

# Melrose Park Police Department

## A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Director of Police*



## MPPD Activates Annual Holiday Detail

Dear Chamber of Commerce and Business Owners,  
Director Sam C. Pitassi and the Melrose Park Police Department would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. As the busy holiday shopping season gets underway, we remain committed to safeguarding our community.

To ensure the safety of residents and visitors, the Melrose Park Police Department has activated its annual holiday detail across all business districts. This involves increased patrols with both marked and unmarked vehicles, operating seven days a week throughout December. The department is dedicated to maintaining a secure environment as we work together to make this holiday season safe and enjoyable for all.

Happy and safe holidays from the Melrose Park Police Department.

• Sincerely,  
Sam C. Pitassi, Director  
Melrose Park Police Department

## IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE A QUICK NOTE TO UPDATE WEEKEND PARKING RULES ...

**As of Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, parking is no longer permitted on both sides of the street on weekends.**

**Overnight parking restrictions remain the same in the West Melrose and Winston Park areas.**

**Parking is only allowed on designated sides of the street depending on the day of the week as indicated on notice signs posted throughout the community.**

**Remember, parking is never allowed on east and west streets – 2-6 a.m.**

**ALL VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK PARKING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND TICKETS WILL BE WRITTEN.**

## Provide an Anonymous Crime Tip

The Melrose Park Police Department relies on individuals to help prevent and solve crimes in our community.

If you have information about criminal activity, please submit it.

However, if you would like to be contacted by a police officer, just include a telephone number or email address where you can be reached.

Submit to [tips@melroseparkpd.com](mailto:tips@melroseparkpd.com).

Visit the Melrose Park Police Department Website at [www.melroseparkpd.com](http://www.melroseparkpd.com) ...

• For Melrose Park Police Department General Information • To Pay Tickets • To Obtain Police Reports

The website can be translated to Spanish and Polish.



# Always Stepping Up ...

## MP Police Department Promotes "Safety First" ... Deploys Solar Cameras

The Police Department has acquired two Mobile Solar Surveillance Camera Towers, which will be deployed at various locations throughout the year to help deter crime, especially during the holiday shopping season. The purchase was funded by a grant from the Attorney General's Office, specifically allocated for a retail theft campaign. Additionally, support was received from the Melrose Park Department of Homeland Security in assembling the units.



## MPPD Restored Patrol Car Spotted Throughout Chicagoland

The Melrose Park Police Department has added a new – old – vehicle to its fleet.

With generous support from donors, including Area Towing & Recovery (Frank and Rob); Elite Electric Company, Inc. (Ron Spata Sr.); SIGNCO (Sebastian Lorenzo); and Malkoc Builders, Inc. (the Malkoc family); MPPD has opened up the history books, took a look at the past and restored one of its squad cars to reintroduce a memory from yesteryears.

The reconditioned, special "set of wheels" has been showcased in local parades and car shows, including being front and center at this year's Columbus Day Parade held in Chicago and the MPPD F.O.P. Lodge 19 Annual Car Show held in July. Pictured with Car #717 on the downtown Columbus Day Parade route are Mayor Serpico and Director of Police Sam Pitassi.



## A K9 Lupo Update

**Born: March 15, 2023, Slovakia – German Shepherd**  
**90 lbs – Language: Slovak, English, Italian**



Over the summer, K9 Lupo commenced his training after arriving from Slovakia, having been handpicked by his handler, Ofc. Dominick Rovito, #45, in the spring of the previous year.

Chosen from a selection of six canines, Lupo's immediate connection with Ofc. Rovito sealed the decision. The duo then spent seven weeks at Excel K-9 Services in Ohio, where they engaged in intensive bonding and training sessions.

Specializing in narcotic detection, article search, tracking and patrol tasks, his skills are as impressive as his size.

A champion in the field, K9 Lupo is known for his love of tug games, and his immense drive and passion for his work. He is a great addition to the Melrose Park Police Department.