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INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Muriel Bowser has engaged District government agencies, community partners, and residents in a comprehensive effort to build a safer, stronger D.C. For two consecutive years the District has experienced significant decreases in crime across all eight wards. But, we know we can't simply arrest our way out of crime. We have to address the underlying causes of violence. That's why the District relies on a wide spectrum of both police and non-law enforcement solutions, including job opportunities, court diversion programs, and reducing student truancy. Below are crime reduction trends over the last three years.

GETTING RESULTS

TOTAL CRIME REDUCTIONS



VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTIONS



WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY



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Quick Facts



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Burglary

§ 22–801. Burglary.

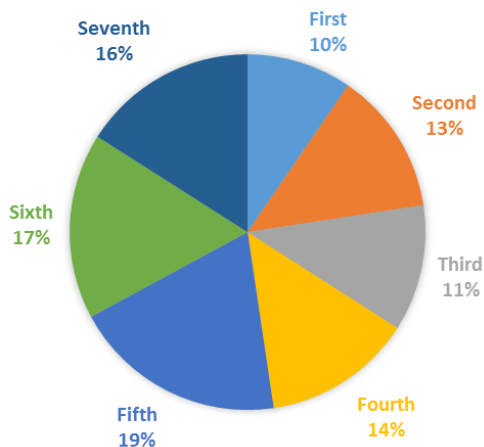
Breaking and entering, or entering without breaking, any dwelling, bank, store, warehouse, shop, stable, or other building or any apartment or room, whether at the time occupied or not, or any steamboat, canal boat, vessel, other watercraft, railroad car, or any yard where any lumber, coal, or other goods or chattels are deposited and kept for the purpose of trade, with intent to break and carry away any part thereof or any fixture or other thing attached to or connected with the same.

Citywide Statistics

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017: 107,554 DC Code Index Offenses were reported in the District of Columbia. Of those offenses, burglaries comprised 5.8% (6,186 reported burglaries).

Distribution of Burglaries by District

Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2017



Burglaries on the Decline

The total number of burglaries reported in 2017 (January 1 – December 31) decreased by 28% when compared to the same timeframe in 2016.



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CITYWIDE OVERVIEW

When comparing the total number of burglaries reported in 2017 to the total number of burglaries reported in 2015, each district experienced moderate to substantial decreases: specifically, the Fourth and Fifth Districts with 48% and 56% decreases, respectively.

Situational Awareness

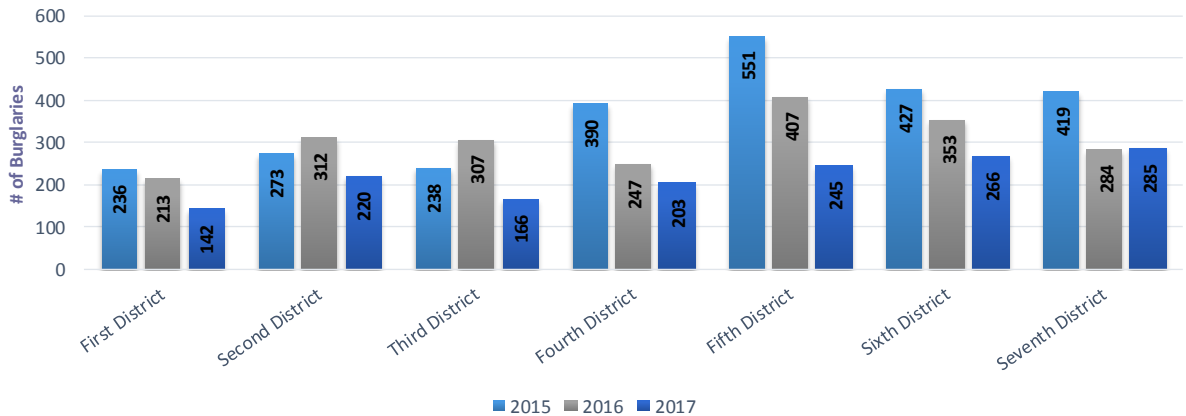
- Over 49% of burglaries reported in 2017 took place between 8am – 3pm.
- Residential burglaries accounted for 68% of all burglaries in 2017.
- Many residences were left unsecured or did not have alarm systems activated.

Burglary Prevention

- Lock your doors each time you leave the house and when you return home.
- Install outside lights and keep them on at night.
- Report broken locks and broken lights to your property manager.
- If you hear someone breaking into your home, leave safely, if possible, and then call the police.

