

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, October 23, 2015

MPD STRESSES SAFETY, OFFERS ACTIVITIES AT DISTRICT STATIONS THIS HALLOWEEN

To help ensure that youngsters across DC have a safe and fun place to celebrate Halloween, many of the MPD police districts are holding special events to celebrate the spooky holiday. Festivities include parties, haunted houses and Halloween celebrations at each of the seven police stations. All of the events are free and designed to provide an opportunity for Halloween fun for young people and parents who might want an alternative to trick-or-treating in the community.



For those who will be out and about on Halloween, the MPD offers a number of common-sense safety tips to help keep young ghosts and goblins safe. For example, in selecting costumes, bright, reflective and flame-retardant materials are a must, as are comfortable, well-fitting shoes. Instead of masks, which can restrict vision, youngsters are encouraged to get creative with face paints. To promote their safety while walking, trick-or-treaters are reminded to stay on the sidewalk and to cross only at the corner (never between cars). Motorists need to slow down and be on the lookout for children. Homeowners are encouraged to turn on exterior lights and clean up any debris near their property that children could trip on. And, of course, youngsters should never go into peoples' homes, talk to or accept rides from strangers, or eat any goodies before adults have a chance to inspect them.

- » For a list of Halloween safety tips as well as details on the MPD-sponsored Halloween parties, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/halloween>
- » Through SoberRide, adults who have done a little too much Halloween celebrating can get free cab rides home from 10 pm on Saturday, October 31 through 6 am on Sunday, November 1. Please call 1-800-200-TAXI or #TAXI on your AT&T wireless telephone. For further details, visit: <http://www.wrap.org/soberride/>

TWENTY-THREE NEW OFFICERS MEMBERS HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 23 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, October 23, 2015, at the Maurice T. Turner, Jr. Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC.

Awards presented during the ceremony recognized the following new members' accomplishments:

Recruit Class 2015-03 Awardees	
Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Robert Hardman
Firearms Training Award	Officer Michael Taylor
Physical Skills Awards	Officer Michael Taylor Officer Imani Thompson

The new officers all completed approximately 28 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.

- » Check out our video: "It's a great time to be MPD. Are you the one?" at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQaScyjW-U>
- » 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>

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.



- » Read the complete news release in the MPD's newsroom at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov>
- » A course map as well as additional information regarding street closures in Arlington County is posted on the official race website at:
<http://www.marinemarathon.com>

STREET CLOSURES PLANNED FOR THE MARINE CORPS MARATHON THIS SUNDAY

The Metropolitan Police Department and US Park Police wish to advise the public and members of the media of the street closures in conjunction with the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

The race begins at 8 am in Arlington, Virginia, and then crosses the Potomac River into the District of Columbia. Streets along the race route will be closed beginning at 4 am and are expected to re-open by 1 pm. The race course takes runners along Rock Creek Parkway, portions of the National Mall, and along Ohio Drive, to Haines Point.

While many streets will be closed completely, westbound M Street will remain open up to Wisconsin Avenue, NW. Motorists will be forced to turn north on Wisconsin Avenue, NW from M Street, NW or east from Wisconsin Avenue NW to M Street, NW. Westbound M Street NW will remain open unless otherwise determined.

Due large crowds associated with this event, motorists are encouraged to exercise extreme caution when traveling in these areas. Police will reopen the roadways as soon as possible, provided doing so does not interfere with the race. Metrorail will begin service at 5:00 am on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Due to traffic delays, race participants and spectators are highly encouraged to use public transportation.

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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