

**77<sup>th</sup> STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**  
**March 2016**

I hope that everyone enjoyed our unseasonably warm February, and took time last month to celebrate Black History Month. We at 77<sup>th</sup> Street never forget to celebrate all the brave men and women whose life and work have done so much to build our great department.

In our lobby, we keep a commemorative display to the life and accomplishments of ex-Assistant Chief Jesse A. Brewer, whose toils against adversity honed him into an inspirational leader both when he was with our department and during his work on the police commission. Assistant Chief Brewer was a passionate advocate for community policing, and we at 77<sup>th</sup> strive every day to honor his legacy and vision through our commitment to community outreach.

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, 77th Street has experienced an 6.1% increase in violent crime, a .9% increase in part-I crime, a 1.8% decrease in property crime. I remain steadfast in my commitment to lowering crime in 77<sup>th</sup>, 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](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

## **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 <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***