

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2015

With the arrival of autumn, we at 77th Street hope that the fall in temperature will mark an end to the summer spike in crime. Already, we are seeing an improvement in violent and part-one crimes, and a decrease in the deadly tit-for-tat gang activity which catches so many of our youngsters in a fatal cycle of violence. Some of these hopeful statistics are undoubtedly cyclical, but we believe that many are due to the extra resources and unparalleled attention our division brought to bear on our most at-risk areas.

Unfortunately, the gang lifestyle that plagues the South Los Angeles area is a continuing catalyst for violence that has driven homicides up nearly 11% across the city. Compared to the same time period last year, we have seen an increase Department-wide in violent, part-I, and property crime. 77th Street has experienced a 9.2% increase in violent crime, a 3.6% increase in part-I crime, a 0.6% increase in property crime. It should be noted, however, that in each of those areas, our increases are beneath the city average, and that 77th Street still ranks among the top 6 geographical divisions with the lowest crime increases in all three areas.

In the 77th Street Community Police Department, we have taken extraordinary steps to combat it. In addition to heavily deploying our elite Metro units, we established a South Bureau command post which analyzes crime data in real time, and we continue to work extensively with gang intervention workers, clergy council and other motivated community members.

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 and numerous other initiatives designed to create protected places for children to play, and the community and LAPD police officers to interact. If you haven't already benefitted from one of these programs, we invite you give them a try. We also encourage you to get involved with our C-PAB, Clergy Council, and Community Relations outreach.

In community news, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, Operation Cease-fire meets at the Bethel AME church which is located at 7900 S. Western Avenue. All are welcome to attend these 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

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 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