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## **Mayor Serpico Launches Business Outreach Initiative to Strengthen Police–Business Partnerships**

**Melrose Park, IL, February 12, 2026** — As part of the Village of Melrose Park’s ongoing commitment to supporting local businesses and fostering a welcoming, thriving commercial environment, Mayor Ron Serpico has announced a new initiative focused on strengthening communication and collaboration between the business community and the Melrose Park Police Department (MPPD).

The initiative is designed to provide business owners and operators with enhanced access to police resources, guidance, and support, while continuing the Village’s strong tradition of public safety and community partnership.

“As Melrose Park continues to grow and attract new investment, it’s important that our businesses feel supported and connected,” said Mayor Serpico. “This initiative is about accessibility, relationship-building, and making sure our business community knows the Police Department is a partner in their success.”

As part of this effort, **Lt. Samuel Chiappetta** of the MPPD has been appointed as the Police Liaison to the business community. In this role, Lt. Chiappetta will serve as a dedicated point of contact for businesses seeking information, advice, or coordination with the Police Department.

Lt. Chiappetta brings more than 23 years of law enforcement experience, including service in public safety, crime prevention, risk assessment, business security systems, and technology integration. His extensive background and collaborative approach support the Village’s focus on proactive engagement and long-term relationship building.

“This initiative is about communication and partnership,” said MPPD Chief Greco. “By building strong relationships with our business community, we can provide guidance, share information, and work together to maintain the positive, welcoming environment Melrose Park is known for.”

Working in coordination with and at the direction of the Mayor and Chief Greco, Lt. Chiappetta serves as a bridge between Village leadership, the Police Department, and local businesses. He is available to share best practices in crime prevention, discuss site-hardening and security planning, and connect businesses with Police Department resources that support safe and successful operations.

For more information or to connect with the Police Liaison to the business community, businesses are encouraged to contact the Melrose Park Police Department.