

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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BE AWARE OF DC PARKING TICKET SCAM

Residents of the Washington, DC Metropolitan area are cautioned to be aware of a phishing scam to collect money from past due tickets. With this scam, customers receive an email that has "Notice of Overdue Parking Violation(s)" in the subject line. In the email, customers are asked to pay the past due fines and a late fee immediately with the threat of their vehicle being impounded; then, they are directed to a dot com website.

DC DMV contacts customers via email if they have registered for DC DMV's email ticket alert system. Then, they will receive an email notifying them to log into their account when there is an update.

Additionally, legitimate Notices of Unpaid Parking Tickets from the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles are mailed to customers via the United States Post Office. The notice contains specific information on how to contest the ticket by submitting a request for adjudication and includes the agency's website address, which is dmv.dc.gov. Also, customers are encouraged to carefully read the letter for other clues that it is a scam. For example, the scam letter is supposedly issued by the "DC Parking Authority." There are more than 30 agencies that issues tickets, and there is not an established "DC Parking Authority." Correspondences issued from DC DMV will not be signed, "Y.U. Parcthar," and they do not have the tag line, "WeTicket, You Pay," as DC DMV does not issue tickets.

Customers who receive this email notice should report it to the Federal Trade Commission, which has detailed information for consumers on how to handle phishing scams.

» Read the complete news release at:
<http://dmv.dc.gov/release/be-aware-dc-parking-tickets-scam>

NEW AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATION DEPLOYED

On May 17, 2016, the Metropolitan Police Department announced the deployment of one new photo enforcement location beginning on or about June 22, 2016. The new location has been identified as a site where speeding and pedestrian safety is a concern.

There is a 30 day "educational phase," where violators will receive warning citations. The warning period will commence on or about May 22, 2016. After the 30 day warning period, MPD will begin issuing live moving citations to violators. The new photo enforcement location is:

- 2100 block of Queens Chapel Rd, NE
(southeastbound)
5th District
25 mph speed limit

» For more information about automated enforcement in the District of Columbia, go to:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/dc-streetsafe-automated-traffic-enforcement>



MPD'S MISSING PERSONS GUIDE OFFERS TIPS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

National Missing Children's Day was first proclaimed in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and is observed every year on May 25, the anniversary of the disappearance of Etan Patz, to encourage parents, guardians, caregivers and others concerned with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. On National Missing Children's Day this year, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is asking people to share the poster of a missing child in their state. Just one small act can bring a child home safe. Sharing a child's image is law enforcement's single most effective tool in recovering missing children.

On May 25, the nation will observe National Missing Children's Day, a time to remember America's missing children and to encourage vigilance in protecting our youth. To support parents and guardians, the MPD has a comprehensive Missing Persons Guide. The online guide provides helpful advice and resources for parents and guardians whose children are missing. The guide stresses that the first 48 hours following a missing person or runaway episode are the most important in locating a child. While many runaway children return home – or, in the case of missing children, are located – during this period, it is critical to take every action available to help locate and safeguard our children. Parents are reminded not wait 48 hours to report your child missing. There is no time limit that you must wait to report a person as missing, whether he or she is considered missing or a runaway. And, contrary to some commonly held beliefs, police do not wait a designated period of time (such as 24 or 48 hours) to begin investigating a missing person report. The Missing Persons Guide includes instructions on what to do immediately if you believe your child is missing. The online guide also includes information on what preparations to take ahead of time, which will assist investigators if your child does become missing. It also includes valuable telephone numbers and other resources.

REPORTING YOUR MISSING CHILD

We know that finding your loved one is your greatest priority. We are here to help. To aid us in returning your child to you safely, we will need to confirm the child's identity. If your child has dental and medical records, please follow the steps below.

Visit this website — www.mpd.cdc.gov/missing
Ask your child's dentist and pediatrician/doctor to complete the appropriate sections in the NCIC Missing Person File Data Collection Entry Guide, a 36-page booklet that can be completed online
Bring the completed form to MPD's Missing Person Section, located at 1700 Rhode Island Avenue, NE (202) 576-6768 or missing.persons@dc.gov



- » The MPD offers a number of helpful links providing guidance on keeping your kids safe online. Learn more at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/fun-and-safe-kids>
- » The MPD's Missing Persons Guide is available online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/missing>
- » Get information on National Missing Children's Day at: <http://www.missingkids.com>
- » Parents and guardians are encouraged to create a child ID kit and to update it at least once a year. Download a kit at: <http://www.missingkids.com/publications/ChildIDKit>
- » **There's an APP for that!** Use your iPhone or Android to manage the ID information on your children. Just search "FBI Child ID" and download the app. The app is free, and, in the event a child goes missing, parents and guardians can quickly e-mail the photos and information to authorities. No information about you or your child will be collected or stored by the FBI or iTunes.
- » While the vast majority of abductions involve a family member or someone who is known to the child, it's important to talk to your children often about safety and avoiding risky situations. Helpful tips for parents are available at: <http://www.kidsmartz.org/ParentTips>

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

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>.

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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