

## 77<sup>th</sup> STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER April 2016


Last month, we said goodbye to Captain Cory Palka, who left 77<sup>th</sup> Street for Hollywood Division. Captain Palka is an exceptional commanding officer and public servant, and he leaves a legacy of commitment to the citizens of Los Angeles that I am honored to inherit. Although we will deeply miss him, we wish him well in his new assignment.

It is a pleasure for me to return to 77<sup>th</sup> Street, where I have previously served as captain. For those of you who are old friends, it is a pleasure to be back in your company; for those of you I am meeting for the first time, it is an honor to do so. I am humbled by warmth and hospitality that everyone has extended to me, and I look forward to embracing the challenges of 77<sup>th</sup> Street with determination and compassion.

Regarding our crime statistics, compared to the same time period last year, 77<sup>th</sup> Street has experienced an 11.2% increase in violent crime, a 6.1% increase in part-I crime, a 3.5% increase 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 77<sup>th</sup> 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 77<sup>th</sup> 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 @LAPD77thSt. You can also follow 77<sup>th</sup> Patrol Commanding officer, Captain Marc Reina on Twitter @LAPDMarcReina.



PETER ZARCONE, 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 (Except October)
Clergy Council Meetings	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Except October)
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**