

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2015

It seems like just yesterday we were enjoying Christmas festivities and now we are preparing for Easter Sunday (April 5) and Spring Break! Most Los Angeles Unified Schools enjoy Spring Recess this year from March 30th through April 3rd which means many parents will be challenged with finding child care and fun activities to occupy young minds during the school break. With that, we are reminded of the importance of educating our children about stranger danger and the do's-and-don'ts while home alone. Please take a moment to discuss scenarios with your children and remind them what to do in an emergency. And on the related topic of family safety, this spring, take the time while you're doing your spring cleaning, to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that the risk of dying in a home structure fire decreases by 50% if there are working smoke alarms in the home. A small investment in your smoke alarms is priceless if it saves the lives of your loved ones.

Crime rates in all areas remain relatively the same as last month. We are working hard to focus our resources in high-crime areas or areas that have seen specific crime spikes and we continue to develop new strategies to attack the crime problems. Overall compared to the same time period last year, we have experienced a 19.7% increase in violent crime, a 12.8% increase in property crime, and a 15.0% increase in part I crime. My focus remains on lowering crime in all categories and I will continue to apply all available resources toward achieving that goal.

This month we are looking forward to "Resurrect LA" on Saturday, April 4th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The community event, sponsored by Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church in partnership with Councilman Curren Price, 77th Street Area, and churches in the community, begins with a neighborhood clean-up. Located at 5946 S. Figueroa, the event will also include a talent show, exhibits, bake sales, and bounce houses and treats for the kids. Later in the month, we are celebrating our newly-promoted cadets with a cadet promotional ceremony on April 23rd. Many of our talented and conscientious cadets will be celebrating hard-earned promotions and we welcome Chief Cadet Laura Mendoza who will be promoting the candidates.

Finally, Easter Sunday, is quickly approaching. Participating in egg hunts with the little ones and enjoying time with friends and family are the highlights of the holiday. Have fun and remember to celebrate safely and responsibly. Please designate a sober driver.

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 (213) 485-4285.

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, 7:00 pm (<i>Except October</i>)
Cadet Meetings (Youth 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-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 (213) 847-2817