

## Melrose Park Police Department

# A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Director of Police*



## Important Parking Notice for Melrose Park Residents

### A QUICK NOTE TO UPDATE WEEKEND PARKING RULES

Effective April 1, 2024, parking will be permitted on both sides of the street on weekends (Friday, 5 p.m.-Monday, 9 a.m.) until Dec 1, 2024.

These hours do not include the Winston Park and West Melrose areas.  
**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 FOR CARS VIOLATING CURRENT AND FUTURE PARKING RULES.**

## 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.

# Melrose Park Police Department Introduces ALICE to Grant Elementary School

## Help Fill the Buckets ... Donations of Emergency Supplies for Students Now Being Accepted

Melrose Park continues to take a proactive approach to school safety, now with ALICE safety presentations by trained police to instruct teachers and staff enhanced preparedness and responses to critical danger. The Melrose Park Police Department was most recently welcomed to the Grant Elementary School by Principal Andrew Maisonneuve to introduce the ALICE active shooter program.

The ALICE Program has over 20 years of experience with over 18 million trained in its strategies that saves lives, builds confidence and mitigates risk. In addition to the presentation, the Police Department had received donated supply containers (Go-bucket) to distribute to Grant's classrooms that will contain emergency supplies for students during a critical emergency.

If you would like to donate supplies or learn more on what supplies can help, please contact the Police Department at (708) 344-8409, Ext. 6107, or email [mrieger@melroseparkpd.com](mailto:mrieger@melroseparkpd.com) for direct assistance.

Thank you to Ofc. Paul Rossi, Deputy Chief Anthony Greco, Ofc. Oscar Alvarez and Lt. Mark Rieger for their hard work and exceptional assistance with the ALICE Program presentation.



## Melrose Park Police and Autism

Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi has long supported the Melrose Park Police Department with autism and special needs training to assist police personnel while responding to calls for service.

In 2023, the Police Department conducted its annual training event hosted by state-certified specialists that introduced a new method to help identify situations involving persons with special needs. Alert notification emblems can now be affixed to a vehicle's rear window informing responders to an information card within the vehicle that specifies exactly what conditions will help mitigate the circumstances. The emblem and card can also be used at a residence for first responders to support with those responses.

Please contact Lt. Mark G. Rieger at [mrieger@melroseparkpd.com](mailto:mrieger@melroseparkpd.com) for more information or assistance with this program.

**ATTENTION 1ST RESPONDERS or POLICE**  
Driver and/or passenger(s) may have at least one of the following INVISIBLE DISABILITIES which may cause COMMUNICATION difficulties.\*\*See information card inside vehicle\*\*

Autism___	Hearing or visually impaired___
Bipolar Disorder___	Lupus___
Diabetes___	Mental Health___
Depression___	Personality Disorders___
Epileptic Seizures___	OTHER___

Courtesy of ASDwithME LLC www.asdwithme.com justinhoucek@asdwithme.com

**ATTENTION 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS or POLICE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION(S): \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

EMT INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Courtesy of ASDwithME LLC www.asdwithme.com

## Special MPPD Patches Raise Breast Cancer, Autism Awareness

During 2023 Taste of Melrose Park, several Melrose Park police officers were seen sporting one-of-a-kind uniform patches as part of a breast cancer awareness initiative organized by Director of Police Sam Pitassi.

This public awareness campaign brought local attention to the war against breast cancer and the need to support research organizations in battling this horrible disease.

In past months, a large majority of officers have also added specially designed patches to their uniforms to express support for individuals with autism.



**Director of Police Sam Pitassi, Mayor Serpico and the Members of the Melrose Park Police Department Want You to Know that You're Not Alone.**



# Always Stepping Up ...

## **Melrose Park Police Department to Transform Operations with the Mark43 Records Management System** **Industry-Leading, Cloud-Native Records Management System Will Support Officers in Their Mission of Addressing Crime and Engaging with the Community**

Mark43, the leading cloud-native public safety software provider, recently announced that the Melrose Park Police Department has signed on to implement Mark43's cloud-native records management system (RMS). The partnership will provide Melrose Park's 70 sworn officers with a secure and reliable data-driven platform that supports the safety of the entire community.

Anthony Greco, deputy chief of the Melrose Park Police Department, said, "We are thrilled to be working with Mark43. Our officers deserve the best available technology, and the Mark43 RMS will give our officers real-time, mission-critical information so they can successfully support our community and keep our residents safe."

Matt Polega, Mark43 co-founder and president, said, "We are excited to partner with the Melrose Park Police Department to meet their mission of spending less time writing reports and more time on other critical priorities in their community. By moving away from an on-premises tech platform to one that is cloud-native, they are a clear leader in public safety for Illinois."

Mark43 RMS is an intuitive records management system that will be used by officers and staff in everyday policing. Hosted on AWS GovCloud, it enables faster report-writing, integrated compliance standards, and a superior user experience that leads to enhanced work performance and job satisfaction. The Mark43 RMS was built to automatically guide users to capture detailed information for National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), making it easier for agencies to comply with federal standards and supports more accurate crime reporting.

The new partnership also includes robust training to ensure that officers are adept at using the new platform, as well as 24/7 customer assistance to give Melrose Park ongoing customer support.

Mark43 continues to partner with new police departments in Illinois. This partnership follows the recent announcement of the Berwyn Police Department and the Hometown Police Department signing on to deploy the Mark43 Public Safety Platform.

### **About Mark43**

Mark43 is the leading cloud-native public safety technology company. By delivering a modern, intuitive and mobile-first records management system, computer-aided dispatch and analytics platform, Mark43 empowers governments and their communities to improve the safety and quality of life for all. Working with more than 200 local, state and federal public safety agencies, Mark43 is transforming how first responders use technology to respond, engage and serve the community. Mark43 provides the tools, resources, expertise and security foundation that public safety needs today, tomorrow and beyond. For more information or to request a demo, visit [www.mark43.com](http://www.mark43.com).