

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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DISTRICT ANNOUNCES POLICE ALERT PILOT PROGRAM

On October 15, 2008, the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) announced the launch of the Georgetown Community Crime Alert pilot program, a community-driven initiative that will send text messages to businesses that register to receive alerts about crimes committed in the neighborhood.

“The District of Columbia is committed to providing the high-quality police service. Business owners of Georgetown have taken this a step further by creating a program that assists officers in capturing those individuals involved in violent crimes,” said Mayor Fenty. “This is a perfect example of the community working together with the District to create a world-class city.”

The pilot uses the same technology that supports the Alert DC citizen emergency text alert program. Participating businesses register their contact information at <http://72hours.dc.gov> to receive text messages about crimes that are committed in Georgetown. When businesses report a crime, MPD officers will send a text message to participating businesses informing them about what has happened and giving them instructions on how to report a tip.

During the initial phase of the program, alerts will only be sent about violent crimes such as “assault with intent to kill” or “assault with a deadly weapon.” Ultimately, the program could expand to include other types of crimes such as robberies, shoplifting, missing persons and auto theft.

The Georgetown Community Crime Alert program is the brainchild of Ed Solomon, Commissioner for ANC 2E01, who approached HSEMA and the former Second District commander about the possibility of using the citizen alert program to notify businesses about crimes. It helps people to be better prepared for all types of emergencies and to participate in helping deter and solve crimes in the area. This partnership between MPD, HSEMA and the business community illustrates the power of community policing that Chief Lanier has been emphasizing,” he said.

» Read the complete news release on the new Georgetown Community Crime Alert pilot program at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/>

» To help DC residents prepare, all households in the District of Columbia are encouraged to get informed, make a plan, make an emergency kit and be aware. Get complete details on ways to prepare online at:

<http://72hours.dc.gov>

FALLEN OFFICERS REMEMBERED DURING 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

With U.S. Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey leading the tributes, loved ones and colleagues of law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice gathered in the nation’s capital Wednesday to mark the 17th anniversary of the dedication of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Created as the nation’s monument to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated on October 15, 1991. President George H.W. Bush led the dedication ceremony.

“It took two centuries of service and sacrifice before our nation came together and built a memorial to honor the law enforcement profession and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice,” said Craig W. Floyd, chairman and CEO of the National Law Enforcement

» For more information about the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, visit:

<http://www.nleomf.org>.

Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the DC-based nonprofit that operates the Memorial. "It is certainly appropriate, on this anniversary of the Memorial's dedication, to come to these hallowed grounds and pay tribute to those who have fallen and salute the 900,000 dedicated men and women who continue to serve and protect our communities and our nation," he said.

The Memorial includes the names of all known U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, dating back to the first recorded officer death, in May 1792, of New York City Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith. At the Memorial's dedication in 1991, 12,668 names were engraved on its walls. Today, there are 18,274.

"The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is critical to ensuring that Americans never forget or disregard the sacrifices made by our law enforcement officers and their families every year," said Ms. Thacker. "This memorial is especially significant to law enforcement's surviving families, assuring that their officer's ultimate sacrifice will be forever remembered and forever honored," she added.

The annual Wreathlaying Day pays special tribute to law enforcement officers from the DC area and federal agencies who made the ultimate sacrifice during the past 12 months. This year's ceremony honored 17 officers from Maryland, Virginia and several federal agencies. The names of all officers who have died in the line of duty during 2008 will be engraved on the Memorial next spring.

MORE CIVILIAN VACANCIES ANNOUNCED BY THE MPD

This week, the MPD began accepting applications for several new civilian positions, including a Cellblock Processing Technician (CS-1802-7); Applicant Investigator (CS-1810-9); Customer Service Representative (CS-303-06/07); IT Specialist (CS-2210-14); a Uniform Crime Reporting Coordinator (CS-301-9/11); a Supervisory Uniform Crime Reporting Coordinator (MS-301-13); two Fleet Servicer positions (RW-5801-08); and a Criminal History Technician (CS-303-6). Additionally, the MPD will continue to accept applications for a Supervisory Education Services Specialist; a Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner; the Director of the General Support Services Division; a Program Manager in the Metropolitan Police Academy; a Compliance Monitor in the Office of Risk Management; and a Visual Information Specialist - Graphic Design in the Office of Communications.

Specific closing dates for the remaining 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 MPD employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operational and management positions.

» For a complete list of MPD's fallen officers, or to submit a remembrance of a fallen officer, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/heroes>

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- » 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 MPD – including recruit and lateral-hire officers – go to: <http://www.mpd.dc.gov/join>
 - » The MPD is also 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 at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/reservecorps>

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 10/17/08
2008: 151	
2007: 147	
% Change: 2.7%	
Closure Rate: 62.3% (94 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 10/11/08
Total Arrests: 990	
Weapons: 29	
Robbery: 10	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 11	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 26	
Narcotics: 203	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 10/11/08
Total Arrests: 107	
Weapons: 7	
Robbery: 9	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 7	
Narcotics: 5	
Curfew Violators: 130	
Truancy Violations: 134	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 10/14/08
October: 106	
2008 Total: 2,072	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 10/17/08
2008: 36	
2007: 44	
% Change: -18.2%	

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Street Closures. Vehicular traffic restrictions will be in effect around Howard University on Saturday, October 18, for a 5K in the morning and the Homecoming Parade that will follow.

Race to Remember Set for October 19.

Join MPD members and other runners in the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 5K on Sunday, October 19 (race begins at 8:30 AM). The race will begin and end at the Memorial, located in the 400 block of E Street, NW. For registration information, go to <http://www.nleomf.org/RaceToRemember>.

Sweepcam Now Issuing Tickets to Illegally Parked Cars.

Using the city's new technology dubbed "Sweepcam," the Department of Public Works (DPW) began issuing tickets on Friday, October 14, 2008 to the owners of vehicles illegally parked in the curb lane during street sweeping hours. Get more information at <http://dpw.dc.gov>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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

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