

# 77<sup>th</sup> STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## August 2015

Summer is traditionally a challenging time for law enforcement, and unfortunately in 77<sup>th</sup> Street this summer has not broken that trend. While there has been an overall increase in crime, we are encouraged by the signs that our community-centered and relationship-based policing is a successful and effective crime-fighting strategy. We continue to be committed to the twin policies of outreach and enforcement, and we will always consider it our privilege and our duty to fight for a division that is a peaceful place to live, work, and raise families.

The city, the department, and the community have worked hard all summer to anticipate and respond to the unique demands of law enforcement in South LA. Many of you are already taking advantage of the seventh-annual Summer Night Lights program, which was designed to establish safe havens for at-risk youngsters by providing protection, tutoring and activities for families. This summer, the program has been extended until September 5<sup>th</sup>, keeping recreation centers and parks open late and staffed with our officers and specially-trained security. Thanks to a generous public/private partnership, all of it comes at no cost to our kids or their families.

In addition, 77<sup>th</sup> Street has been hosting Coffee with Cops, Roll Call in the Street, Movies In the Park and numerous other initiatives designed to create protected places for children to play and the community and its officers to interact. If you haven't already benefitted from one of these programs, we hope you give them a try. We also encourage you to get involved with our C-PAB, Clergy Council, and Community Relations outreach.

Regarding our crime statistics, compared to the same time period last year, we have seen an increase Department-wide in violent, part-I, and property crime. 77<sup>th</sup> Street has experienced a 15.9% increase in violent crime, a 9.0% increase in part-I crime, a 5.5% increase in property crime. It should be noted, however, that in each of those areas, our increases are beneath the city average, and that 77<sup>th</sup> ranks among the top 9 geographical divisions with the lowest crime rates in all three crime areas.

In community news, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, Operation Ceasefire meets at the Bethel AME church located at 7900 S. Western Avenue. All are welcome at the meetings. Come join us for a unique opportunity to listen to inspired members of the community along with LAPD officers from 77<sup>th</sup> and other divisions. In the meetings we discuss community concerns and share ideas on enhancing public safety. We'd love to see you there!

To stay updated on 77th Street Area community events or crime information for your neighborhood, like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lapd77thstreet](http://www.facebook.com/lapd77thstreet) or follow us on Twitter @LAPD2014 and @LAPD77thSt. You can also follow me on Twitter @LAPDMarcReina.

I hope that everyone has had a peaceful, safe and productive summer.

MARC REINA, Captain  
Acting Commanding Officer  
77th Street Community Police Station

## 2015 Annual Work Plan Goals

77th Street Area is strengthening the Community-Police Partnership by increasing the number of youth in the Area Juvenile Programs, increasing the number of volunteer opportunities, and promoting community participation in Block Club activities.

77th Street Area is working on maintaining and strengthening the Area Safe Park Programs by bringing recreational activities back to neighborhood parks. The 77th Street Area Police Activities League is promoting leadership and team work through an “all kids shall play” sports and mentoring league. Contact 77th Street Area Community Relations for more information (323) 786-5012.

### Community Partnership Meetings

Community Police Advisory Board	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Hispanic Outreach Meetings	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:00 pm ( <i>Except October</i> )
Clergy Council Meetings	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 pm ( <i>Except October</i> )
Cadet Meeting	Every Thursday, 6:30 pm

### Crime Tips



## **LOCK IT! HIDE IT! KEEP IT!**

*Don't be victimized!*

***LOCK IT!** – Always lock your vehicle.*

***HIDE IT!** – Hide your valuable from plain sight.*

***KEEP IT!** – Personal responsibility & prevention can safeguard your valuables from theft.*

### SAFETY TIPS

#### DO

- Always lock your car!
- Keep your windows rolled up.
- Lock items in the trunk.
- Park in well lit area.

#### DON'T

- Leave items in plain view.
- Leave engine running when you are away from the car.

*Contact 77<sup>th</sup> Street Area Senior Lead Office for more information (323) 786-5040*