

See Something--Say Something!

(By calling 9-1-1 or non-emergency 301-279-8000)

The primary mission of the Darnestown Civic Association's (DCA) Public Safety Committee (Committee), is to work in partnership with both the community and the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), with the objective of identifying and assisting MCPD in resolving issues that impact public safety. The Committee's ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for ALL who live and work in Darnestown.

At a June 2013 DCA meeting, the First District Police Commander made a presentation where he discussed a variety of topics, including the recent realignment of police district boundaries, which should significantly enhance communication between DCA and MCPD. The entire Darnestown community is now exclusively serviced by the First District, where previously three separate police districts responded to calls throughout Darnestown. The Commander discussed the types of **reported** crimes occurring in Darnestown, and also provided a summary update as to the ongoing investigation of the serious crimes committed during the Spring of 2012, in the eastern portion of Darnestown.

Emphasized during the Commander's presentation, is the challenge for every community to realize the **importance of timely reporting ALL incidents of crime.**¹ During the meeting, DCA was acknowledged for its commitment and ongoing efforts to identify and publicize issues impacting public safety throughout the Darnestown community.

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In furtherance of this vitally important partnership, DCA and its Public Safety Committee strongly encourages all those who reside and work in Darnestown, to continue their vigilance in identifying and reporting ALL crime related incidences occurring within Darnestown...and to report same in the following manner:

¹ *Sociologists and social historians have talked of the 'dark figure' of crime, whilst others have used the metaphor of the iceberg to explain crime statistics. Measured levels of crime, are only levels of reported crime – there is always a 'dark figure' of unreported crime. As with icebergs, a small proportion of crime is visible, but the bulk remains hidden from our view.*
<http://www.tutor2u.net/blog/index.php/sociology/comments/revising-official-statistics-and-crime>

- 1) Timely notify MCPD, via 9-1-1, regarding a crime in progress or any situation YOU believe to be an emergency crime related matter, **OR**;
- 2) Timely notify MCPD, via 301-279-8000, of those situations YOU believe to be a non-emergency crime related matter, (*Note: Please refer to MCPD's website for the process and criteria for filing select crimes online; <http://www.mymcpnews.com/resources/how-to/file-a-report-online-2/>*) **AND**;
- 3) Timely notify DCA's Public Safety Committee, via Safety@DarnestownCivic.org, of **ALL** (emergency and non-emergency) **crime related matters reported to MCPD**. Please include your contact information, which will permit a DCA Public Safety Committee member to contact you as further information is needed.

With the community's committed support and response, this DCA public safety initiative (**See Something--Say Something!**) will serve to effectively enhance the partnership between DCA, MCPD and the community; resulting in the collective ultimate goal toward continuing to improve the quality of life for ALL who live and work in Darnestown.

Thank you for your support in this vitally important initiative and please do not hesitate to contact DCA², **YOUR** community civic organization.

² Darnestown Civic Association; the community map is located on DCA's website (www.darnestowncivic.org), along with e-mail contact information for DCA's Public Safety Committee (Safety@DarnestownCivic.org).

