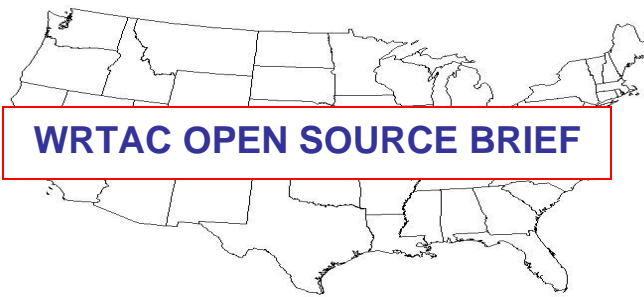


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Police Investigate Child Sexual Assault in Langley Park
 The Prince George's County Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit is investigating a sexual assault that occurred today in Langley Park, Maryland. At approximately 10:30 a.m., a 5 year old girl was walking in her apartment complex in the 1400 block of University Boulevard when she was lured by a suspect into an apartment and sexually assaulted. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male with black hair. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Prince George's County Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit at (301) 772-4908. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411 TIPS (8477). Source: Prince Georges County Police Department

(NCR RFI)



Weapons and Equipment Stolen from Police Vehicles
 A series of vehicular break ins has resulted in police weapons and equipment stolen in three different

(NCR RFI)



incidents in the National Capitol Region.

- **On June 1, 2010** in Manassas, VA four cars were broken into, one of the cars belonged to a police officer, thieves stole a handgun, rifle, bulletproof vest and gun belt.
- **On July 1, 2010** in Brookeville, MD sometime between 9 p.m. Monday and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, an unmarked police vehicle in front of an officer's home was broken into. Stolen were a Colt M-4 Rifle, two loaded M-4 magazines, two sets of handcuffs, two Montgomery County Police Badges, a police baton, and two loaded .40 caliber Glock magazines.
- **July 10, 2010** in Chillum, MD thieves attempting to steal a GPS device gained access to the trunk of a Hyattsville police cruiser, a semi-automatic rifle and gas mask were stolen.

Sources: Washington Post, WUSA, Fox DC http://www.wusa9.com/rss/local_article.aspx?storyid=103111

Analyst Note: Over the past year, persons possessing stolen or replica law enforcement equipment and fraudulent government identification have attempted to enter secure facilities in the NCR. Private security personnel should challenge uniformed persons unknown to them and request official agency credentials for further and close examination. Official vehicles must be carefully scrutinized for genuine markings and verification of occupants. Additionally, private security officials should protect issued uniforms and equipment from theft.

New Mobile Radar Locations Deployed Citywide

(LE/Public Safety Initiative)

The Metropolitan Police Department announced today the deployment of new photo enforced mobile radar locations beginning July 12, 2010, including several zones designated as work zones. Work zone fines may be doubled. The deployment locations for the Mobile Radar Units will continue to be at sites with the highest number of crashes and injuries, calls for police service, and high speed volume. MPD also considered recommendations or requests from the Department of Transportation, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and civic or citizen associations. The thirty-day educational phase will commence on July 12, 2010, whereas violators will receive warning citations. On August 11, 2010, MPD will begin issuing live moving citations to violators.



The new work zone locations are as follows:

- 1. I-295 at Eastern Avenue, NE (North)
- 2. I-295 at Eastern Avenue, NE (South)

The new mobile radar locations are as follows:

- 1. 3500 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE (North)
- 2. 3500 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE (South)
- 3. 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE (East)
- 4. 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE (West)
- 5. 5200 Southern Avenue, SE (Southeast direction)
- 6. 3100 North Capitol Street, NE (North)
- 7. 295 at Exit 1 SW (Southbound direction)
- 8. 4100 South Dakota Avenue, NE (North)
- 9. Suitland Pkwy SE .9m south of Stanton Rd eastbound
- 10. Suitland Pkwy SE .2m south of Stanton Rd westbound

