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**DC POLICE FOUNDATION TO HONOR METROPOLITAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR**

D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier and special guest Bob Orr, CBS Justice and Homeland Security Correspondent, will recognize six MPD members for exemplary public service

Washington, D.C. – June 8th, 2011 – The Washington, DC Police Foundation will honor six individuals from the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) at the 6th annual law enforcement awards event on June 9th, 2011 for going above and beyond the call of duty to keep the community safe in the last year.

Nominated by their peers, the award winners will receive a plaque and a \$1,000 gift from the DC Police Foundation. Proceeds from the fundraising event will directly support the DC Police Foundation, a non-profit whose mission is to collaborate with the MPD to help make our nation's capital a better and safer place to live, work, and visit.

The event will take place at the Carnegie Institution in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, June 9th, beginning with a reception at 12 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 1 p.m. Participants in the awards ceremony will include MPD Chief Cathy Lanier; Joseph Persichini, Jr., DC Police Foundation Executive Director; and special guest, Bob Orr, CBS News Justice and Homeland Security Correspondent.

The event will recognize this year's honorees: Jason Bagshaw, Officer of the Year; Adam Parkhomenko, Reserve Officer of the Year; Maureen O'Connell, Civilian Employee of the Year; Kenneth "Todd" Williams, Detective of the Year; Street Crimes Unit, Third District, Specialized Unit of the Year; and Kendra Jennings, Executive Office of the Chief of Police, Support Staff Employee of the Year.

Additional information on award winners:

Officer of the Year

Officer Jason Bagshaw

Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/Fifth District

Officer Jason Bagshaw is an extremely hard working officer within the Fifth District Auto Theft Unit. In 2010, Officer Bagshaw had 232 arrests including adults and juveniles. Officer Jason Bagshaw had 232 arrests in 2010 involving adults and juveniles. He made arrests in reference to unauthorized use of vehicles, guns, warrants, drugs, traffic as well as applying for and executing search and arrest warrants.

While assigned to a robbery detail in November and December, Officer Bagshaw also created an intelligence booklet containing individuals who are believed to be involved in robberies and those that hang out together based upon the Auto Theft investigations.

Detective of the Year

Detective Kenneth "Todd" Williams

ISB/Criminal Investigations Division/Homicide Branch

Detective Kenneth "Todd" Williams was the lead detective in a case that garnered national attention when it occurred, and again when it was closed and went to trial. He took over the cold case investigation into the murder of Chandra Levy, which ultimately resulted in the conviction of Ingomar Guandique for First Degree Murder. As daunting a task as it was, he did it in collaboration with his partner.

Detective Williams successfully closed and helped in the conviction of defendants in "no body" murder cases of Yolanda Baker and Shaquita Bell. Detective Williams has shown great fortitude in working cold cases that appear to be unsolvable, but ultimately are.

Joseph Pozell Reserve Officer of the Year

Reserve Officer Adam Parkhomenko

Patrol Services and School Security Bureau/Third District

Reserve Officer Adam Parkhomenko graduated from the Metropolitan Police Department's police academy in November of 2009. Since that time, Parkhomenko has contributed over 1,450 hours of patrol service and was the arresting or assisting officer in more than 90 arrests. Adam has recovered narcotics on numerous occasions and has been instrumental in the recovery of several firearms and at least nine stolen vehicles working with the Department's License Plate Reader System.

Officer Parkhomenko is routinely praised by career officials and officers for his dedication, distinguished service, exemplary actions and commitment to the Department's mission of preventing crime which in turn led to his acceptance of the 2010 Reserve Corps Crime Reduction and Commander's award. In June, Officer Parkhomenko received the Department's Achievement Medal for his work in apprehending a

Robbery Force and Violence Suspect in Chinatown. Officer Parkhomenko's exceptional skills, knowledge, and abilities, combined with his strong work ethic and instincts, make him an outstanding Reserve Police Officer and an integral, vital part of the 1D Reserve Corps platoon.

Deborah R. Ennis Civilian Employee of the Year

Maureen O'Connell

Strategic Services Bureau/Policy Standards Division

Maureen has been dedicated in assisting MPD with reissuing, updating, and creating usable general orders. Due to her efforts and collaboration, over 70 General Orders were completed in 2010. Maureen has been instrumental in advancing the policies of the Metropolitan Police Department. She is one who collaborates well with others, is very skilled and versed in our rules and regulations, and is goal-oriented. She worked tirelessly in 2010, prioritizing those orders that needed to be updated, and created several working groups in order to get the work done. Through her efforts, our members are provided valuable guidelines to utilize and follow.

Specialized Unit of the Year

Street Crimes Unit

Third District

The Third District Crime Suppression Team recorded 932 arrests (including 26 for Robbery, 35 for Carrying a Pistol Without a License); recovered 80 guns; conducted 49 search warrants; seized 49 vehicles; and seized more than \$132,000. The Third District Crime Suppression Team (CST) is comprised of two sergeants and 20 officers who compiled these impressive statistics. The notable arrests include homicide suspects as well.

Third District command staff regularly gives CST special assignments in targeted areas and they often produce results. The Third District CST is a cohesive and dependable unit who comes through in stellar fashion. Throughout the year, the Executive Command Staff has repeatedly praised their performance.

Support Staff Employee of the Year

Kendra Jennings

Executive Office of the Chief of Police

Ms. Kendra Jennings is awarded the Superior Performance award for the extensive and valuable work that she has performed, as an employee in the Executive Office of the Chief of Police. Ms. Jennings plays a key role in keeping the Chief on schedule, prepared, and organized for a multitude of responsibilities. She maintains the chief's calendar, which often changes on a daily basis; she juggles scheduling appointments for Chief Lanier with individuals who are often at the highest levels of the public and private sector; she responds to numerous telephone inquiries; and completes volumes of paperwork – all while maintaining a smile. Ms. Jennings is also to be commended for her attitude.

Even under the most difficult times, Ms. Jennings completes her daily work assignments with a smile on her face, and with a positive and courteous attitude. She will work extra hours without complaint and she will adjust her tour to meet the needs of the office. Ms. Jennings is truly an outstanding employee.

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