

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, February 23, 2007

CHIEF OFFERS ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO RECOGNIZE OFFICERS' SUCCESSES

In what is becoming a regular venue for member recognition, Acting Chief Cathy L. Lanier took time during her Friday Crime Briefing on February 23, 2007, to congratulate several members on their contributions in capturing two armed robbery suspects in 1D and quickly closing an armed APO in 6D. They were awarded Achievement Medals for their efforts. On October 22, 2006, 1D Officer Emily Hozenbackez was flagged down by a citizen who had just been robbed. The victim identified the vehicle with the suspects still in it. As Officer Hosenbackez approached the vehilce, both suspects fled on foot. The driver was stopped by Officer Joseph Austin and the second suspect was stopped by Captain Jeff Brown. A search of the suspects revealed the driver had possession of the victim's wallet. Investigator Steven Schwalm obtained a warrant to search the suspect's vehicle and recovered a fully-loaded revolver that the suspect used during the robbery. On January 22, 2007, a shooting occurred in the 3800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, in 6D. Despite the fact that Officer Carlos Amaya was off-duty, he intervened and attempted to disarm the shooter. Amaya ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. However, the suspect did not comply. Shots were exchanged and then the suspect fled the scene. Investigator Joseph Newell was assigned to the case with few leads. However, he quickly established leads and successfully closed the case with an arrest.

- » To read other recent "Round of Applause" write-ups, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/applause>
- » Community members are invited to share their words of praise for officers, by writing letters of commendation. Get information at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/commendation>

FOURTEEN NEW OFFICERS HITTING THE STREETS OF DC

DC Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Acting Chief Cathy L. Lanier welcomed the first recruit class to graduate from the Metropolitan Police Department in 2007. The ceremony took place today at the Maurice T. Turner, Jr. Institute of Police Science in Southwest DC. Lanier praised the new officers for their successful completion of approximately six months of academic, physical and tactical training at the training academy. The fourteen new officers will be assigned to neighborhood patrols in Police Service Areas (PSAs) throughout the District.

- » For information about sworn career opportunities in the MPDC – including recruit and lateral-hire officers – go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/join>
- » The MPDC is also looking for volunteers to join the MPDC's Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPDC in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547109.asp>

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT IDENTITY THEFT

As our lives have become more integrated with technology, keeping our private information confidential has become more and more difficult. Your personal information is regularly requested by others, partially completed credit card applications arrive in the mail almost every week, and electronic transactions have become commonplace. Although all of these changes have the potential to simplify our lives, they can also make it easy for someone to take advantage of the situation and steal your identity. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, and sometimes one of the more difficult crimes to investigate and solve. The Identity Theft section of the MPDC's website provides examples of identity theft, offers tips on how to protect your personal information and contains various resources that can help you combat identity theft. It also provides steps on what to do if you become a victim of identity theft.

- » To access the MPDC's identity theft section, go to:
<http://www.mpdcc.gov/identitytheft>
- » DC residents who have been identity theft victims may contact the MPDC's Financial Crimes and Fraud Unit at (202) 727-4159. The address is 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Room 3019, Washington, DC, 20001.

MPDC ANNOUNCES MORE CIVILIAN POSITION VACANCIES

Last week, the MPDC began accepting applications for several civilian positions, including a Program Analyst and an IT Specialist, in the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, as well as several Fleet Servicer positions and several Administrative Operations Clerk positions. In addition to those positions, the MPDC has announced several additional positions – Secretary (DS-318-07) in the First District, several Property District Clerk (DS-303-06) openings at various MPDC locations, multiple Crossing Guard (DS-085-2/03) positions throughout the seven districts, and a Uniform Crime Reporting Coordinator (DS-0301-09/11/12) in the Office of Organizational Development. Applications for most positions must be submitted in March. However, specific closing dates for these positions vary, so please check the complete listing online for complete information including the salaries, tours of duty, qualification requirements and other elements of the jobs. The MPDC employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operational and management positions.

- » Details on the current vacancies, including the minimum requirements and application procedures, can be found online at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/civilianemploy>

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 2/23/06
2007: 24	
2006: 24	
% Change: Unch.	
Closure Rate: 25.0% (6 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 2/23/07
Total: 629	
Weapons: 17	
Robbery: 9	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 3	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 8	
Narcotics: 121	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 2/23/07
Total Arrests: 60	
Robbery: 2	
Weapons: 4	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 13	
Curfew Violators: 78	
Truancy Violations: 59	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 2/21/07
February: 119	
2007 Total: 308	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 2/23/07
2007: 10	
2006: 9	
% Change: +11.1%	

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

MPDC Seeking Participants for Community Survey. The MPDC launched a community survey designed to identify ways to improve services to all community members. Survey respondents are asked to

complete the survey by March 14, 2007, whether they do so electronically or via a printed form. Get more information about the survey, and complete it online, at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/communitysurvey>

Chief Lanier on News Channel 8, Washington Post Radio. Acting Chief Cathy Lanier discusses public safety

issues with the public during two media appearances in the upcoming week. On Thursday, March 1, from 10-11 am, the Chief has her regular monthly "Ask the Chief" appearance on Washington Post Radio. Then, on Wednesday, March 7, from 4-5 pm, the Chief appears on News Channel 8's "News Talk" program, hosted by Bruce DePuyt.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to **KAYLIN JUNGE**, MPDC's Manager of Internet Communications, at kaylin.junge@dc.gov. Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with **Crimereports.com**.

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