

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

**December 2015**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! I hope that everyone is looking forward to winding down the year and enjoying a safe and happy holiday season surrounded by family and friends. We at 77<sup>th</sup> Street have a great deal to celebrate, as our sworn and civilian personnel have worked hard all year to provide our division with an extremely high level of service. While Los Angeles experiences an across-the-board upturn in crime, we are proud that 77<sup>th</sup> Street currently ranks within the top five geographical divisions with the lowest crime increases. We achieved this on the backs of some of the city's most dedicated and hard-working officers. Their devotion to the community and their craft is unparalleled, and for this I am deeply and sincerely grateful.

This month features a great deal of community outreach, as we turn extra attention to those in need. Our Shoes for Santa program, which provides free, high-quality shoes to disadvantaged children, is entering its third successful year. It is a wonderful partnership, and we are all proud to be a part of a program that brings joy to so many deserving kids.

Additionally, we look forward to hosting the Kenyan Boys Choir, who will come to the station and sing to officers and community members alike. There is no better time to get involved with 77<sup>th</sup> Street, and we encourage anyone with motivation and the holiday spirit to enroll in 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 9.9% increase in violent crime, a 6.7% increase in part-I crime, a 5.0% increase in property crime. Each of those increases are beneath the city average, and sometimes glaringly so.

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 77th Patrol Commanding officer, Captain Marc Reina on Twitter @LAPDMarcReina.

CORY PALKA, Captain  
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> Tuesday, 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 lighted areas.

#### 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**