

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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METROPOLITAN POLICE EXPAND LITTERING ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

On August 1, 2014, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) launched citywide enforcement of the District of Columbia's anti-littering laws, expanding it from a pilot program used in the Fourth and Sixth Police Districts, and allowing officers to issue \$75 Notices of Violation (NOV) to any pedestrian observed littering.

Throughout the month of August, MPD officers will issue only warnings to violators in the First, Second, Third, Fifth, and Seventh Districts, as the Department works with community partners to educate the public about littering enforcement. Officers in the Fourth and Sixth Districts will continue to issue actual tickets.

Beginning Monday, September 1, 2014, anyone in the District of Columbia violating the littering law may be issued a \$75 ticket.

If an officer sees a person dropping waste material of any kind on public space, in waterways, or on someone else's private property, the person may receive a \$75 NOV for littering. Anyone issued the NOV is required to provide their accurate name and address to the officer. Those who refuse or fail to provide their accurate name and address can be arrested and, upon conviction, be fined an additional \$100 to \$250 by the D.C. Superior Court. Failure to respond to a littering ticket by either paying the fine or appealing the ticket to the Office of Administrative Hearings will result in a doubling of the fine.

MPD officers will continue to issue \$100 traffic tickets to the driver of any vehicle where an officer observes either the driver or any passenger toss trash of any kind onto someone else's private property or onto any public space, such as streets, alleys, or sidewalks.

» Learn more about the MPD's littering enforcement initiative at:

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

HELP KEEP DC CLEAN

A clean city is essential to the health and safety of our residents and the economic vitality of our neighborhoods. Everyone shares responsibility for maintaining a clean and green city! The Department of Public Works and the Mayor's Office of the Clean City will continue to lead DC's litter prevention efforts, as keeping the city clean is central to their mission. But, Metropolitan Police Department officers, with their round-the-clock presence on the streets, will also help deter people from littering.

New Littering Enforcement

On August 1, 2014, MPD will launch citywide enforcement of the District of Columbia's anti-littering laws, expanding it from the current pilot program in the Fourth and Sixth Police Districts. Officers will be issuing a Notice of Violation (NOV) to any pedestrian observed littering.

For the month of August, MPD will issue warnings to violators in the First, Second, Third, Fifth, and Seventh Districts as we work with community partners to educate the public on littering enforcement.

Beginning September 1, 2014, anyone violating the District's littering law may be issued a \$75 ticket or they can be arrested.

- If an officer sees you dropping garbage, trash, debris, or any other kind of discarded material on public space, in waterways, or on someone else's private property, you may receive a \$75 Notice of Violation for littering.
- If you are issued an NOV for littering, you are required to provide an accurate name and address to the officer. If you refuse or fail to provide an accurate name and address, you can be arrested. Upon conviction, you will be fined an additional \$100 to \$250 by the DC Superior Court.
- Failure to respond to the NOV for littering by either paying the fine or appealing the ticket will result in additional penalties.

Continuing Littering Enforcement

During the August warning period, MPD will continue anti-littering enforcement in the Fourth and Sixth Districts by issuing NOV's or making arrests.

Citywide, MPD officers will continue to issue \$100 traffic tickets to the driver of any vehicle observed tossing trash of any kind onto someone else's private property or onto any public space, such as roads or sidewalks.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact Senior Police Officer Keith DuBeau (Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm, at 202.345.1007 or keith.dubeau@dc.gov).



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MPD WARNS MERCHANTS ON PAYPAL SCAM

The Metropolitan Police Department is currently investigating a fraud scheme involving PayPal MasterCard Prepaid Debit cards stolen from retail stores. At this time, it appears that the suspects are using these stolen cards to exploit an often misunderstood feature of Point of Sale Systems at restaurants and retail stores, which allows the merchant to approve an offline transaction for a card. Suspects have tricked merchants into believing the charge has been approved. Merchants later discover that they are receiving chargebacks for transactions processed in this manner.

Merchants may be able to avoid being victimized by not allowing offline transactions using PayPal MasterCard Prepaid Debit Cards, unless the merchant personally contacts MasterCard or PayPal and obtains confirmation that the card is valid. Merchants who are unsure about the proper way to confirm the validity of any card should refer to the user agreements and handbooks for their credit card processing equipment. Merchants should also contact the organization responsible for processing their credit card charges for further guidance.

PayPal MasterCard Prepaid Debit Cards display the name "PayPal Customer" along with a 16 digit number and the PayPal logo in the upper left hand corner.

The Metropolitan Police Department is asking any retailers with information about PayPal MasterCard Prepaid Debit Cards, which have been stolen from their stores, or who have been the victim of this Fraud Scheme to file a police report.

Anyone who has information regarding these crimes should call police at 202-727-9099. Additionally, information may be submitted to the TEXT TIP LINE by text messaging 50411. The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to \$1,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for a serious crime committed in the District of Columbia.



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>.

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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