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**WISHING
EVERYONE A
JOYFUL AND
SAFE HOLIDAY
SEASON**

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DECEMBER 2014

NEWS AROUND BURBANK

POLICE CHIEF SCOTT LACHASSE: 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW



Congratulations to the people of Burbank, as well as the personnel of the Burbank Police Department (BPD), for another year in which numerous partnerships culminated in countless noteworthy successes! Crime and response times to emergency and routine calls are down once again. After several years of considerable work, the Burbank Police Department was awarded Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This coveted award is considered the highest standard of excellence in law enforcement. With the accreditation, the BPD becomes only the second municipal law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County to be accredited and joins an elite class of accredited police agencies that represent less than three percent of all police departments in the United States. In addition, the BPD's Dispatch Center became the second police communications operation in California to receive certification from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). This certification is only awarded to dispatch operations that comport to training and policy standards established by the NCMEC.

The Burbank Police Foundation, a unique combination of community leaders, civic and business representatives, and police management and labor leaders also sponsored multiple acclaimed community events during the year. The Foundation will sponsor a very special recognition ceremony in February 2015 to honor the meritorious performances of police personnel and community members. Another exciting development during the year was a commitment by the Foundation of the Verdugos to raise \$250,000 that will be dedicated to the DNA Lab jointly operated by the Burbank and Glendale Police Departments.

The year also witnessed several prestigious awards for the Department's Mental Health Evaluation Team, Traffic Bureau, DUI officers, as well as for the multi-disciplinary team that designed a very functional and contemporary Ford Explorer police fleet vehicle.

Once again, thank you to the Burbank community for your vigilance, involvement, support and continuing partnerships. By working hand-in-hand, we are achieving service excellence, transparency, and continuous improvement.

WEEKLY CRIME STATS - NOVEMBER 2014

CRIME:	Nov 2-8:	Nov 9-15:	Nov 16-22:	Nov 23-29	Nov 30-Dec 6	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	2	2	0	2	1	49	48	2%
Aggravated Assaults	0	2	1	2	0	55	86	-36%
Other Assaults	8	7	10	7	5	354	336	5%
Burglary	5	5	5	4	5	278	274	1%
Auto Theft	3	3	3	2	8	165	208	-21%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	826	844	797	753	793	41,635	41,617	0%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	3:33 mins	3:51 mins	3:23 mins	5:00 mins	4:54 mins	3:41 mins	4:22 mins	-16%
** Priority 2	11:38 mins	13:11 mins	13:34 mins	12:28 mins	12:35 mins	13:46 mins	14:54 mins	-8%

* Life threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS AROUND THE HOUSE

Fireplaces:

Do not try to burn evergreens or wreaths in the fireplace or in a wood stove to dispose of them. They are likely to flare out of control and send flames and smoke into the room. Also, do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace because it often contains metallic materials which can be toxic if burned.

Candles:

Never use lighted candles on or near trees, curtains/drapes, or with any potentially flammable item.

Plants:

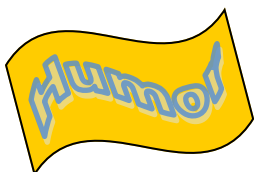
Many plants can cause severe stomach problems. Plants to watch out for include: mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry, and amaryllis. Keep all of these plants out of children's reach.

Christmas Trees:

1. Cut off about 2 inches of the trunk and keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly.
2. Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways.
3. If you use an artificial tree, choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

Tree Lights and Ornaments:

1. Only use indoor lights indoors (and outdoor lights only outdoors). Also, use no more than 3 light sets on any one extension cord. Extension cords should be placed against the wall to avoid tripping hazards, but do not run cords under rugs.
2. Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.
3. Avoid placing breakable tree ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches where small children or pets can reach them.
4. Do not hang popcorn chains and candy canes on the tree when small children are present. They may think that other tree ornaments are also edible.



CRIME PREVENTION: MORE THAN A HOLIDAY ACTIVITY



With the holidays rapidly approaching, our thoughts turn to buying, giving and receiving gifts, visiting friends and family. However, there are others whose thoughts are occupied with unattended electronic/appliance-filled houses or apartments, distracted shoppers with extra cash in a purse or wallet, or the next “con job” in the name of Christmas charity.

Here are a few general tips to keep yourself and your property safe during and after the holiday season.

If you are traveling:

- ⇒ Put an automatic timer on your lights.
- ⇒ Ask a neighbor to check up on your home.
- ⇒ Don't forget to have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped.
- ⇒ Sign up for email and text alert systems at your police department to stay in touch if you may be away during the holidays.



If you are out of the house:

- * Turn on lights and music or the TV so it looks as if someone is home.
- * Be sure that your doors and windows are locked.
- * Don't display your gifts where they can be seen from the outside.
- * If you plan to have packages delivered to your home, make sure you are home to accept them. If not, ask a neighbor or ask that the package be sent to the nearest post office.



If you are shopping online:

- ◆ Shop with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you're not familiar with it.
- ◆ Be sure you or someone from your family or a trusted neighbor is home when a purchase is being delivered.



If you are shopping at a mall or a store:

- ◇ Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- ◇ Park in a well-lighted space.
- ◇ Be sure to lock your car, close windows, hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- ◇ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; use a check or credit card whenever possible.
- ◇ Call to cancel missing and stolen credit and debit cards immediately.
- ◇ Make sure to complete warranty and/or product registration forms and mail them out as soon as possible since they may provide some kind of protection or replacement value if your property is stolen.
- ◇ Don't overburden yourself with packages.
- ◇ Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body in the front. If you are carrying a wallet, place it in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- ◇ If shopping with kids, have a plan in case you get separated. For the older children, have a central meeting spot designated. For the younger children, teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated. Be sure they know your name (not just mommy and daddy), cell phone number, and their address. Go over the dangers of strangers with them so they know who not to talk to or follow.
- ◇ Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly scratch it out.
- ◇ Double check that you have your credit cards and checkbook after you pay for your items.



If a crime is committed, make sure to report it immediately. Do not give a thief any chances this year. Practice safe crime prevention measures not only during and after the holidays, make them a habit for life.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

THE BPD'S HEROES AND HELPERS EVENT



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 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