

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, December 14, 2007

OVER 400 ARRESTS MADE DURING PHASE V OF ALL HANDS ON DECK

Earlier this week, Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced the final results of Phase V of All Hands on Deck (AHOD) which began on Friday December 7, 2007 and continued through Sunday December 9, 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.

MPD Officers made 419 arrests, and as a result, seized over \$94,000 in currency and over \$52,000 in drugs. Homicide detectives also closed two homicide cases: the murder of Nigel Kitt, which occurred on October 4, 2007 in the 3000 block of Naylor Road, SE. Kitt was shot multiple times. On Friday, December 7, 2007, the case was closed with the arrest of Timothy Flack, age 24, of the 7100 block of Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, MD; and the murder of Vincent Simpson, which occurred in On December 4, 2007 in the 4900 block of Quarles Street, NE. Simpson was stabbed multiple times. On Saturday, December 8, 2007, the case was closed with the arrest of J.P. Battle, age 40, of the 1400 block Elkwood Lane, Capital Heights, MD.

AHOD Phase V was the last of the year. All five AHOD's netted more than 2,400 arrests.

WATCH OUT FOR CHARITY SCAMS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is traditionally a time of giving, with many charities seeking contributions to help the less fortunate. But it can also be a time when some con artists try to take advantage of other peoples' generosity by going door-to-door for "charitable donations" — when there is really no charity involved. If someone shows up at your door asking for donations, always ask for identification and look at it carefully. It's also a good idea to request printed information about the charity, or a phone number or website that you can contact for more information. Also, find out how the funds will be used. Be especially wary of people who ask for cash only or of children out soliciting funds who are not accompanied by an adult. If you are not satisfied with the answers you get, there is a simple solution: don't give — at least not right away, until you have had a chance to do your research. As an alternative, help a charitable organization you are familiar with.

» Read the complete news release and download arrest data at:

<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/12285>

» For more information on charity and other scams, visit:

http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,543147,mpdcNav_GID,1548.asp

» Charity scams are just one type of crime that can happen during the holidays. For a list of winter holiday safety tips for shoppers, travelers and when you're at home, check out:

http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,547767,mpdcNav_GID,1550,mpdcNav,.asp

ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS FOR TWO 5D OFFICERS AFTER CONFRONTING DRUG SUSPECT

On Friday, May 25, 2007 Officer Joseph Crowther and Hosam Nasr were working the evening tour of duty in PSA 504. They responded to 1223 Simms Place, NE, for a drug complaint where they found a female matching the description of the lookout from the complainant. As the officers approached the suspect, she threw what appeared to be a bag of crack cocaine to the ground. The officers then attempted to stop the subject and she physically attacked them. A brief struggle ensued during which the subject reached into her rear waistband and drew a butcher knife. Officer Crowther yelled, "Knife!" and attempted to restrain the subject's arms, but she was still able to slash at Officer Nasr's neck. Due to Officer Crowther's warning Officer Nasr was able to dodge the blow; it grazed the side of his head, causing only minor injury. The struggle continued briefly and the subject was subdued with a burst of pepper spray, disarmed, and secured in handcuffs. She was searched and a second large butcher knife was recovered from the subject's rear waistband. She was placed under arrest and charged with AWIK while armed, APO while armed, and PWID crack cocaine. Officers Crowther and Nasr's diligence and courage in the performance of their duty resulted in the arrest of a violent drug dealer with only minor injury when the situation could have easily resulted in death or serious bodily injury to the officers and/or the offender.

- » Read the complete summary of this and other recent "Round of Applause" write-ups at: <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>

MPD ANNOUNCES NUMEROUS 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 civilian positions in a variety of areas. In addition to the Management Analyst (DS-343-11), Secretary (DS-318-07), and Mail Assistant (DS-304-06) positions announced last week, applications are now being accepted for a Facility Manager in Corporate Support (MS-1601-15), a Staff Assistant in the Office of Communications (DS-301-09), and 26 Cellblock Processing Technicians (DS-1802-7/8).

- » Closing dates for these positions vary. 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.mpdc.dc.gov/join>
- » The MPDC is also looking for volunteers to join the Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/reservecorps>

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 12/14/07
2007: 176	
2006:	
% Change: +12.1%	
Closure Rate: 63.1% (111 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 12/8/07
Total Arrests: 887	
Weapons: 19	
Robbery: 6	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 16	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 45	
Narcotics: 179	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 12/8/07
Total Arrests: 60	
Weapons: 2	
Robbery: 7	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 10	
Narcotics: 5	
Curfew Violators: 59	
Truancy Violations: 85	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 12/11/07
December: 92	
2007 Total: 2,186	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 12/14/07
2007: 52	
2006: 39	
% Change: +33.3%	

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Gun Amnesty Program to Take Place 12/15. On Saturday, the Gun Amnesty Program will take place at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Holy Christian House of Praise, and the Union Temple Baptist Church. This program provides an opportunity for people to turn in their weapons to authorities — no questions asked. No identification will be required to participate. Get more information at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/gunamnesty>

Residential Street Sweeping Lifted During Winter Season.

The DC DPW announced that as of Nov. 30, weekly, "no parking/street cleaning" restrictions have been lifted and motorists may park along posted, alternate-side, daytime street sweeping routes without being required to move their cars on street-cleaning days. Overnight sweeping scheduled for the District's major roadways will take place as usual all winter, weather conditions permitting. Residents and business owners will be notified when street sweeping resumes again in the spring

of 2008. Get details at: http://dpw.dc.gov/dpw/cwp/view,a,1201,q,638627,dpwNav_GID,1479.asp.

Drug Free Zones in Effect in Three Districts.

Police are enforcing DC's anti-loitering law throughout this weekend in designated areas of PSAs 504, 602 and 706. Get more information at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/dfz>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

Send an e-mail to **KAYLIN JUNGE**, in MPDC's Office of Communications, at kaylin.junge@dc.gov.

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