

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

September 2015

Now that the days are shortening and our neighborhood kids going back to school, we at 77th Street can look back on a summer that saw a city-wide increase in crime, but also a strong determination from the public and this department to overcome it. This division deployed every available extra resource to our at-risk neighborhoods, and those same streets filled with concerned citizens, often arm-in-arm our officers, demanding an end to the violence.

From the point of view of our community policing, we understand that nothing can take the place of persistence. We are 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. They were there at the candle-light vigils, the town halls, and the peace rallies; they protected the parks during Summer Night Lights, opened the station to the community for National Night Out, and worked tirelessly with concerned citizens, clergy, and activists to give this division the peace and security it so badly deserves.

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 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. 77th Street has experienced a 13.5% increase in violent crime, a 9.1% increase in part-I crime, a 6.7% 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 8 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 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