

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, November 4, 2016

MPD WELCOMES TWENTY-ONE NEW OFFICERS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Patrols in DC neighborhoods are being boosted by the addition of 21 officers who were sworn in during a graduation ceremony on Friday, November 4, 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 2016-04 Awardees	
Award	Recipient
Academic Training Award	Officer Zachary Speck
Firearms Training Award	Officer Donald Magee III
Physical Skills Award	Officer Karina Phillip Officer Akintayo Akintunde

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.

DRIVERS AND WALKERS SHOULD REMEMBER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AS DAYLIGHT HOURS GROW SHORTER

As the season changes and we lose an hour of daylight, the Metropolitan Police Department would like to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings to ensure the safe travels of other drivers and pedestrians on our city streets. Many of us are now commuting home from work in the darkness. We all need to exercise extra caution and take responsibility for our personal safety and the safety of those around us.

Drivers are reminded to turn on vehicle headlights and be vigilant in looking out for pedestrians. As the weather gets colder, watch the road, as wet or icy spots are considerably harder to see in the dark.

- » 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>

- » The MPD offers safety tips for walkers, runners and bikers online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/sharetheroad>
- » Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 6, so remember to reset your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night!

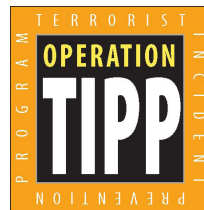
When walking or exercising in the dusk or dark, keep the following tips in mind:

- Stay on the sidewalk, not in the street; only cross the street in crosswalks with traffic control devices.
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Never run between cars into the street.
- Wear clothing that allows drivers and people to see you. That means no dark clothes after dark or early in the morning.
- Exercising outdoors at dusk or at night can be dangerous without some type of reflective device on your clothing. Many athletic shoes have reflective qualities built in, but also consider a vest complete with reflective tape.
- Keep alert! Dawn and dusk offer convenient shadows for muggers and other crooks.

Our officers will continue to enforce traffic safety laws and assist motorists and pedestrians in need. Your participation in ensuring traffic and public safety is critical, and we greatly appreciate your attention to this important matter.

BUSINESSES ENCOURAGED TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY THROUGH OPERATION TIPP

It is no surprise that terrorism continues to be a threat in the United States and in the Nation's Capital. What may be surprising, however, is that some terrorists use materials and equipment that are generally available in the marketplace. Some terrorists may attempt to portray themselves as legitimate customers in order to procure the goods they need, while others may attempt to steal them.



» Learn more about Operation TIPP and how you can get involved at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/TIPP>

» Find out more about iWATCH, or make a report at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/211182>

In either case, it is usually an individual business or service organization that will be the first to notice something out of the ordinary. When that happens, it is critical that these suspicions be immediately passed on to law enforcement, so that the information can be examined, evaluated and, if necessary, acted upon.

That is why the Metropolitan Police Department created Operation TIPP (Terrorist Incident Prevention Program): to make it easy for businesses, service agencies and other organizations in the Washington region to get directly involved in terrorism prevention.

Operation TIPP has two key parts:

- Educating businesses within specific industries on what to look out for in the way of suspicious activity related to their industry group.
- Providing easy and convenient ways for businesses to report suspicious activity to the police.

The MPD encourages all businesses in the DC area to become familiar with Operation TIPP and to become actively involved in terrorism prevention.

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>.

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