

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 POSTS PICTURES OF STOLEN PROPERTY ONLINE IN AN EFFORT TO HELP RETURN ITEMS TO RIGHTFUL OWNERS

In January 2008, members of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Burglary & Pawn Unit worked jointly with members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and discovered a large scale fencing operation at Rosemar Liquors in the 1300 block of Good Hope Road, SE. The stolen merchandise is valued at more than \$200,000. Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced today that hundreds of items of stolen property will be posted online for owners to view and retrieve.

In an effort to return the property to its rightful owners, the members of the MPD Burglary & Pawn Unit have coordinated with the DC Armory for owners to physically view the stolen property. The property will be displayed at the DC Armory January 5-7, 2009. The Armory is located at 2001 East Capital Street, SE, Washington, DC, 20003. The hours for the public viewing will be from 12 pm to 7 pm on January 5 and 6, and 10 am to 5 pm on January 7.

To help expedite the retrieval of the items, the MPD has posted photos of the recovered stolen property online. The items will be posted for viewing through December 31, 2008. Owners who wish to recover their stolen property must email MPD's Burglary & Pawn Unit at mpd.stolenproperty@dc.gov and provide their name, address, contact telephone numbers, and the report number(s) for the stolen property. MPD Detectives will then contact the owners to schedule a time to meet and physically inspect the property. Owners must submit proof that they reported the stolen property to the police and that they are the rightful owners to retrieve the property.

If owners of the stolen items are unable to view the items online, they may come to the DC Armory to recover their property. Report numbers taken at the time the items were stolen must be provided to enter the DC Armory to view the property. MPD officers and detectives will be on site to assist residents in identifying and retrieving their property. Any property not claimed during this operation will be released to the Federal Government after thirty days to be sold at auction.

MPD ANNOUNCES SIX NEW CIVILIAN VACANCIES

This week, the MPD began accepting applications for several new civilian positions, including a Supervisory Uniform Crime Reporting Coordinator (MS-301-13); Information Technology Specialist (CS 2210-13); Contract Compliance Monitor (CS 1801-12); Offset Press Operator, Foreman (WS-4417-15); Offset Press Operator (WS-4417-10); and Special Assistant to the Chief of Police (MS 301-14). Specific closing dates for the 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.

» To help expedite the retrieval of the items, the MPD has posted photos of the items online. Get complete details on viewing and recovering the stolen property — including what information is needed to claim the property — at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/stolenproperty>

» The MPD has burglary and robber prevention information online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/safety>

» 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.mpdc.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>

SUPPORT THE MPD'S HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Metropolitan Police Department and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund are teaming up this holiday season to collect toys for District of Columbia children in need. Throughout December, new, unwrapped toys for MPD's Holiday Toy Drive can be delivered to any of the seven MPD police district stations or Police Headquarters. The NLEOMF Visitors Center, 400 7th Street, NW, will also serve as a drop-off location for people interested in donating toys. MPD will be distributing the toys to children attending the annual holiday parties at MPD district stations during December.

MPD CONTINUES EFFORTS TO KEEP COMMUNITY MEMBERS EDUCATED ON FILING POLICE COMMENDATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is committed to providing quality, professional service to all members of the community. The MPD does its best to recognize individuals who provide exemplary service. Community members or visitors to DC who have had a positive experience with an MPD officer or civilian employee are invited to share their positive experiences by submitting a commendation.

Sometimes, however, individuals may feel that a member of the MPD has failed to meet that standard by engaging in misconduct or using excessive force. In these situations, individuals are encouraged to report this information to the MPD or the District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints (OPC). The Office of Police Complaints is a District Government agency that is independent of the MPD, and its mission is to receive, investigate, and resolve police misconduct complaints filed by the public against MPD and DC Housing Authority Police Department officers.

The MPD will investigate all complaints, including anonymous complaints, in a fair, thorough, and impartial manner. OPC has the authority to investigate complaints alleging harassment; use of unnecessary or excessive force; use of language or conduct that is insulting, demeaning, or humiliating; discrimination; retaliation for filing a complaint with OPC; or failure to wear required identification or refusal to provide name and badge number when requested to do so by a member of the public.

» OPC complaint forms and information sheets can be obtained by:

- Visiting OPC at 1400 I St., NW, # 700, Washington, DC 20005
- Calling OPC at (202) 727-3838
- Calling the OPC 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 866-588-0569
- Visiting OPC's website, <http://policecomplaints.dc.gov>

» OPC complaint forms can be submitted:

- In person or by mail to the address above
- By fax to (202) 727-9182
- By dropping forms off at any MPDC district station

» To file a complaint with the MPD, you may:

- Visit any MPD District station or facility
- Call (202) 727-4385 or the 24-hour hotline at 800-298-4006
- Visit MPD's website at mpdc.dc.gov
- Email the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) at citizen.complaints@dc.gov
- Call the IAB TTY number at (202) 898-1454
- Submit your complaint in person at any MPD facility or by mail to: Internal Affairs Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department, 51 N Street, NE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC
- Fax your complaint to (202) 727-5116

» For more information on the toy drive, visit:

http://www.nleomf.org/toydrive_08.htm

» For more information on filing a commendation or complaint, visit:

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

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 12/12/08
2008: 177	
2007: 175	
% Change: 1.1%	
Closure Rate: 68.9% (122 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 12/6/08
Total Arrests: 923	
Weapons: 13	
Robbery: 7	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 10	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 43	
Narcotics: 208	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 12/6/08
Total Arrests: 60	
Weapons: 2	
Robbery: 4	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 3	
Narcotics: 6	
Curfew Violations: 79	
Truancy Violations: 152	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 12/10/08
December: 46	
2008 Total: 2,416	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 12/12/08
2008: 38	
2007: 51	
% Change: 25.5%	

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Drug Free Zone in 6D. Metropolitan Police are enforcing DC's anti-loitering law in designated areas of PSA 607 in Southeast.

Get more information online at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/dfz>.

Hypothermia Season Runs through March. The Hypothermia Watch Partner Program is designed to prevent hypothermia deaths among the homeless by providing

District citizens with a hotline number they can call to have homeless persons who are outside in freezing temperatures picked up by a van and transported to a local shelter. For more information, call the shelter hotline 1 (800) 535-7252 or visit <http://doh.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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