

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2015

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful, festive holiday season with your family and friends. As I reflect on 2014, I can't help but feel mixed emotions both personally and professionally. I am so proud of all we accomplished together throughout the year despite some tremendous challenges for our Department and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Our Department suffered unprecedented losses with the separate, on-duty deaths of Officers Nicholas Lee, Chris Cortijo, and Roberto Sanchez. But we were truly uplifted by the support from our community members who have always rallied around us when we've needed it most. For that, I am deeply and sincerely grateful. I am also grateful to our 77th officers and civilians who've cast aside personal hardships and worked tirelessly to maintain safe neighborhoods, successful youth programs, and strong partnerships with all the diverse groups in 77th. It is the success of our partnerships that ensure effective and responsible policing which is most critical now more than ever. So thank you all for your contributions. I look forward with anticipation and excitement to 2015, knowing that we are on the verge of great social change which will positively impact us all.

Regarding our crime statistics, we are still experiencing an increase in violent crime but part I and property crime statistics show decreases compared to this same time period last year. According to the statistics, we had a 12.3% increase in violent crime, a 4.6% decrease in part I crime, and a notable 11.6% drop in property crime resulting in the second biggest drop of all the geographical divisions. I will continue to focus resources on lowering violent crime which will be my top priority in 2015. As I've mentioned previously, I feel passionate about improving public safety so that children and families in our community feel safe to enjoy their neighborhoods and schools.

In community news, our 2nd annual Operations Shoes from Santa was wildly successful and we were able to provide shoes for hundreds of kids in the community. It is the substantial support from our very generous donors that make these events so successful. Thank you all who contributed and helped our community's children and families!

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.

From all of us in 77th Street Area, have an enjoyable and safe New Year's holiday and a great start to 2015!

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