

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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TWENTY-SEVEN NEW OFFICERS MEMBERS HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 27 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, June 10, 2016, 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 2015-09 Awardees	
Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Robert Barusefski
Firearms Training Award	Officer Morgan Schiff
Physical Skills Award	Officer Larry Hale, Jr. Officer Audrea Jefferson

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.

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.



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

WASHINGTON DC POLICE FOUNDATION HONORS MPD AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Members of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) were honored for their outstanding service at the Washington D.C. Police Foundation's 11th Annual Law Enforcement Awards event on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. Eleven MPD members were nominated by their peers for going above and beyond the call of duty to keep our neighborhoods, businesses, and schools safe throughout the past year.

The event took place at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater in Washington, D.C. Participants in the awards ceremony will include Chief of Police Cathy Lanier, DC Police Foundation Executive Director Joseph Persichini, Jr., and the area's business and civic community.

Following the singing of the National Anthem by Sergeant Charlotte Djossou, the following members were honored for their outstanding service:

Officer of the Year: Officer Jeffrey Brown

In calendar year 2015, Officer Jeffrey Brown excelled as Patrol Service Area (PSA) 604 Traffic Officer in the Sixth District. His traffic enforcement engagements aided in an 18 percent reduction of crime in PSA 604. Officer Brown's traffic enforcement actions serve as an astonishing example of how service to the community is a priority and how it should be emulated by his peers.

Reserve Officer of the Year: Officer George Davis

Officer George Davis is an exemplary Reserve Police Officer who has demonstrated his dedication to the Reserve Corps and the First District. He has contributed well over 600 hours of service to the department. Although there are many worthy members within the Reserve Corps, Reserve Officer Davis shows exemplary team commitment, a willingness to help others, and constant leadership amongst the officers.

School Resource Officer of the Year: Officer Tracy Taylor

School Resource Officer Tracy Taylor demonstrates a desire and passion to help educate and understand the youth of today. Officer Taylor's creates an atmosphere of trust that assists with decreasing the number of youth being introduced to the criminal justice system and an increase to a positive productive youth for the future.

Act of Valor: Third District Officers: Officer Ammar Rahim, Officer Perry Morgan, Officer James Da'Re, Officer Christopher Brown, Officer Matthew Rider, Officer Andrew Creveling

Third District Officers were dispatched to an aggravated assault call in progress for a suspect described as a black male, with dreadlocks, pushing a baby stroller. The suspect was located walking with a knife. The officers assumed command of the situation and requested additional units with Crisis Intervention.

While the officers engaged in a foot pursuit they continued to ensure the safety of the child and the community by clearing the block of all pedestrians and diverting traffic from the area. At one point, the suspect stopped, turned lunged at Officer Rahim with his knife, cutting the left side of his neck. The suspect then unexpectedly began using the baby in the stroller as a shield.

After the suspect wounded Officer Rahim, he dropped the knife and threw the baby and stroller to the ground. The suspect then fled on foot, leaving the child face down on the ground, and used the diversion to try to escape. Officers Brown and Rider pursued the suspect and attempted to subdue him. The suspect continued to fight the officers before he was restrained. During the course of the apprehension, Officers Brown, Rider and Rahim were assaulted by the suspect.

The child was able to escape the incident with no injuries and was transported to child and family services. It was later learned that the initial call for service originated after the suspect stabbed a female in the neck with a knife.

Unity Award: Officer Randall Butler

Officer Butler has been the beat officer for the upper Georgia Avenue business corridor and surrounding neighborhoods for many years. He is highly visible and is open to all members of the neighborhood, especially teens and young adults. Members of the Forth District see this officer as a shining example of "community policing."

Civilian Employee of Year: Mr. Greg Hester

Mr. Greg Hester has been the Fleet Management Division (FMD) manager for the past 10 years and has managed a 1,662 vehicle fleet. Mr. Hester often takes it upon himself to research new vehicles, motorcycles and equipment to facilitate recommendations to the Chief of Police on the best and safest equipment for MPD. He provides traffic crash data and analysis to assist in reducing work place accidents. His dedication and professionalism is beyond reproach. He always takes on new challenges and works tirelessly to resolve issues. For these reasons, Mr. Greg Hester is MPD's Civilian Employee of the Year.

Public Safety Business Partner: Walmart, Doug Estrada Senior Director - Regional Transportation – Logistics

This year, the Washington DC Police Foundation and MPD Chief of Police Cathy Lanier are honoring Walmart as the Public Safety Business Partner of the Year. Doug Estrada, Senior Director of Regional Transportation, Logistics will be accepting this award. This award is being presented for their continued support of MPD and the Washington DC Police Foundation in the pursuit of public safety. Walmart supported the Junior Cadet back to school drive, donating over 120 backpacks filled with supplies, as well as continued to fund the annual Shop with a Cop event.

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