



# 76 PRECINCT 191 UNION ST., BROOKLYN, NY 11231

January 6, 2011

## Inside This Issue

Message from the Commanding Officer

Upcoming Events

Public Safety News

Newsworthy Accomplishments

Our Strategy for a Safe Precinct

Public Safety Tips

Important Phone Numbers

Upcoming Events

## The 76 Precinct Community Newsletter

This newsletter is published by the Commanding Officer of the 76<sup>th</sup> precinct in conjunction with the 76 Precinct Community Council, serving the communities of Red Hook, Carroll Gardens, Gowanus and Cobble Hill. Its purpose is to provide information to the communities we serve, and in conjunction with the community, to enhance public safety throughout the precinct.

## Message from the Commanding Officer

I would like to extend to the residents of the 76 precinct my wishes for Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year.

## Highlights from this issue

- Public Safety News. Crime trends, and how the 76 precinct, in conjunction with the community, is responding.
- Cop of The Month
- Traffic Safety Tips. Vehicle and pedestrian accident trends, and how we can prevent them.
- Upcoming events within the precinct.

## THE 76 PRECINCT HELPS CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2010 WITH THE RED HOOK COMMUNITY

Just prior to the 2010 Christmas holiday the Officers of the 76 Precinct and the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserves "Toys for Tots" program hoped to make this year's holiday season a little brighter for some children in Red Hook, by distributing Christmas gifts to five Red Hook children. They were Jazzmin Santiago and her sister Alexis Garcia (top left) and brothers Anthony, Andy (bottom left) and Edgar Rivera (not pictured). The gifts were quickly opened and enjoyed by both the children and their parents. Next year we hope that this new precinct program will grow to include more children throughout the precinct.



## Public Safety News

---

*In an effort to prevent larcenies and other property crimes officers at the 76 are briefed regularly and tactics and practices that criminal utilize. Additionally, officers are briefed regarding recidivists; parolee and probationers known to commit these types of crimes.*

---

For the month of December 2010, the 76 precinct experienced a significant decrease in all crime categories. The largest reduction was in Grand Larceny Auto.

Also during the month of December 2010, the precinct experienced a rash of wheel thefts from Hondas in the Columbia Street Waterfront Area. In two of the cases all four wheels were removed from the vehicles. Perpetrators who commit this type of crime generally travel in mini vans or similar vehicles. They often spot the wheels they want and spray the lug nuts with WD40 and return later to remove the wheels. Although the perpetrators have not been identified, there have not been any additional incidents reported in the past several weeks. If you observe this type of activity call 911 immediately and provide a description of the vehicle and individuals to the operator.

## Newsworthy Accomplishments



**The Cops of the Month for December are Police Officer Carl Bredy and Police Officer Richard Taveras.** The officers were assigned to crime reduction operation in the 63 Precinct which was experiencing an increase in robberies. While on patrol the officers were alerted by a passerby of a robbery taking place inside the Capital One Bank branch located at Ralph Ave. and Ave K. The officers tactically entered the bank and observed the perpetrator exiting the bank with a mask over his face and carrying a nylon bag. They drew their weapons and ordered the person to the floor and hand-cuffed him. They then made sure that there were no accomplices.

Despite the decrease in crime, the officers of the 76 Precinct remain vigilant. On Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:30 PM POs Carlos Anchundia & Sam Ouk observed two males carrying a generator at the intersection of Garnet and Hamilton Ave. The officers detained the two men and conducted a brief investigation and determined that the males had broken into a residence on Columbia Street and removed the generator. Both of the males were then arrested and charged with burglary and possession of stolen property. Both of these individuals had prior arrest histories, including for drug possession.

## Our Strategy for a Safe Precinct

One of our goals is to reduce the number of robberies in the 76. To achieve that goal we will continue to effectively deploy police personnel and ensure there is appropriate follow-up whenever a person is arrested for one of a robbery. Whenever a person is arrested for a robbery, an executive member from the 76 precinct confers with the prosecutor and conveys the importance of the case and the gravity of the problem being experienced in the community. We constantly work with the prosecutor to ensure that perpetrators are arraigned on the appropriate charge and request that appropriate bail is set in order to ensure the defendants appearance in court.

Part of our reduction strategy is to vigorously patrol the areas where known perpetrators of robberies frequent and reside. Youthful offenders are visited at their residences and at their schools in an attempt to turn them away from a life of crime. We at the 76 Precinct believe that constant analysis of the crime data, effective deployment and relentless follow-up will enable us to achieve our goals.

## Public Safety Tips

As always the police need the publics help in the fight against crime. Some simple measures that can be taken to reduce the chance of becoming a victim are:

- A) Always be aware of your surroundings, particularly when dialing a cell-phone or texting or e-mailing from a portable electronic device.
- B) Report suspicious activity to 911.
- C) Never leave valuables unattended, particularly when in public places such as parks, transit facilities, retail establishments and restaurants.
- D) If you become the victim of a crime, promptly report the incident to 911. This greatly increases our chances of apprehending the perpetrator, thereby preventing others from being victimized.

Up to

**\$500 REWARD**

FOR THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF ANYONE  
WHO COMMITS

**GRAFFITI VANDALISM**

CALL

**911 for crimes in Progress  
311 to Provide Information**

**Remember: Graffiti vandalism is a crime**

*Never leave valuables unattended, particularly when in public places such as parks, transit facilities and retail establishments.*

# Traffic Safety Tips

The 76 Precinct wants you to be safe!! Many of our traffic accidents are eminently preventable. The following tips are developed from trends observed in recent accident reports:

- A) Always be careful when **opening your car door**. Numerous accidents occur in our precinct in this fashion. Remember, many of our streets are narrow, and great care should be used when opening your car door.
- B) **Do NOT Double Park In Bike Lanes!!** Again, incidents of double parking, combined with the narrow streets, cause many needless traffic accidents.
- C) **ALWAYS wear your seat belt**. It has been proven time and time again that the use of seat belts greatly reduces injuries in the event of an accident.
- D) **Do NOT use your cell phone** while driving. Again, the distraction caused by cell phones often leads to accidents.
- E) **Please make sure that when are crossing major streets, you allow enough time to get to the other side safely**. Large intersections pose a significant problem to our senior citizens and to our children when going to and coming from school. These large intersections account for a large percentage of pedestrian fatalities citywide.
- F) **Bicyclists are required to obey all traffic regulations**. Do not ride on the sidewalk. Always go in the same direction as the flow of traffic and stop at red lights and stop signs. When available utilize bike lanes.

*Always be careful when opening your car door. Numerous accidents occur in our precinct in this fashion.*

## Important phone numbers

76 Precinct	(718) 834 - 3211
Community Affairs	(718) 834 - 3207
Community Policing	(718) 834 - 3203
Crime Prevention	(718) 834 - 3203
Domestic Violence	(718) 834 - 3204
Youth Officer	(718) 834 - 3218
Auxiliary Coordinator	(718) 834 - 3218
Detective Squad	(718) 834 - 3221

## Upcoming Events

Precinct Community Meeting	February 1, 2011
Chinese New Year	February 3, 2011