

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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REPORT CRIMES ONLINE USING THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CITIZEN ONLINE REPORTING TOOL

The Metropolitan Police Department's Citizen Online Reporting Tool gives users the ability to report certain types of incidents that don't require a police officer to witness or gather the information. Through the Citizen Online Reporting Tool, you can now report the following types of incidents:

- Lost property
- Lost vehicle tags
- Stolen vehicle tags
- Theft/theft from auto
- Destruction of property
- Damage to property

While not every crime is avoidable, there are certain precautions you can take to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of certain property crimes. One of the most common types of theft is theft of valuables from your automobile. Theft from auto is strictly a crime of opportunity that can be prevented if you take away the opportunity. Thieves generally won't waste their time breaking into autos that don't have valuables in plain sight, so follow these tips to reduce your risk!

- **Keep Your Valuables Out of Sight.** The best way to prevent theft from your auto is to always keep valuables out of sight. Never leave cell phones, briefcases, suitcases, or electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, laptop computers, etc.) in your car in plain view. Take these items with you, or secure them—all the time, every time.
- **Secure Your GPS Device.** While many GPS devices are mounted in the dashboard of the vehicle, the MPD encourages anyone who uses a portable GPS device to take it with you, along with any other items of value, when you park the car.
- **Use Your Trunk.** If your car has a trunk, use it. Put valuables in there or in a locked glove compartment. Hiding items under seats is better than leaving them in plain view, but securing them inside the glove compartment or trunk is a far better deterrent.
- **Don't Tempt Thieves.** Don't flaunt your new purchases. Use discretion when making purchases, especially if you have a large amount of cash on you.
- **Shop Smart.** Any time you're shopping, place packages in the trunk, not on the passenger seats or floors.
- **Lock It Up.** Keep your car doors and windows locked—all the time!

Select	Incident Type	Definition	Examples
<input type="radio"/>	Damage to Property	Incident where physical damage is caused to your property, but there is not enough information or circumstances do not warrant it being reported as a crime.	(1) You hit a deer while driving, and your driver's side mirror is broken. (2) You park your vehicle in a public garage. When you return a couple days later, there is a large dent in the left back bumper of your vehicle. It is unknown what caused the damage.
<input type="radio"/>	Destruction of Property	Incident when someone willfully causes, or attempts to cause, physical destruction of your property.	Someone willfully breaks a window in your garage while you are sleeping in the adjoining house. A witness reports that he saw two juveniles running from the side of the garage earlier that morning.
<input type="radio"/>	Lost Property	Personal or commercial property that is lost, missing or misplaced.	You leave your purse somewhere in a convenience store while shopping but do not realize it for several hours.
<input type="radio"/>	Lost Tags	Incident where tags (license plates) are lost or missing from a vehicle not due to theft.	The tags fall off your motorcycle during a traffic crash, or if your car's front license plate has fallen off.
<input type="radio"/>	Stolen Tags	The wrongful taking or use of tags (license plates) from your vehicle without your permission. Includes attempts to steal your tags also.	You return to your vehicle after work and find your license plates stolen.
<input type="radio"/>	Theft	The wrongful taking of another's property without force or the threat of force. Excludes thefts of and from motor vehicles (e.g., cars, motorcycles, segways, etc.). Includes attempts to commit theft also.	A stranger picks up your iPhone from the counter of a restaurant when you walked away for a couple minutes to speak to a friend. The stranger leaves the store before you notice your phone is gone.
<input type="radio"/>	Theft from Auto	Theft of another's property from his/her motor vehicle. Includes attempts to steal property from your vehicle also.	You leave your car unattended during the summer to run into the dry cleaner. You leave the driver's window rolled down. When you return, you find the backpack you left on the front seat missing.

» To file a police report online, or to learn more about this application, go to:

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

» The MPD offers a variety of safety tips to help reduce your risk of becoming a victim. Download the brochures or read them online at:

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

DCFEMS TO HOST “HANDS ON HEARTS” CPR TRAINING AT FIFTH DISTRICT, OTHER LOCATIONS

On October 27, 2015, Mayor Muriel Bowser launched a “Hands on Hearts” initiative to train 5,000 people in hands-only CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) by September 2016. Hands-only CPR is a technique that involves chest compressions without artificial respiration. Studies indicate that hands-only CPR performed immediately can increase a cardiac arrest victim’s chance of survival.

“With the right training, anyone can save a life,” said Mayor Bowser. “That is why the District is committed to training residents in life-saving, hands-only CPR. A 20 minute training could make the difference between life and death for a friend, family member or stranger who needs care before emergency medical services are able to respond.”

DCFEMS and partner organizations will offer free, 20 minute classes on hands-only CPR and AED awareness. The training instructs participants to focus on their hand placement, tempo and the number of compressions for two minute intervals.

Most people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work or in a public location die because they don’t receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene. As a bystander, your actions can only help.

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Completing the training does not provide participants with certification in CPR or a certification card. Please visit our CPR Training Program for more information on certification.



» For information on how to sign up for free training, visit:
<http://fems.dc.gov/page/hands-hearts-cpr-program>

» Read the complete news release about the new “Hands on Hearts” CPR Training Program at:
<http://dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-launches-%E2%80%99Chands-hearts%E2%80%9D-cpr-training-dc-residents>

» Training sessions are available at a number of locations throughout the city, including:

- 5th District Police Headquarters
Community Room
1805 Bladensburg Road, NE

- » November 19, 2015
6:30 pm – 7 pm
- » December 3, 2015
6:30 pm – 7 pm
- » December 17, 2015
6:30 pm – 7 pm

- November 11, 2015
10:30 am – 11:00am
Bridgepoint Hospital – Capitol Hill
700 Constitution Avenue, NE

- November 11, 2015
12 pm – 12:30 pm
Bridgepoint Hospital- Hadley
4601 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SW

- November 13, 2015 (and every other Friday except 11/27 Banneker Recreation)
4:30 pm – 5 pm Center
2500 Georgia Avenue, NW

- November 14, 2015
10 am – 11 am Greater Tyson Temple
3024 Massachusetts Ave, SE

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>.

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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