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IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



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HELP KEEP DC STREETS SAFE AND FREE OF OFF ROAD VEHICLES THROUGH THE BONU\$ 2 PHONE US PROGRAM

All-Terrain Vehicles and Dirt Bikes don't belong on city streets. Minibikes, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized bikes and multi-wheeled vehicles pose a danger to pedestrians and other motorists and are illegal to operate on DC's streets. If you see—or know the identity of—someone riding a dirt bike or ATV recklessly on DC streets, call or text the police. Help us keep our city safe. You could be eligible for a reward of \$250 for your information. Call (202) 727-9099 or text 50411 with your information.



- » Learn more about "Bonu\$ to Phone Us: Off Road online at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/b2pu>
- » If you see someone operating a minibike, dirt bike or ATV, let the MPD know:
 - o Call (202) 727-9099
 - o Text 50411

Riders of ATVs and dirt bikes are openly breaking the law on DC streets. These riders do all kinds of tricks such as wheelies and riding on the sidewalks. ATVs and dirt bikes are illegal to ride on public streets in the District of Columbia, but MPD's chase policy prohibits officers from pursuing the vehicles. In fact, those familiar with the problem say that some riders come from other areas on stolen dirt bikes and ATVs because DC is known for its no chase policy.

What Dangers Do ATVs and Dirt Bikes Pose? A 25-year-old DC woman was with her 23-year-old cousin and a group of others as they crossed Alabama Avenue, SE, around 8 pm. The pedestrians had the right of way. A moment later, two dirt bikes came speeding toward the group. At least one of them popped a wheelie. The woman soon realized her younger cousin had never made it to the curb along with the rest of the group. The rider of the dirt bike popped a wheelie and caught the younger cousin's shirt in the handlebars of the bike. The impact threw the young woman into the path of an oncoming vehicle, partially pinning her under the tires. The woman suffered extensive injuries.

You can help MPD fight these riders who are breaking the law. "Bonu\$ to Phone Us: Off Road" is a program that offers DC residents the ability to call (202) 727-9099 when they know the location of an ATV or dirt bike being operated illegally on public space in Washington, DC. If the information results in the confiscation of the dirt bike or ATV, the caller will be authorized to receive a \$250 reward.

If you see an ATV or dirt bike being operated illegally in the District of Columbia, call the MPD's Command Information Center at (202) 727-9099 to report the incident and provide a description of the vehicle, its operator, and the location where it is being driven. Police respond, stop the operator, and confiscate the vehicle.

If your tip leads to a successful removal of an illegally-operated ATV or dirt bike, the CIC will provide you a Tip Tracking Number which you can use to follow up in a few days. Upon follow-up, the CIC staff will provide you with further instructions for collecting your reward.

If the tip leads to a successful confiscation, you will be eligible for the \$250 reward. The reward and payment collection instructions will be provided to you by the CIC staff.

Tips that do not lead to a successful confiscation will not be eligible for payment.

DC311 FREE SMARTPHONE APP OFFERS ALTERNATIVE METHOD TO REPORTING SERVICE REQUESTS

The DC311 smartphone app is a free download that allows citizens to report service requests from their iPhone or Android mobile devices. There are a large number of different service requests to choose from, including complaints about trash, potholes, graffiti and illegal dumping. This tool, together with the Citywide Call Center and 311Online, is yet another way the community can report a problem. Information from all these sources is funneled into one database for tracking and resolution. The free app automatically pinpoints the location of the reported problem using GPS technology. Registered users can also attach a photo and provide the exact location for the service request. Once the request is submitted, users will receive an e-mail from 311 confirming receipt of the request, including the service request number. They will also receive a follow-up e-mail when the request has been closed by the servicing agency. Citizens can also track the status of their requests any time.

- » Download the DC311 smartphone app at:
<http://ouc.dc.gov/page/dc-311-smartphone-app>
- » Request city services by calling 3-1-1 or visit the website:
<http://311.dc.gov/>

STREET CLOSURES RELATED TO IMF/WORLD BANK MEETINGS AND ARMY 10-MILER THIS WEEKEND MAY CAUSE TRAFFIC DELAYS

The **2016 fall meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund** is scheduled to start on Friday, October 7, 2016 until Sunday, October 9, 2016. The following streets will be closed starting at 7 pm on Friday, October 7, 2016 and will remain closed until Saturday, October 8, 2016 at approximately 8 pm: 19th Street, NW from Pennsylvania Avenue to G Street, NW and H Street, NW from 20th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

The **Army 10-Miler**, scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2016, will also require a number of street closures between 6 am and noon. The following streets will be intermittently closed along the race route:

- Rock Creek Parkway between Virginia Avenue, NW and Independence Avenue, SW
- Virginia Avenue, NW between Rock Creek Parkway and Constitution Avenue, NW
- Constitution Avenue, NW between 23rd Street, NW and 15th Street, NW
- Independence Avenue, SW between 23rd Street, NW and 7th Street, SW
- 14th Street Bridge HOV Lanes between Arlington Virginia and Independence Avenue, SW
- 7th Street, SW between Independence Avenue, SW and C Street, SW
- 9th Street, SW between Independence Avenue, SW and C Street, SW

All street closures and listed times are subject to change based upon prevailing or unexpected conditions. Motorists could encounter possible delays if operating in the vicinity of this event and may wish to consider alternative routes. The Metropolitan Police Department and the DC Department of Transportation also wishes to remind motorists in the vicinity of this event to proceed with caution as increased pedestrian traffic can be anticipated.

- » For complete details on upcoming street closures and all other news from the Metropolitan Police Department, go to:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom>
- » For additional information about the Army 10-Miler, including maps, go to:
<https://www.armytenmiler.com/>

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