

MPNA ALERT

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

Neighborhood Alert Number 6

Thursday, October 26, 2006

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What is a Melrose Park Neighbors Alert?

If the police think there is an increase in activity in a particular section of our neighborhood, they will email me the information. I will then send it out to our email list with the hope that neighbors will notify the police if they see any mischievous behavior.

What do we do if we see mischievous behavior?

Call 9-1-1 for suspicious activity in progress or soon after. For tips, additional information or questions, call Sergeant John P. Slavin, at 215-885-1600 ext. 482, or email johnslavin@cheltenham-township.org

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From Sergeant Slavin – “Since Sept 1st, 2006, there have been a number of day-time burglaries in the Township. These burglaries are occurring while the occupants are at work. In one such incident, a possibly dark colored SUV was seen in the area at the time. I do not know of any other suspect information at this time. There were no new burglaries reported this week.

Since the first week in October there have been 3 reported robbery incidents in the area of the Melrose Train Station. One of the robberies occurred on the Philadelphia side of Cheltenham Ave. The other two occurred on our side. The first of our incidents involved a knife and three black male suspects. All three were about 5'9 and one male was heavy set with braided hair. The second incident involved two black males who claimed to have a weapon. Thankfully no victims were hurt during the robberies. One of the robberies was reported at 0530 hrs, and the other two were around midnight. All of the victims were Septa passengers.

In response to these incidents, the Cheltenham Police have increased patrols in the area and we have plain clothes Officers working in these areas. In addition, Chief Norris contacted the Septa Police and they also advised that they would increase patrols at the Melrose Train Station including plain clothes Officers in an effort to prevent any further incidents.

We could use everyone's help in catching those responsible. Please ask your members to report suspicious activity to the Police. No one knows the neighborhood better than the people who live there. If someone or something seems out of the ordinary, please give us a call and we will have an Officer check out the concern.

Please disseminate this information to your organization and ask them to report anything suspicious to the Police. If you have any further questions, give me a call. Thanks!”

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