

MPNA ALERT

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

Neighborhood Alert Number 9

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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.

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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From Sergeant Slavin – “We had a 2nd strong arm robbery incident in the Melrose Park area on 3/16/07. This incident occurred in the middle of a snow storm on 3/16/07, in the area of the 7500 block of New Second Street. The victim had just parked her car and was preparing to exit the car when the actor, described as:

a Black Male, 30 yrs, stocky build, 5'10-6', wearing a dark knit hat and a dark jacket, approached her vehicle. The actor told her he needed her help in calling the Police and when she opened her car door the actor demanded her purse. The actor fled the area on foot, and may have had a vehicle to assist in his escape from the area.

A silver full size 4 door sedan was believed to be involved in the 3/7/07 incident.

In response to these incidents, we are increasing the Police presence in the area in an effort to prevent another occurrence. As always, we need the community's help in identifying suspicious activity or suspicious persons in their neighborhood by having them call 9-1-1.

Probably one of the most important tips I can give people to protect yourselves from becoming victimized, is to be aware of their surroundings. Take a second before you get out of your car and scan the immediate area. If something doesn't look right leave the area and call 9-1-1. If someone you do not know approaches your car stay in your vehicle. If you have a cell phone keep it ready in the event you need to call 9-1-1. In addition, most vehicles today have remote keyless entry. There is a panic button on your remote. The panic button on your remote can be used to draw attention to your location. Remember we don't want anyone putting themselves in danger. Call 9-1-1 right away.

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