidence Control Branch with a form of Government Identification; the bar code included with the bicycle image; and either Proof of ownership of property OR documentation that a police report was filed (CCN).

» Learn more about recovering stolen property and see photos of recovered bikes and electronics at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/recoveredproperty>

» The MPD handles over 100,000 recovered or seized property cases every year. Learn more about how the Evidence Control Branch approaches this task at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/ecd>

STREET CLOSURES SET FOR NIKE WOMEN'S HALF MARATHON ON 4/27

The Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Transportation would like to inform the public of street closures in conjunction with the Nike Women's Half Marathon scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2014. Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, from 9th to 14th Streets, will close at 12:01 am on Saturday, April 26 for set up and will re-open at 12 pm, Sunday April 27. Additionally streets along the race route will be closed from 7 am – 11 am on Sunday. The race begins at 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Runners will race through the 9th Street Tunnel, across the Memorial Bridge, and along Rock Creek Parkway. East and West Potomac Parks will also be closed.

Motorists traveling in the area of this event 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.

» For news on this street closure – including a complete list of streets – as well as other releases from the Metropolitan Police Department, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov>

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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