

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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FIFTY-ONE NEW OFFICERS MEMBERS HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 51 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Thursday, July 7, 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 2015-10 Awardees

Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Daniel Koch
Firearms Training Award	Officer Daniel Koch
Physical Skills Award	Officer Hubert Louis Officer Nicole Novetsky

Recruit Class 2015-11 Awardees

Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Brian O'Shea
Firearms Training Award	Officer MScott Blackwood
Physical Skills Award	Officer Brian O'Shea Officer Michelle Turner

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.

BEAT THE HEAT, BUT LEAVE THE FIRE HYDRANTS ALONE

The weatherman is calling for temperatures in the mid-90s all weekend long, but that's no excuse to tap a fire hydrant to cool down. DC Fire and EMS and DC Water remind District residents not to open fire hydrants—this is a dangerous practice. The water is highly pressurized

» 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>

and the force of it coming out of the hydrant can cause injury.

Turning on hydrants without the proper tools can damage the hydrant, its nozzle, and even the underground pipes in the water distribution system. Additionally, there is a significant danger especially to children, who can be knocked over from the force of the water or endangered from traffic when their water play is in the street.

Further, the high volume of water on roadways can wreak havoc with traffic. Open hydrants can also cause a drop in water pressure, affecting homes and businesses on the street, and impeding firefighting.

In addition to the potential for injury, opening hydrants can seriously affect the ability of the DC Fire Department to fight fires. If you have a heat emergency call 911, otherwise keep cool by staying in shade or air-conditioning and drinking plenty of fluids, preferably water.

When temperatures or the heat index reach 95, residents are encouraged to seek refuge at a District swimming pool, cooling center, recreation facility or other air-conditioned building.

USE IWATCH TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

You can help prevent terrorism in our backyard by paying attention and speaking up.

The Washington region is a special place, one that we are privileged to call home. Now, citizens can help protect our home from those who would do harm by calling attention to potential threats to our community.

Now, when you see something that just doesn't look right, you can quickly and easily make an electronic record of what you observed and report it to local police for investigation and possible action. The information you provide could be the difference in preventing an attack on one of our nation's most cherished institutions or critical functions. Making a report is free, easy, and an important element of our shared responsibility to protect our nation from harm.



» Report Suspicious Activity

- To report immediate threats or emergencies, **call 911**
- To report suspicious activity or behavior, call **(202) 727-9099**
- Make a report using iWATCH at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/iwatch>

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>.

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