

DOJ ONE OF TOP BIKE TO WORK DAY EMPLOYERS



Held on May 17th, this year's Bike to Work Day (BTWD) event saw more than 14,500 registered bicyclists leaving their cars at home and riding to work; an increase of 15% over 2012!

One of the employers helping to lead the way was the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) with 116 riders, 29 percent of them being first time Bike to Work Day participants.

Additionally, DOJ employees and contractors attended 28 of the 72 pit stops throughout the Washington, DC area. The top three most attended pit stops for DOJ employees were:

- Freedom Plaza in the District, with 32 DOJ cyclists
- Old Town Alexandria, with 10
- Silver Spring at Discovery Communications, with 7

By having such terrific passion and enthusiasm for bicycling, DOJ and a few other federal agencies have become a model for other agencies," said Nicholas Ramfos, Director of Commuter Connections. "And, for that matter, a leader among all employers in the Washington metropolitan region."

DOJ joins three other federal employers in the top five for this year, including the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of State. Also in the top five was Orbital Sciences, a

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private-sector company. In honor of their efforts, DOJ bicyclists won the Commuter Connections 2013 Bike to Work Day Employer Challenge and were treated to lunch on June 21st.

The continued success and growth of BTWD can be attributed to the influx of new riders each year. Ramfos continued, "Bicycling to work has a lot of potential to grow as the average bike commute in the Washington metropolitan region is 3.4 miles each way, and 17% of all Washington area commuters live less than 5 miles from work."

Bicycling to work is not something one has to do every day. In fact, the average number of days per week for bicycle commuting in the Washington, D.C. region is 3.

So, plan on encouraging your employees to participate next year and see if you can be one of the top regional employers for BTWD 2014!

Watch for more information on BTWD 2014 at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.