

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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MPD ANNOUNCES EXCHANGE ZONE LOCATIONS

To combat robberies in the District, Chief Cathy L. Lanier and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) have designated three Exchange Zone areas. These areas will serve as a safe place for residents and visitors to exchange and complete transactions of online purchases.

Several individuals in the District have been targeted after using mobile marketplace applications to buy or sell items. Suspects have used these online platforms to lure victims to meet them at locations to purchase or sell an item and when the victim arrives, a pre-staged robbery occurs.

“The Exchange Zone will deter many of these robberies by providing well-lit areas that are near police stations, giving Washingtonians a safe place to purchase or exchange property,” said Chief Cathy Lanier. “The community can do their part by safely buying, selling and trading online goods at our designated locations.”

The three Exchange Zone locations include:

- Special Operations Division’s Harbor Patrol/ 550 Water Street, Southwest,
- Third District/ 1620 V Street, Northwest,
- Sixth District/ 5002 Hayes Street, Northeast

MPD would also like to remind the public of these safety tips when selling or purchasing items from strangers:

- Never meet anyone alone.
- Never list your home address, phone number, or any other identifiable information.
- Never meet at night.

MPD will continue to focus significant resources on reducing robberies across the city. If you have any information related to a robbery, you can anonymously **text us at 50411** or call **(202) 727-9099**.

EXCHANGE ZONE

Buying, selling or trading something you found online? Do it safely.

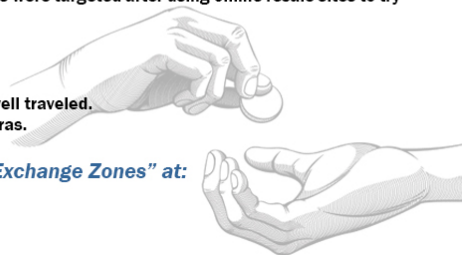
Whether you’re buying or selling, the internet is a great tool for a good deal. But not everyone out there is trustworthy. The MPD has noted a significant uptick in robberies where the victims were targeted after using online resale sites to try to buy or sell items.

Some tips for a safe exchange in person:

- It is always best to meet during daylight hours.
- Never meet anyone in a non-public area, or an area that is not well traveled.
- Always meet in a well-lit location, with lots of people, and cameras.

Consider meeting at or near one of MPD’s designated “Exchange Zones” at:

- SOD Harbor Patrol / 550 Water Street, SW
- Third District / 1620 V Street, NW
- Sixth District / 5002 Hayes Street, NE



» Get tips on how to reduce the risk of robbery or assault at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/207982>

» Download this helpful tip card with tips on how to reduce your risk of being a victim while you are on foot:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/382412>

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE IS 4/30

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10 am to 2 pm. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is providing the public with a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. We urge the community to take advantage of this opportunity to discard potentially dangerous controlled substances as well as other unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs.

Prescription medications will be accepted at the following locations:

- **First District Station**
101 M Street, SW
- **First District Sub Station**
500 E Street, SE
- **Second District Station**
3320 Idaho Avenue, NW
- **Third District Station**
1620 V Street, NW
- **Fourth District Station**
6001 Georgia Avenue, NW
- **Fourth District Sub Station**
750 Park Road, NW
- **Fifth District Station**
1805 Bladensburg Road, NE
- **Sixth District Station**
100 42nd Street, NE
- **Seventh District Station**
2455 Alabama Avenue, SE

» For more information on the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative, please visit:
http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html



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>.

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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