

MPNA ALERT

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

Neighborhood Alert Number 13

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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 potentially dangerous or criminal behavior. The MPNA website is www.melroseparkneighbors.org.

What do we do if we see dangerous or criminal 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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The Police Department needs the public's help with identifying suspects in a series of burglaries committed in the Melrose Park area from 10-1-07 to 11-8-07. Two attempted burglaries were also reported to Police. In one of the attempts, a resident on Parkview Road reported that Hispanic males were knocking on her door. The resident did not recognize the male, so she did not answer the door. The resident reported that after a few minutes later, a second Hispanic male approached her door and attempted to pry the door. These males fled the area when the resident yelled out a 2nd floor window at them. Burglars often use this type of tactic to determine if the house is occupied or not. If you see someone knocking on doors in your neighborhood call 9-1-1. If they are legitimate solicitors we will have their information on file. If they have no legitimate purpose for being in the area we need to investigate them.

Suspect information:

#1 HISPANIC MALE 5' 7", WITH A THIN BUILD. THIS MALE WAS LAST SEEN WEARING A BLUE JACKET AND JEANS (NFD)

#2 HISPANIC MALE, ALSO 5' 7" AND THIN BUILD. THIS MALE WAS LAST SEEN WEARING A GREY SHIRT AND JEANS (NFD)

If anyone has any information on these or any other incidents please contact Cheltenham Detectives at 215 885-1600 ext. 499. In addition, Cheltenham Police have an "Anonymous Tip Line" in place. Residents can anonymously report

information in two ways. They can call 215 885-1600 ext. 777 and leave a voice mail message with the information, or, they can log onto to the Township web site @ www.cheltenhamtownship.org The tips link is at the top of the page.

Please encourage residents to secure doors and windows, and set any burglar alarms when they leave their homes. No one knows a neighborhood better than the residents who live there. We ask that residents immediately report suspicious persons in their neighborhood to Police. Residents can use the 911 system to report suspicious persons or activity. Please provide a description of the person and the last known direction of travel to the dispatcher.

Residents are also reminded to secure their vehicles and not to leave valuables out in the open in their cars.

As always, thanks for your help.

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