

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



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MPD LAUNCHES NEW SMART PATROL TECHNOLOGY

On Wednesday, November 7, 2007, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced the deployment of the Smart Patrol car. The new wireless technology will make MPD patrol officers more efficient and effective. The new technology allows officers to perform local and national criminal record checks, receive dispatch calls and submit police reports – all with just a tap of an index finger on a touch screen computer. Locators are installed on each of the laptops, allowing dispatchers to locate officers anywhere in the city. The technology also gives officers the ability to receive and respond to calls for service without the use of a radio.

“As our police department works to increase the safety of residents of the District, we will constantly look to employ new methods to help our officers remain better informed and work more efficiently,” said Mayor Fenty.

Currently, there are 10 cars with the new laptops. Approximately 200 patrol cruisers will be retrofitted per quarter with the new technology, ultimately installing the laptops in all 800 patrol cars. “This technology automates my entire patrol operation. The new system will make paper reporting a thing of the past. It essentially takes us out of the age of the stone and chisel, and launches us into the 21st century,” said Chief Lanier. The cost to outfit a vehicle is about \$6,500 per patrol car.

» Read the complete news release and download a PDF version of the presentation titled “Smart Patrol: Automated Police Force” through the MPD online newsroom at:
<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/12125/year/2007>

RESULTS FROM PHASE IV OF ALL HANDS ON DECK ANNOUNCED

Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced the final results of Phase IV of All Hands on Deck (AHOD) which began on Friday November 2, 2007 and continued through Sunday November 4, 2007. During AHOD, all available sworn MPD personnel were on patrol throughout the District emphasizing community policing, focused law enforcement and community outreach. The AHOD initiative is part of the Metropolitan Police Department’s larger effort to improve public safety by encouraging greater communication with residents. More officers on patrol during AHOD allowed for more proactive policing, rather than restricting them entirely to patrol cars responding to multiple calls for service.

Officers and MPD recruits handed out hundreds of brochures and pamphlets in every district educating residents about how to avoid becoming victims of theft, burglary, assault and other offenses. Officers also went door to door distributing flyers on open homicide cases, and solicited information on several open assault with intent to kill cases currently under investigation by MPD’s Violent Crimes Branch.

As a result of AHOD Phase IV, MPD made 481 arrests including 119 narcotics related arrests, more than 100 traffic violation arrests, and closed one homicide. “The success of this phase of All Hands on Deck is the result of good community policing efforts,” said Chief Lanier. “Officers knocking on doors, increased foot patrols and handing out flyers has helped spark a stronger collaboration with the community. Re-energizing the community is crucial in deterring crime and creating safer neighborhoods.”

The first three AHOD weekends conducted in June, July and August netted more than 1,500 arrests. Phase V of AHOD is scheduled for December 7 through December 9, 2007.

» Read the complete news release and download arrest and warrant data from that timeframe from the MPD online newsroom at:
<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/12127/year/2007>

DC MAKES TOP FIVE IN 2007 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION

The Metropolitan Police Department is pleased to announce that the District of Columbia placed fifth place nationally for the city's participation in the 24th Annual National Night Out on August 7, 2007.

The festivities and events held in honor of the 24th Annual National Night Out this August 7 garnered the attention of the event's national organizers, the National Association of Town Watch. The kickoff event and dozens of other activities planned throughout the city that evening qualified the city's participation for fifth place among cities with populations of 300,000 or more. Minneapolis, MN, took first place this year, followed by Boston, MA, San Antonio, Texas, and Houston/Harris County, Texas.

Chief Cathy L. Lanier congratulated all of the residents, businesses, law enforcement partners and other city agencies that helped make this year's celebration such a success. "This recognition shows that our city continues to make strides in building partnerships between our police and the communities we serve," said Chief Lanier.

Despite the heat, hundreds of residents and officers turned out for activities that took place all over the District.

The Department would like to thank the many organizations who joined us in the desperate heat to take pride in our communities and give thanks to those who work hard throughout the year to make their neighborhoods safer, more enjoyable places to live.

- » For the complete list of winning entries in this year's competition, please visit the National Association of Town Watch website at: <http://nationalnightout.org/nno/award.html>.
- » See this year's wrap-up report submitted to the National Night Out Awards Committee at <http://www.mpd.dc.gov/nno>.

VIOLENT, PROPERTY CRIME INCREASE IN OCTOBER

Reported violent crime and property crime in DC were up about 13 percent compared to the same time last year, according to preliminary statistics from the MPD. Citywide violent crime decreased in the First (-2%) and Third (-4%) Districts. The Second District saw an increase of 3 percent in the number of violent crimes; while the remaining districts saw larger increases, between 9 and 19 percent. There have been 17 more homicides in DC compared to the same time last year, an increase of 12 percent. Compared to this time last year, there has been a significant decrease in Sexual Assaults (-28%), and a 6 percent decrease in Assaults with a Deadly Weapon. Citywide, crime was up 15 percent for the month of October. However, property crime was down -16 percent in the Third District and violent crime was down -16 percent in the Sixth District. Citywide, the district sees a continued decrease in Sexual Assaults (-43%) and Theft from Vehicle (-3%), compared to October 2006.

- » View the latest preliminary crime statistics for each of the seven police districts and the city as a whole by going to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/prelimdata>

- » The MPD offers a variety of safety brochures that provide a number of suggestions on how you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/safety>

DATA BOX	
Homicides	as of 11/9/07
2007: 165	
2006: 147	
% Change: +12.2%	
Closure Rate: 59.4% (98 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 11/3/07
Total Arrests: 974	
Weapons: 32	
Robbery: 8	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 15	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 54	
Narcotics: 223	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 11/3/07
Total Arrests: 82	
Weapons: 4	
Robbery: 3	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 13	
Narcotics: 4	
Curfew Violators: 101	
Truancy Violations: 180	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 11/7/07
November: 51	
2007 Total: 1,937	
Traffic Fatalities	as of /07
2007: 48	
2006: 37	
% Change: +29.7%	

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away and Children's Christmas Gift Registration

Nov. 17. Join the World Missions Extension Center, the MPD & friends on Sat., Nov. 17, 2007 at 10 am, at the World Missions for

Christ Church, 1720 First Street, NW, where they will sponsor The Biggest Thanksgiving Basket Give-away Rally in DC! At this rally, children will also register to receive Christmas gifts at the Dec. 15 Rally. Children must be present with a parent in order for the parent to register them for toys/gifts! Come early to beat the crowd.

Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, 11/10.

Several streets will be closed for the Veterans Day parade on Saturday, November 10, 2007. All closures will remain in effect until the parade clears the route. Plan ahead: take public transportation instead of driving to the parade. Get details on the street closures at: <http://dc.gov/closures/>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to **KAYLIN JUNGE**, in MPDC's Office of Corporate 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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