

# 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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## MAYOR, MPD AND DDOT STRESS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EFFORTS FOR BOTH WALKERS AND DRIVERS

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Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, the District Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Police Department held a pedestrian safety enforcement event yesterday on Wisconsin Avenue, which is a high pedestrian accident zone. Chief Lanier informed the public that the police department would be adding more automated traffic enforcement cameras and stepping up enforcement of violations such as speeding and failure to yield to a pedestrian. The police department would also like to raise awareness about pedestrian safety, and ensure that pedestrians do not cross against signals or outside of a crosswalk. Additionally, Councilmember Mary Cheh announced that she would be introducing legislation that would increase the penalty for not yielding to a pedestrian in a crosswalk from the current penalty of a \$50 fine.

Twenty-five pedestrians have been killed so far this year in D.C., up from 17 in all of 2006. Several fatalities were primarily caused by drivers failing to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, or by drivers passing vehicles stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk.

- » For more information on this pedestrian safety event see the DDOT's press release at <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/ddot/section/2/release/12267>.
- » Read the 2005 Pedestrian Safety Report from the DC Department of Transportation at: [http://ddot.dc.gov/ddot/frames.asp?doc=/ddot/lib/ddot/information/bicycle/pdf/ped\\_safety/smart\\_2005.pdf&open=|32399|](http://ddot.dc.gov/ddot/frames.asp?doc=/ddot/lib/ddot/information/bicycle/pdf/ped_safety/smart_2005.pdf&open=|32399|)
- » Get information from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center at: <http://www.walkinginfo.org/>
- » The Federal Highway Administration offers Pedestrian and Bike Information online at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/index.htm>
- » Pedestrian Safety Tips are also available at: [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/walk/Safety\\_Tips.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/walk/Safety_Tips.htm)

## MPD ANNOUNCES MODIFICATION TO USE-OF-FORCE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Today's announcement signals that the collaboration of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) has enhanced law enforcement in the District. The Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) between the District, MPD and DOJ, signed in June of 2001, was one of the first of its kind in the U.S.

Over the past year, the District MPD and DOJ have worked together to modify the agreement to release the District and MPD from those provisions where MPD has come into compliance. Those areas of compliance include the successful and continued implementation of reforms in the way in which officers use force, the way officers report and investigate force and the way officers are trained to use force.

Now that MPD and the District have made enormous progress in satisfying the requirements of the MOA, the DOJ has set a termination date for the agreement of June 13, 2008, with the opportunity for the agreement to terminate in March if MPD and the District make rapid additional progress.

The District and MPD will continue to work with partners at the DOJ and the Independent monitor to ensure the successful and timely completion of this historic agreement.

- » Read the complete news release that includes a copy of the modification to the June 2001 Memorandum of Agreement between the MPD and the DOJ at <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/12276/year/2007>
- » Download MPD data and reports from the Civil Rights and Force Investigation Section at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/crfis>
- » The Metropolitan Police Department is committed to providing quality, professional service to all members of the community. Details on how you can share your compliments or voice your concerns about an officer's conduct is available online at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/complaint>

## VIOLENT, PROPERTY CRIME INCREASE IN NOVEMBER

Reported violent crime and property crime in DC were up slightly compared to the same time last year, according to preliminary statistics from the MPD. Year-to-date, violent crime increased by two percent. There were with decreases in violent crime in four of the seven police districts, including the First (-2%), Third (-3%), Fifth (-10%) and Sixth (-1%) Districts. Homicides and Assaults are up 11% and 10%, respectively. However, there has been a significant decrease in Sexual Assaults, which are down 28% compared to the same time last year. Overall, property crimes are up 6%, with the most significant increase in Theft (11%). In the month of November, crime was up 10 percent. While most police districts registered increases, the Third District saw a significant decrease in almost every category, for an overall decrease in crime of -18% for the month of November. Violent crime was up 13%, but there were almost half as many sexual assaults as in November 2006. Property crime was up 9%, with slight decreases in Theft (-1%) and Theft from Vehicle (-3%) and more significant increases in Burglary and Stolen Autos by more than 25%.

- » 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>

## MPD SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR SEVERAL CIVILIAN POSITIONS

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operational and management positions. The MPD is currently accepting applications for five civilian positions in a variety of areas – the Supervisory Information Technology Specialist (MS-2201-15) and Information Technology Project Manager (MS-2210-15) in the Office of the Chief Technology Officer close on December 14; an opening for a Management Analyst (DS-343-11) in Corporate Support closes December 17; and applications are being accepted through December 18 for a Secretary (DS-318-07) in the Forensic Science Services Division and a Mail Assistant (DS-304-06) in the Facilities Management Branch.

- » Details on the current civilian vacancies, including the minimum requirements and application procedures, can be found online at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/career>
- » For information about sworn career opportunities in the MPDC – including recruit and lateral-hire officers – go to:  
<http://www.mpd.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/reservecorps>

DATA BOX	
<b>Homicides</b>	as of 12/7/07
2007: 176	
2006: 157	
% Change: +12.1%	
Closure Rate: 59.7% (105 closures)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	week end. 12/1/07
Total Arrests: 772	
Weapons: 24	
Robbery: 5	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 23	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 33	
Narcotics: 162	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	week end. 12/1/07
Total Arrests: 83	
Weapons: 4	
Robbery: 3	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 15	
Narcotics: 9	
Curfew Violators: 65	
Truancy Violations: 247	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 12/5/07
December: 25	
2007 Total: 2,119	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 12/7/07
2007: 52	
2006: 39	
% Change: +33.3%	

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

**Gun Amnesty Program to Take Place 12/15.** On Saturday, 12/15, the Gun Amnesty Program will take place at the Shiloh Baptist Church (1510 9th Street, NW), Holy Christian

House of Praise (5110 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE), and the Union Temple Baptist Church (1225 W Street, SE). This program provides an opportunity for people to turn in their weapons to authorities — no questions asked. No identification will be required to participate. Only weapons in working

order will receive payment. Those turning in weapons are granted amnesty from any gun possession charges that might apply. Get more information on next weekend's gun amnesty at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/gunamnesty>.

**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](mailto: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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