

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2015

It's time for March Madness, one of my favorite months of the year because I am a huge fan of college sports and an exciting basketball game never disappoints. I revel in the exhilaration of competition and controlled rivalry between elite teams. More importantly though, I enjoy the camaraderie and teamwork demonstrated in a well-orchestrated plan, the perfect play that can capture an entire championship title. The same is true of our work here in 77th. I delight in our success when we bring communities and families together for a common good, a safe neighborhood, or a community outreach program that positively impacts a child's life. I understand and appreciate the challenges of daily life and feel victorious when our 77th team helps to improve the quality of life for all residents in our community. Together with our officers, civilians, volunteers and community members, we comprise an elite team through which championships, in this case exceptional community-police relationships and public safety, are won. Together, with strong partnerships, we can accomplish great things.

Regarding our crime statistics, despite an increase in all crime categories compared to this same time period last year, we are actually doing much better than last month which means that our strategies are working. Compared to last month, we've seen decreases in violent, part I, and property crimes so I am confident that we are controlling the small crime spike we had. My focus remains on lowering crime in all categories and I will continue to apply all available resources toward achieving that goal.

In community news, this month we are celebrating Read Across America, a nationwide program highlighting the importance of youth literacy. As I mentioned last month, studies have shown a correlation between academic failure and delinquency so on March 2nd our officers will be reading to students at 75th Street Elementary School to promote literacy. On March 5th they will be reading to students at Miramonte Elementary. When we promote academic success in our youth, we invest in the future safety of our community. With that in mind, we are continuing our Little Library and station tours for elementary school kids. 75th Street Elementary will be touring on March 13th and we are excited to spend time with the kids!

Finally, St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, is quickly approaching. 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.

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