

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2015

As the summer season ends and autumn begins, 77th Street Area continues to face challenging times as it does for much of the city. Unfortunately, homicides are up nearly eleven percent city-wide. Eighty percent of our division's homicides were related to gang violence, which flares in unpredictable cycles.

In 77th Street, we have taken extraordinary steps to combat gang shootings, especially where the attacks are likely to feed a loop of retaliatory shootings. 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, local clergy members and other motivated civilians.

While there has been an overall increase in crime, we are encouraged by the signs that our community-centered and relationship-based policing are a successful and effective crime-fighting strategy. We continue to be committed to the twin policies of outreach and enforcement, and we will always consider it our privilege and our duty to fight for a division that is a peaceful place to live, work, and raise families.

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. Specifically, 77th Street Area has experienced an 8.7% increase in violent crime, a 6.3% increase in part-I crime, and a 5.1% increase in property crime. It should be noted, however, that 77th Street Area ranks among the top 9 geographical divisions with the lowest crime rates in all three crime areas. That said, ultimately our strategies to control crime are having an impact, but the task of crime prevention cannot be accomplished by the police alone. Crime reduction requires the willing cooperation of both the police and the community working together toward a common goal, simply building relationships. Sir Robert Peel once said, "The police are the public and the public are the police." Through relationship-based policing, we develop an interdependent, collaborative alliance based on trust and transparency through which we can positively impact the quality of life in our community. The true test of the effectiveness of our relationship-based policing is the absence of crime in our neighborhoods. The result of a successful partnership is a peaceful place to live, work, and raise families.

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 Wednesday, 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 a well-lit area.

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