

# 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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## SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICERS END CHASE FROM PG CO. WITH UUV ARRESTS

On April 12, 2008, members of the Prince Georges County Police Department were in pursuit of a white Dodge Charger that had been stolen in the county. During the theft, the victim was dragged several hundred feet. He was admitted to an area hospital in critical condition. The vehicle was also used in several robberies in Prince Georges County and the District that evening.

At approximately 10:50 pm, the vehicle entered the Sixth District with PG Co. officers in pursuit. Officer William Dempster was monitoring the pursuit on his radio and updated Sixth District officers of their location. The Air Support Unit was requested and "Falcon 1," operated by Officers Sean Solomon and Jeff McCormick, was hovering overhead within minutes. The pursuit lasted several minutes, until one of the suspects bailed out of the vehicle at the intersection of 49th and A Street, SE. That suspect was quickly apprehended by Officers Jarlath Cady and Se Young Yoon. The vehicle then proceeded to drive onto the playground area of Nalle Elementary School, where the remaining three suspects bailed out of the vehicle.

With Falcon 1 illuminating the suspects' every move, Officers Dempster, Michael Jones, William Reinckens, Mark Lakomec and Paul Kurgan easily captured two of the suspects within feet of the vehicle. However, the fourth suspect exited the playground area and fled westbound in the 2900 block of C Street, SE. Sergeant Robert Zurowski immediately began chasing the suspect on foot along with Officer David Simmonetti. Officer Terrance Liddell and his Canine dog Sabo also joined in the chase and quickly apprehended the final suspect. The suspects were each charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. Additional charges of Assault and Robbery are pending investigation within the respective jurisdictions.

» Read the complete summary of this accomplishment 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 CONTINUES EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP WITH ARMY RESERVE CORPS

In July 2008, the US Army Reserve and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) announced the launch of a unique employer partnership that allows both organizations to recruit, train and employ young people interested in both serving the nation and helping to protect the District of Columbia. The MPD became the first law enforcement agency in the nation to enter into this joint venture with the Army Reserve.

Recognizing that the Army Reserve and MPD are drawing from and utilizing the same dynamic workforce, the agreement between Army Reserve and MPD provides for a shared recruitment effort and tangible benefits for employers who share their employees with the Army Reserve. Through the partnership, the Army Reserve provides MPD access to a trained, skilled and professional law enforcement workforce. In return, the MPD will provide unique benefits to Army Reserve Soldiers including the potential for higher starting positions and salaries, the ability to earn college credits, as well as continued health and retirement benefits while on active military duty.

The Employer Partnership Initiative formalizes the relationship between the Army Reserve and employers who are drawing from and utilizing a similar workforce. It establishes a process whereby employers and the Army Reserve may secure and share the talents of trained professionals. Partners such as the Metropolitan Police Department will benefit from the employment of men and women with Army values, experience and proven leadership skills.

» Get complete details, on the MPD's partnership with the US Army Reserve Corps at:

[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpd\\_armyreservcorps](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpd_armyreservcorps)

## VIOLENT, PROPERTY CRIME DOWN IN OCTOBER

Reported property crime and violent crime in DC were both down seven percent compared to the same month last year, according to preliminary statistics from the MPD. For the month of October, property crime decreased in five of the seven police districts, with decreases in property crime occurring in the First, Fifth, and Seventh Districts (-19%, -23%, and -18%, respectively). Violent crime decreased in four of the seven police districts, with significant decreases in the Second (-15%), Third (-12%), Fourth (-27%) and Fifth (-15%) Districts.

Citywide, year-to-date, there were two fewer Homicides compared to November 3, 2007. There have been two fewer Sexual Assaults compared to the same time last year, as well. Year-to-date Robberies have remained statistically unchanged and Assaults are down 11 percent. Burglary and Theft were down slightly, by three and two percent, respectively. Theft from Vehicle increased 15 percent. Theft from Vehicle decreased by 11 percent and Arsons were down 30 percent. Compared to the same time last year, property crime decreased in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts. Violent crime decreased in six of the seven police districts, and had a slight one percent increase in the sixth district.

## HSEMA TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISES

The District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) began community preparedness exercises for residents of several northwest neighborhoods on November 1 and 6, and will hold another training exercise on Tuesday November 25.

The exercises are intended to help residents learn how to prepare themselves and their families for natural or man-made emergencies and disasters and will provide an opportunity for residents, community leaders and emergency officials to discuss how they would work together in the event of an emergency.

"We are working to help our neighborhoods prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies of all kinds," said HSEMA director Darrell Darnell. "We are providing them with the information and skills they will need to sustain themselves and their community for the first 72 hours of an emergency."

Residents of Ward 1 neighborhoods attended the November 1 exercise at the Columbia Heights Recreation Center, 1480 Girard Street, NW; residents of Ward 2 attended the November 6 exercise at the Martin Luther King Library, 901 G Street, NW.

The November 25 exercise will take place at 5:30 pm, at the Cleveland Park Library, 3310 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Residents in Ward 3 should plan to attend.

- » 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>
- » In addition to more burglary prevention tips, the MPD offers 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>

- » To register online or to get information about other emergency preparedness training exercises, call (202) 338-7153, ext. 212, or visit: <http://www.dccommunitypreparedness.org>
- » To visit HSEMA's site dedicated to providing residents of DC information on how to prepare for an emergency situation, go to: <http://72hours.dc.gov/>

### DATA BOX

<b>Homicides</b>	as of 11/7/08
2008: 163	
2007: 164	
% Change: -0.6%	
Closure Rate: 63.8% (104 closures)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	week end. 11/1/08
Total Arrests: 861	
Weapons: 19	
Robbery: 15	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 19	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 25	
Narcotics: 181	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	week end. 11/1/08
Total Arrests: 81	
Weapons: 8	
Robbery: 3	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 8	
Narcotics: 5	
Curfew Violations: 124	
Truancy Violations: 129	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 11/4/08
November: 17	
2008 Total: 2,208	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 11/7/08
2008: 36	
2007: 48	
% Change: -25.0%	

#### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

**MPD Seeks Candidates for Civilian Jobs.** The MPD continues to accept applications for a number of civilian positions within the department. For position descriptions and well as details on how to

apply, visit <http://mpdc.dc.gov/career>.  
**Fall Leaf Collection.** DPW leaf collection began Nov. 3, 2008 and will run through January 10, 2009. Get details at <http://dpw.dc.gov>.  
**MPD Senior Citizen Police Academy Graduation 11/13.** On Thursday, November 13, at a ceremony at the MPD's Headquarters at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, members of the

SCPA will receive certificates for completing courses that highlighted DC's criminal justice system and police procedures, and included training to become community organizers. Members of the public are invited to attend. Please RSVP by Nov. 10 to [Yvonne Smith](mailto:yvonne.smith@dc.gov) at [yvonne.smith@dc.gov](mailto:yvonne.smith@dc.gov).

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