

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia



Friday, September 16, 2016

PETER NEWSHAM SWORN IN AS INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

On Thursday, September 16, 2016, following the retirement of Cathy L. Lanier, Mayor Muriel Bowser swore Peter Newsham in as interim Chief of Police. Interim Chief Peter Newsham joined the MPD in 1989 and rose quickly through the ranks, serving in a number of district operational assignments. He was promoted to Commander of the Second District in January 2000.

Two years later, in June, Newsham was promoted to Assistant Chief in charge of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), which included the Internal Affairs Division, Civil Rights and Force Investigation Division and Compliance Monitoring Team, responsible for overseeing the MPD's Memorandum of Agreement with the US Department of Justice. Newsham took the position of Assistant Chief in Charge of ROC-North in July 2004.

On September 23, 2007, Chief Lanier announced a reorganization to the Metropolitan Police Department and put Assistant Chief Newsham in charge of the Internal Affairs Bureau. In 2008, Assistant Chief Newsham was named the Assistant Chief of the Investigative Services Bureau. Mayor Muriel Bowser appointed Newsham Interim Chief of Police in September 2016.

Newsham holds a bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross and a law degree at the University of Maryland School of Law. He is a member of the Maryland Bar.



CONSIDER A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE MPD

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.

The MPD has a rolling admissions process. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply online and will be notified within 24 hours if they have been selected to attend a New Candidate Orientation, the next step in the police officer selection process. Individuals interested in joining the MPD should go to dcpolicejobs.dc.gov to apply and to get complete details on the police officer selection process.



- » Follow us on Facebook for the latest information on MPD's recruiting efforts:
<https://www.facebook.com/joindcpolice>
- » For more information on becoming a police officer in the MPD visit the police recruiting website at:
<http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>
- » Think you have what it takes? Check out the MPD's Physical Ability Test Video to see what's required:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/multimedia/physical-ability-test-video>

MPD offers a great starting salary and benefits and has opportunities for advancement through our competitive promotional process. If you choose the Metropolitan Police Department, you will learn hands-on from some of the best public safety professionals in the country and get a chance to make a difference.

USE THE HSEMA MOBILE APP FOR INFORMATION IN AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

No one is ever ready for an emergency but you can be prepared. When you know where to get information, have the right supplies, and have a plan for you, your loved ones, and your pets, you can protect yourself and your family before a crisis and for at least 72 hours afterwards.

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) iPhone/iPad/Android application contains important information you can use before, during and after an emergency or disaster such as:

- Emergency evacuation routes that lead you out of the District
- Alert DC emergency text alerts
- Current weather outlooks from the National Weather Service
- Disaster safety tips
- Help lines that provide telephone numbers to essential emergency resources and information
- A calendars informing the public about emergency preparedness training, HSEMA Community Outreach events as well as special events such as marathons and street festivals
- A direct link to the local transit authority's (METRO) main website and twitter page
- List of shelters that are opened after a disaster occurs
- A direct link to FEMA's website,
- Maps of where District Police and Fire stations are located
- Regional preparedness links
- Steps to take to make a family emergency plan, a go kit, and much more!

» Learn more about the safety, information and mapping data that's available on DC HSEMA's Mobile Application at:

<http://hsema.dc.gov/page/homeland-security-and-emergency-management-agency-mobile-app>

» The app is free to download through the GooglePlay Store and the Apple App Store.



The tools in this app help ensure that no matter where you are or what you are doing you'll be prepared.

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>.

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