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**POINTS OF  
INTEREST**

- **POLICE  
COMMISSION  
MEETING  
WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 20,  
2016 AT 6:00PM**

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**Police Chief Scott LaChasse: 2015 Year In Review**



Congratulations to the entire community of Burbank for partnering with the Burbank Police Department to collectively improve the quality of life for our residents, as well as making the City safe and secure.

- \* Response times to emergency calls for service are once again down (minus 7% year-to-date; averaging 3:24 minutes).
- \* City-wide traffic accidents this year-to-date have been reduced 6%.
- \* Serious crime, including rape, robbery, aggravated assaults, murder, and burglary, has been significantly reduced. Unfortunately, auto theft, shoplifting, and theft from vehicles have increased. In comparison to neighboring jurisdictions, our increase in property crimes is not as alarming. These crimes can be prevented by being smart...lock your car, keep valuables out of sight, remove keys from unattended vehicles, and properly secure your homes and businesses.
- \* Our Mental Health Evaluation Team & motor officer contingent were again the recipients of prestigious awards this year.
- \* We have also been awarded Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants to prepare for, and respond to, major emergency incidents. Because of our training, equipment, and mutual-aid system, we are well-prepared to manage natural & terrorist-related incidents.
- \* Additionally, among many other grants that were awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, we received an award to add an Administrative Analyst for two years to our now renowned Mental Health Evaluation Team.
- \* We again conducted multiple Community Academies this year, which were well-attended and lauded by the participants. Please be reminded that we are capable of conducting classes in English, Spanish, Armenian, and for the deaf/hard of hearing.

We are here for the entire community. Please contact our Community Outreach and Personnel Services (COPS) Bureau to start a Neighborhood Watch program, receive crime prevention training, discuss neighborhood issues, etc. Contact: Officer Joshua Kendrick @ [jkendrick@burbankca.gov](mailto:jkendrick@burbankca.gov).

Finally, we are actively recruiting qualified police officers (new recruits, as well as lateral candidates). If you know individuals with the heart to serve, great work ethic and integrity, exceptional interpersonal skills, among other characteristics, please contact our COPS Bureau Commander, Lieutenant Eric Deroian, @ [ederoian@burbankca.gov](mailto:ederoian@burbankca.gov).



## HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS



The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

### Shopping:

- ◆ Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- ◆ Dress casually and comfortably.
- ◆ Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- ◆ Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- ◆ Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- ◆ Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.



### ATM's:

- ◆ If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a police station, mall, or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- ◆ Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- ◆ Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.



### At Home:

- ◆ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- ◆ When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- ◆ Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- ◆ Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- ◆ Large displays of gifts should not be visible through the windows & doors of your home.
- ◆ When setting up a Christmas tree or other display, make sure doors & passageways are clear inside your home.
- ◆ Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- ◆ If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.
- ◆ Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.



### Driving:

- ◆ Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- ◆ If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- ◆ Avoid parking next to vans or trucks with camper shells.
- ◆ Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- ◆ Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- ◆ Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- ◆ Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- ◆ Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.
- ◆ When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- ◆ Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.



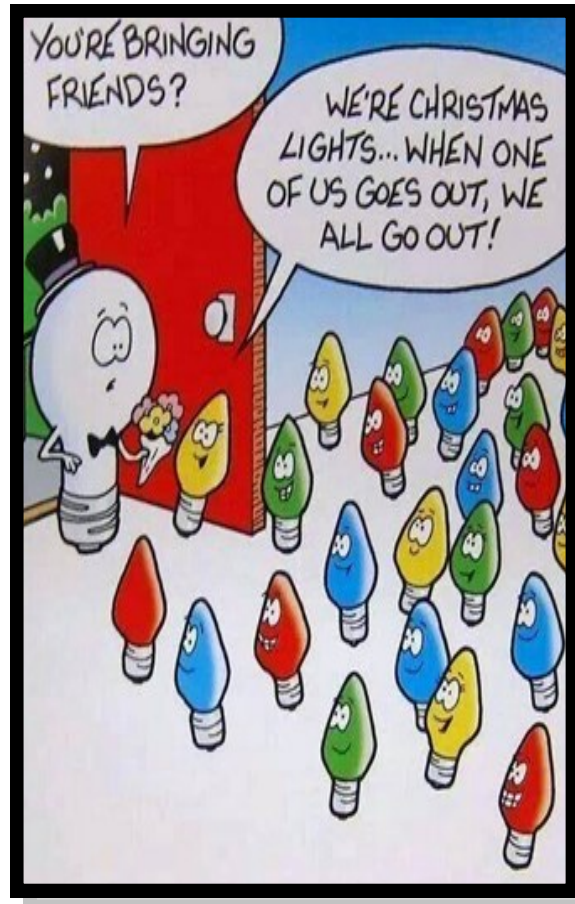
## Weekly Crime Statistics: November 2015

CRIME:	Nov 1-7:	Nov 8-14:	Nov 15-21:	Nov 22-28:	Nov 29-Dec 5:	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Robbery	3	2	0	0	3	48	48	0%
Aggravated Assaults	2	1	2	2	2	55	55	0%
Other Assaults	14	9	7	11	5	331	353	-6%
Burglary	2	6	8	4	6	266	278	-4%
Auto Theft	5	13	5	0	7	210	165	27%
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>32,368</b>	<b>31,862</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>RESPONSE TIMES:</b>								
* Priority 1	2:50 mins	0:00 mins	3:24 mins	3:57 mins	3:23 mins	3:25 mins	3:41 mins	-7%
** Priority 2	15:10 mins	13:20 mins	14:53 mins	12:38 mins	14:35 mins	13:47 mins	13:46 mins	0%

\* Life-threatening or violent crimes in progress    \*\* Average time for all other calls



## Holiday Humor





## 'SHOP WITH A COP'

On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, BPD Officers accompanied 25 less fortunate children on a shopping spree at Kmart®. Each child was presented with a gift card with a value of \$100, courtesy of the Burbank Noon Rotary, to purchase gifts for themselves and their families. The shopping spree concluded with food and drinks for the children and their parents which was provided by the BPD.



### MISSION STATEMENT & CORE VALUES OF THE BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our mission is to protect life and property, provide professional police services, and work in partnership with the community.

This is accomplished through adherence to our core values:

**RESPECT**

Protect the rights and dignity of all people as determined by the United States Constitution and the laws of the State of California

**INTEGRITY**

Commitment to ethical behavior and acceptance of individual responsibility and accountability for all our actions and decisions

**EXCELLENCE**

Quality through continuous improvement