

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
February 2016

As the east coast is digging itself out from massive winter storms, I hope that everyone here is enjoying Southern California's beautiful, mild winter. 2016 is fully upon us, and while many of us are struggling to stay true to our New Year's resolutions, there is one resolution that the LAPD will never falter in; that is our commitment to being the highest quality police force in the world. Although the city experienced across-the-board crime increases last year, this department can be justly proud of meeting a challenging environment with professionalism, determination and compassion.

From the point of view of our community policing, 77th Street understands that nothing can take the place of persistence. I am justly proud of how hard our officers have worked, responding to more radio calls than any other division in the city, and putting in long hours under extremely difficult circumstances. 77th Street is firmly committed to the philosophy that the interests of justice demand not only a firm commitment to crime fighting, but also outreach in the community. To that end, we have been hosting Coffee with Cops, Roll Call in the Street, Movies-In-The-Park events, and numerous other initiatives designed to create protected places for children to play, and for 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, 77th Street has experienced an 18% increase in violent crime, a 2.1% decrease in part-I crime, a 12.3% decrease in property crime. I remain steadfast in my commitment to lowering crime in 77th, and I will continue to focus resources on lowering violent crime which is my top priority in 2016.

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 77th 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 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

2016 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 nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
Hispanic Outreach Meetings	Every 4 th Friday, 7:00 pm (<i>Except October</i>)
Clergy Council Meetings	Every 4 th 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 77th Street Area Senior Lead Office for more information (323) 786-5040