

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2016

I hope that everyone is coming off of a happy holiday season, and that you are all as excited to enter 2016 as we are at 77th Street. 2015 was a challenging year for law enforcement nationwide, although it is also a source of tremendous pride for the officers of our division. We were tested with rising crime, and we responded with tenacity and professionalism. Through some very trying times our dedication to constitutional and community policing never wavered, and neither did our commitment to handling increasing challenges with the highest level of service. For that I would like to thank our officers, whose commitment to duty is exemplary, and our civilian personnel, whose dedication and hard work never goes unnoticed. It is also my pleasure to note that our division could never have performed so admirably in 2015 without the support from our community members who have always rallied around us when we've needed it most.

Although I am immensely proud of the work 77th Street officers and personnel achieved in 2015, I am equally determined not to relax our efforts going forward. None of us can predict what the future will bring, and it is my determination that 77th Street be prepared for every eventuality and never slack in its quest for safe neighborhoods.

Regarding our crime statistics, we are still experiencing an across-the-board increase in crime, although these increases are comparatively small when compared with the city as a whole. According to the statistics, we had an 8.7% increase in violent crime, a 6.1% increase in part I crime, and a 4.7% increase in property crime. The city average for crime increases were 20.3% for violent crime, 10.5% for property crime, and 12.5% for part I crime, putting us in the top 4 for violent crime., top 3 for property crime, and top 2 for part I crime. I will continue to focus resources on lowering violent crime, which will be my top priority in 2016. As I've mentioned previously, I feel passionate about improving public safety so that children and families in our community feel safe to enjoy their neighborhoods and schools.

In community news, our 3rd annual Operations Shoes from Santa was wildly successful and we were able to provide shoes for hundreds of kids in the community. It is the substantial support from our very generous donors that make these events so successful. Thank you all who contributed and helped our community's children and families!

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