District Comparisons

Yearly Burglary Comparison
Jan 1 - Dec 31 (2015, 2016, 2017)



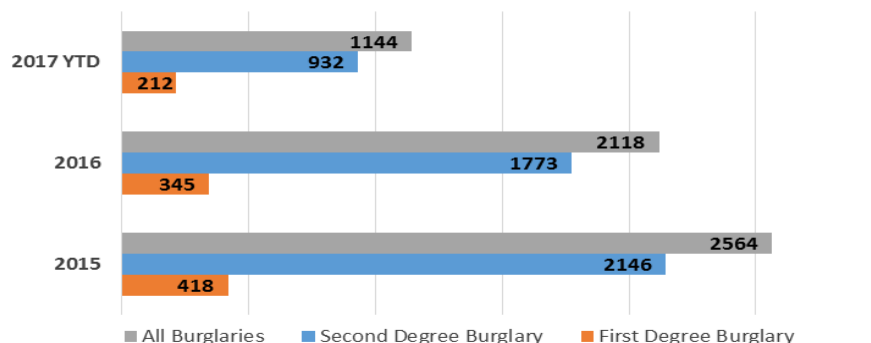
FIRST DEGREE VS. SECOND DEGREE

Burglaries are divided into two categories:

First Degree Burglary: The commission of a burglary as described in the DC Code while any person is in any part of the dwelling.

Second Degree Burglary: The commission of a burglary as described in the DC Code while the dwelling or building is vacant.

Burglary Comparison





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Henry J. Daley Building Renovation

The Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OP3) is in the process of identifying a private-sector partner to complete the historic renovation of the 600,000 sq. ft. police headquarters. OP3 is currently finalizing a Request for Alternative Proposals – Qualifications, to be released in the upcoming weeks.

Built in 1941, the Henry J. Daley Building functions as the headquarters for the Metropolitan Police Department and is designated as a historic landmark.


To learn more about the renovation, click [here](#).


IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

KNOW THE FACTS ON MARIJUANA IN D.C.

*** GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ***
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Facts on Marijuana in DC WE ARE WASH. REGION DC






Possession

For 21+: Legal to possess 2 oz. or less

Criminal penalty for possession of more than 2 oz.

Persons under 21 still cannot possess any amount of marijuana.




Transfer

For 21+: No civil or criminal penalty for transfer of 1 oz. or less without payment of any kind.

For under 21: Seizure of the marijuana.

No transfer of more than 1 oz.




Home Grow


Up to 6 plants, of which no more than 3 can be mature.

In a residence with multiple adults who are 21 and over, up to 12 plants, of which no more than 6 can be mature.


Not permitted for anyone under 21.




Selling is NOT permitted



Public Consumption Not permitted



Driving While High Not permitted



Consumption in Public Housing is Not permitted

KNOW THE FACTS About Marijuana in DC

Possession of marijuana is now legal in the District of Columbia for adults 21 & older in some circumstances. Know the facts!

- » If you're 21 & over, you can possess up to 2 ounces of marijuana, grow up to 6 cannabis plants in your home (no more than 3 of which are mature), or give away up to 1 ounce of marijuana to another person that's at least 21 years old.
- » If you're under 21, you cannot possess any amount of marijuana. Any marijuana can be seized by an officer.
- » You can be arrested if you smoke or consume marijuana in public, have more than 2 ounces, or sell any amount of marijuana.
- » Driving while under the influence of marijuana is a dangerous crime and will be prosecuted.
- » Under federal law, federal law enforcement officers may arrest anyone in the District for possession of any amount of marijuana.
- » To learn more, please visit www.mpdc.dc.gov/marijuana.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT'S MARIJUANA LAWS, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#).



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MPD HOLIDAY HEROES: SHOP WITH A COP AND HEROES AND HELPERS



On December 6, 2017, 100 District of Columbia students were treated to a \$100 shopping trip at Walmart as part of the Metropolitan Police Department's annual "Shop with a Cop" program.

On December 14, 2017, an additional 100 students were treated to a \$100 shopping trip at Target as part of the Metropolitan Police Department's annual "Heroes and Helpers" program.



MPD RECOGNIZES HISTORY & DEVELOPS NEW TRAINING

The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) opened to the public on September 24, 2016. The museum is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African-American life, history, and culture. Beginning in 2018, every civilian and sworn member of the MPD will tour the museum and participate in an informative training. MPD is one of the first law enforcement agencies to development this type of training.

On April 6, 2017, recruit Class 16-7 was the first MPD recruit classes to visit the NMAAHC. The following day, the recruits shared stories of their experiences touring the museum. Their stories can be found here:

[Recruit Class 16-7 Visit to NMAAHC](#)

During the video, Chief Newsham shares, "The Civil Rights Movement is not too far in our history's past. It was just a number of years ago. There are many people who live in our city, who lived through that, and they saw the way that law enforcement was either an active participant or was complicit in participating in holding folks down, just because of their race." He added, "To see law enforcement stand by while that was happening, talk about a pretty eye-opening experience for law enforcement officers. The message that we're trying to get to officers, overall, is, you've got to question things, especially when they look wrong, and see whether or not we're playing a role in something that is really wrong. That's not us. That's the way it was. That was an embarrassing time in American policing history, but now we're moving forward."

