

Fact Sheet

MISSION

The **Washington DC Police Foundation** (DCPF) brings together the business, civic, and other professional communities to promote public safety by providing financial and in-kind resources to the Chief of Police and the Metropolitan Police Department, by expanding public safety awareness, and by advancing public safety policy and initiatives.

Our goal is to make the District of Columbia a safer place to live, work and visit through the fulfillment of unmet public safety needs.

WHAT IS NEEDED?

Many of our efforts focus on vulnerable children and neighborhoods with pro-active preemptive programs working hand-in-hand with the community. Because modern policing requires more sophisticated training and equipment, the DC Police Foundation also assists with the acquisition of more effective technologies.

WHO HELPS?

The general public, individuals and companies, who want to invest in a safer community for our Nation's Capital. Ways to help? Join as a member or friend of the DCPF, make a general donation, or volunteer your expertise and/or services! www.dcpolicefoundation.org

HOW IS THE FOUNDATION FUNDED?

The DC Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit (Federal Tax ID 41-2250114) and is funded by friends and supporters through annual membership dues, general donations, in-kind donations, event fundraising, and grants.

Partnerships and collaborations are the key ingredients we utilize to achieve sustainable solutions and continuous improvements in public safety – join today!

RESULTS

Since its inception, the DCPF has provided over \$1 million in grants to support MPD priority youth programs and urgent crime-fighting needs, such as equipment and technology. They include:

- Start-up funds for the MPD Internet Crimes Against Children Unit
- Serving as an independent voice in support of the District's first Consolidated Forensic Laboratory
- Mentoring programs for DC's most troubled youth such as the Junior Police Academy
- College tours for teens from DC's Public Schools identified by MPD School Resource Officers
- Development of the Tactical Village; a hands-on training facility for MPD
- Emergency funding for equipment for MPD's Vice Unit to combat the alarming rise of the drug PCP in the DC community
- And many more!

HISTORY

The DC Police Foundation was founded in order to generate resources to support crime prevention programs in the District's most troubled neighborhoods, especially programs directed towards at-risk young people. The DCPF originally operated as an advised fund under the auspices of the Community Foundation of Greater Washington, which handled all financial and administrative matters.

In 2000, the DCPF began as a public safety program initiative of the Federal City Council. The then titled, "Police Fund" provided assistance in many forms, ranging from direct financial grants to in-kind donated goods and services, to the development of specific public safety legislative proposals for MPD. At the behest of Charles Ramsey, then Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, the Federal City Council organized and formally established a police foundation in the Nation's Capital in March of 2007. We received our official IRS 501(c)(3) advance ruling to operate as a nonprofit organization that October.

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