For more information about automated speed enforcement in the District of Columbia, log onto <http://mpdc.dc.gov/automatedenforcement> . *Source: MPD*

TSA using pizza boxes to recruit new workers

(Local LE Initiative)

"A Career Where X-Ray Vision and Federal Benefits Come Standard," reads a TSA ad appearing on pizza boxes across the Washington region. "Washington Reagan National Airport and Washington-Dulles International Airport are now hiring Transportation Security Officers," the ad said. "See yourself in a vital role for Homeland Security. Be part of a dynamic security team protecting airports and skies as you proudly secure your future." The boxed ad campaign was developed last year in an effort to reach a broader applicant pool, according to TSA spokesman Greg Soule. The agency routinely uses ad space on Metro trains, at gas stations and in newspapers or buys ad time during movie previews.



http://voices.washingtonpost.com/federal-eye/2010/07/tsa_using_pizza_boxes_to_recru.html

FTA pre-authorizes WMATA system improvements

(Public Safety Initiative)

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) recently received pre-award authority from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to advance more than \$220 million worth of projects designed to address urgent safety and state-of-good-repair needs. WMATA plans to spend: \$44.4 million to rehabilitate track components, such as running rail, ties, fasteners, third rail insulators and turnouts; \$34.5 million to rehabilitate the Orange, Blue and Yellow lines between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Stadium-Armory Metrorail station; \$20 million to overhaul rail components, including parking brakes, truck controls, coupler control boxes and air compressors; \$17.3 million to replace and upgrade heavy-duty track maintenance equipment; \$12.4 million to replace rail-car components, such as wheels, trucks, brake systems, HVAC and traction motors; \$10.3 million to implement NTSB recommendations; \$4.9 million to rehabilitate escalators; and \$2.4 million to rehabilitate elevators. <http://www.progressiverailroading.com/news/article.asp?id=23817>



State, City Urge Residents To Prepare For More Heat

Maryland state announced its 13th heat-related death, Baltimore city and state officials are taking action to help keep residents safe. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene announced on Wednesday that the death of a Baltimore County senior citizen last week was heat-related. City and state officials are asking all residents to prepare for the hot temperatures that are making their way back into the region. So far this year, there have been more than double the heat related deaths that there were in 2009, state officials said. Three of the state's 13 deaths have been in Baltimore. **Officials are also urging that healthy individuals know the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion to help themselves and those who are more vulnerable.** <http://www.wbalTV.com/news/24261369/detail.html>

(Public Safety)



Analyst Note: In the District, during heat emergencies, United Planning Organization vans will canvass various areas throughout the city to identify persons suffering from the heat and transport them to cooling centers. Persons who need transportation to cooling centers can call the hypothermia hotline at (202) 399-7093. A list of cooling facilities can be found on the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMA) website



<http://www.dcema.dc.gov/dcema/cwp/view,a,1226,q,567675.asp>

Who is susceptible to Heat-Related Illnesses?

Anyone can be a victim of a heat-related illness, such as people working or exercising under the sun. However, those most at risk are: Children under five, people over age 65, people with chronic illnesses and disabilities and people taking certain medications

How to Prevent Heat-Related Illness

Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose clothing. Light colors reflect away some of the sun's heat. Wear a hat or use an umbrella.

Drink plenty of water. Carry water or juice with you and drink even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol or caffeine, which dry out the body.

Eat smaller meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein which increases your metabolic heat.

Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. Limit activity to the coolest part of the day, usually in the morning between 5am and 8am. Stay indoors as much as possible.

Take regular breaks when active on a hot day. If you or someone else is showing signs of a heat-related illness, stop the activity and find a cool place to rest. When possible stay in air-conditioned areas. If your home is not air-conditioned, consider a visit to a shopping mall or public library.

NEVER leave pets or young children in a car, even with the windows down.

Check on elderly relatives or neighbors at least once daily.

