

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

### **February 2015**

We've had a promising start to 2015! Personnel changes in the Department, South Bureau, and 77th leave me feeling both contemplative and confident that we will embrace and respond to the challenges of 77<sup>th</sup> Street Area with ambition and success. Last month we said goodbye to Deputy Chief Bob Green, formerly the commanding officer of South Bureau, who left for Valley Bureau. Although we will miss his extraordinary leadership, we wish him all the best in his new assignment. Replacing Chief Green is our very own Deputy Chief Bill Scott, who promoted from Commander in South Bureau and we congratulate him for the well-deserved promotion. We are certainly lucky to have him in South Bureau! Finally, it is with great pride that we congratulate our Patrol Commanding Officer, Captain Lillian Carranza, on her new assignment as the Area Commanding Officer of Van Nuys Area. Lillian was a dedicated, committed, and integral part of our leadership team in 77<sup>th</sup> and it is an enormous loss for all of us to see her go. But her legacy of concern for her employees, effective community-based leadership style, and all-around commitment to the citizens of Los Angeles will endure. Replacing Captain Carranza is the wildly talented Captain Marc Reina. Marc has had a brilliant and comprehensive career with the LAPD, working a wide variety of assignments including his last assignment as an Officer in Charge of Metropolitan Division S.W.A.T. We are extremely fortunate to have him in 77<sup>th</sup> and I know great things are inevitable with this dynamic leadership team.

Regarding our crime statistics, we had increases in all crime categories compared to this same time period last year. According to the statistics, we had a 34.2% increase in violent crime, a 17.9% increase in part I crime, and an 11.2% 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 2015.

In community news, we are proud to continue our Little Free Library and station tours for the local elementary school kids. The program promotes literacy and encourages a love of reading for these bright youngsters. According to the Department of Justice, "The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is welded to reading failure." By encouraging kids to read, we are investing in the future safety of our community. Thank you all who support our community efforts!

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.

**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 <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> 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.

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