

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, September 23, 2016

MPD WELCOMES SIXTEEN NEW OFFICERS, SIXTEEN NEW RESERVE CORPS MEMBERS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 16 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, October 14, 2016, at the Maurice T. Turner, Jr. Metropolitan Police Academy in Southwest DC. The Department also swore in 16 new Reserve Corps members at the same time.

Awards presented during the ceremony recognized the following new members' accomplishments:



Recruit Class 2016-02 Awardees

Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Amanda Viteretti
Firearms Training Award	Officer Miguel Orellana
Physical Skills Award	Officer Alexander Farley Officer Amanda Viteretti

Reserve Recruit Class 2016-01 Awardees

Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Brian Coleman

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.

Members of the Reserve Corps are dedicated, community-oriented individuals who volunteer to serve alongside MPD career officers in our mission to serve and protect the citizens and visitors of Washington, DC. Reserve Corps members receive world-class training which mirrors that of a career MPD officer and emerge as sworn, armed Police Reserve Officers. These members make significant contributions to law enforcement and crime prevention throughout the District of Columbia.

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>

MPD TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE ON OCTOBER 22

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 10am to 2pm. The Metropolitan Police Department is providing the public with a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. We urge the community to take advantage of this opportunity to discard unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

Last April, Americans turned in 447 tons (over 893,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 11 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 6.4 million pounds—about 3,200 tons—of pills.

» Learn More about the Prescription Drug Take Back, and find a location where you can bring your drugs at:
https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

Drop Off Location	Address
First District	101 M St., SW Washington, DC 20024
1D Substation	500 E St., SE Washington, DC 20003
Second District	3320 Idaho Ave., NW Washington, DC 20016
Third District	1620 V St., NW Washington, DC 20009
Fourth District	6001 Georgia Ave., NW Washington, DC 20011
Fourth District Substation	750 Park Rd., NW Washington, DC20010
Fifth District	1805 Bladensburg Rd., NE Washington, DC20002
Sixth District	100 42nd St., NE Washington, DC 20019
Seventh District	2455 Alabama Ave., SE Washington, DC20020



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>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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