For more heat-related resources visit: http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat_guide.asp

Al-Qaeda's new magazine hopes to make a big bang

"Make a bomb in the kitchen of your mom," is one of the features on the cover of the first edition of Yemen-based Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's (AQAP) titled "Inspire". Inspire magazine was released on Sunday. The magazine included an article by Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qaeda's ideological godfather who addressed the Yemeni people asking them to stop supporting the U.S. The cover page was topped with a quote by American anti-US firebrand cleric Anwar al-Awlaki saying "May our souls be sacrificed for you," The magazine also published an interview with Abu Basir Nasir al-Wahishi, the head of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. According to the opening of this edition, this magazine appears to be geared towards transforming ordinary Muslims into mujahid in Allah's path. The magazine targets non-Arabic speakers, as it is in English language. The magazine was removed from the site shortly after less than 100 readings. Inspire, the 67 page colored illustrated publication, was published through jihadist forums that are sometimes encrypted or otherwise difficult to access, and appeared to have been designed with care, under the media foundation of al-Malahem. <http://www.yobserver.com/local-news/10019160.html>

(Homeland Security)



Seattle Cartoonist Added to Terror Leader's Hit List

A Seattle cartoonist who drew a satirical cartoon suggesting an "Everybody Draw Mohammed Day!" an idea she later disavowed, reportedly has been placed on a hit list by a terror leader linked to the failed Times Square car bombing the radical who has also been cited as inspiring the Fort Hood, Tex., massacre and the plot by two New Jersey men to kill U.S. soldiers. Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, 39, a Las Cruces, N.M.-born American citizen has put cartoonist Molly Norris among a list of nine other cartoonists, authors and journalists. He did so in an English-language al-Qaeda magazine called "Inspire," saying that "the medicine prescribed by the Messenger of Allah is the execution of those involved," writes Awlaki. It also said that FBI officials had warned Norris that they consider it a "very serious threat." Norris later said she realized her cartoon was offensive to Muslims and was fueling anti-Muslim sentiments. http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2012341409_cartoonist13m.html

(Awareness)



In Attack, Al-Qaeda-Linked Somali Group Expands Reach

In claiming responsibility for Sunday's deadly bombings in Uganda, the Somali group al-Shabaab appeared to raise its sights from running large swaths of one of Africa's most lawless countries to embracing al-Qaeda's call for global jihad. The triple bombing in Kampala, which left 76 dead, would mark the first foray beyond war-torn Somalia by a group whose primary focus for years was to impose a radical Islamist agenda inside Somalia. The attacks show what Africa and terror experts say is the growing influence in the group of foreign fighters with ties to Osama bin Laden's global terror network. Al-Shabaab's force numbers a few thousand fighters, by some estimates, to more than 10,000. A contingent of foreign fighters is said to number a few hundred and include other Africans, Arabs and even Westerners. In late 2008, a score of Somali-Americans left Minnesota to join al-Shabaab. Last month, two men were arrested at JFK International Airport allegedly on their way to join the Somali group. One of al-Shabaab's top commanders, known as Abu Mansoor al-Amriki, is from Alabama. In recent months, al-Shabaab had threatened countries, including Uganda, which contribute peacekeeping troops in support of the Somali transitional government. The U.S. is the major backer of the African peacekeeping troops. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703283004575363421023828364.html>

(Global Terrorism)



Emergent Set To Announce Anthrax Vaccine Contract [Maryland]

(Public Safety)

Rockville-based Emergent BioSolutions has received a contract worth up to \$107 million to ready its anthrax vaccine for large-scale manufacture. The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) awarded the contract, which funds two years for a total of nearly \$55 million and includes three additional, optional years. According to Emergent, the contract will pay for the company to develop and obtain regulatory approval for large-scale manufacture of the vaccine, called BioThrax. BioThrax is the only vaccine licensed by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent anthrax infection. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2010/07/13/AR2010071305953.html?hpid=topnews>



Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports <http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic>

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency <http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

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To request a DC Government Service, call 311 or 202-727-1000, also online at <http://src.dc.gov>

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