MPD'S SPECIAL LIAISON BRANCH (SLB) JOINS LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION IN CHINATOWN

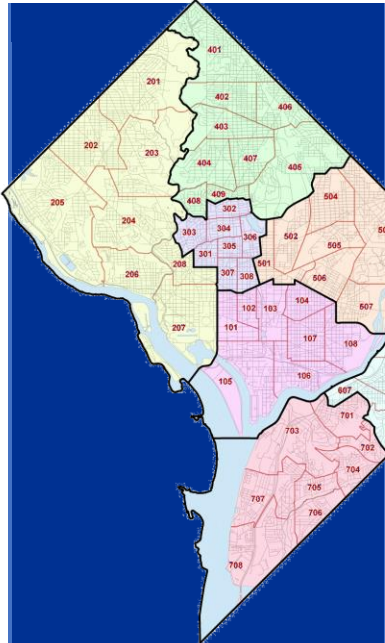




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It's never a dull moment for the Special Liaison Branch (SLB). February is a particularly busy month for the Asian Liaison unit (ALU), as various organizations in the city welcomed the Lunar New Year of Dog. On Thursday, February 15th, core and affiliate members of the ALU were present for a large Lunar New Year Celebration at the Chua Giac Hoang Buddhist Temple, in the Fourth District.

On February 18th, the entire SLB team welcomed the Lunar New Year at the annual Lunar New Year Celebration and Parade in Chinatown. The team staffed an outreach table, conducted outreach on foot, and marched in the parade. In the parade, ALU officers greeted the crowd in both Mandarin and Cantonese to wish them a prosperous year of dog. Inside of the Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC), ALU Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Kay Gibb, ALU Affiliate Officer Hannah Luo, and ALU intern, Ed Tang, gave out stickers, pens, key chains, and bracelets, along with demonstrations on how to make paper swans (origami).

MPD'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY



MPD is currently preparing for the Spring 2018/Summer 2018 Cohort of the Community Engagement Academy (Cohort #9/10). The application deadline was extended to March 2, 2018. [LEARN MORE HERE!](#)

Launched in 2015, the Community Engagement Academy – a six week program – allows interested community members the opportunity to learn firsthand about police operations. Through this initiative the Department seeks to provide participants with a personal view of the positive aspects and challenges that confront officers on a daily basis. During training participants learn about:

- The Recruit Training Program
- Common Policing Scenarios and Challenges
- Juvenile Issues and Youth Investigations
- Patrol Services and take Station Tours
- Specialized Policing Units (e.g., K-9, bomb squad, harbor patrol)
- The Use of Force Discussion
- Various Policing Topics from Command Staff Members

**Crime Solvers Tip Line
(800) 673 – 2777**

**Firearm Tip Reward Program
(202) 727 – 9099**

**Child Abuse Hotline
(202) 671 – 7233**

Watch MPD's YouTube channel to help us solve cases: [MPD YouTube Page](#)

APPLY TODAY TO MPD'S POLICE CADET CORPS!

Cadets are 17-24 year old uniformed civilian employees, working part-time for MPD while attending the University of the District of Columbia. The Department funds up to 60 college credits to enable D.C. residents with a high school degree or GED from D.C. to meet the college education requirement.



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Participants must undergo a basic background check prior to participation. Over 130 community members from all seven police districts have completed the more than twenty-eight hours of training, tours, discussion, and presentations regarding Departmental policies, practices, and procedures on various police-related issues.

Members of the Community Engagement Academy also participated in a discussion regarding law enforcement and society in partnership with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Please view the video [Bringing the Lessons Home](#), where members discuss the impact the experience had on them.

MPD JOINS STUDENTS IN CELEBRATING “READ ACROSS AMERICA”



Pictured above are Sixth District officers joining some of the students from C.W. Harris Elementary School to celebrate Read Across America, featuring Dr. Seuss. Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for children everywhere to celebrate reading. Additionally, Officers Fulcher and Lattimore provided the students with Dr. Seuss stickers, pencils, bookmarks to promote reading, and the students were deputized Sixth District Junior Officers with replica sticker badges.

[Click here to learn about ways to get involved with MPD!](#)

[Want to join MPD? Click here and discover your future!](#)

Tell Us How We’re Doing. MPD is now part of Grade D.C. We invite you to share your thoughts on our service – positive or negative – through MPD’s email groups, our social media, or by visiting the Grade DC website. Get more information at <http://grade.dc.gov>.