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**COMING  
EVENTS**

- **POLICE  
COMMISSION  
MEETING,  
WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 19,  
2014 AT  
6:00 PM**

**INCLUDED IN  
NEWSLETTER**

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SCAMS**
- **FEATURE OF THE  
MONTH:  
CAPTAIN  
DENIS CREMINS**



**NEWS AROUND BURBANK**

**FEBRUARY 2014**

**SPOTLIGHT!**

**Two Suspects Arrested for Multiple Offenses**



Officers Fekety and Macias were working uniformed patrol. While driving in the 100 block of S. Lamer St., they observed a male near the front door of a residence. Based on previous contacts at the residence, both officers were familiar with the residents and knew that the suspect did not live there. They stopped their patrol car and exited to speak with him.

The male said he did not live at the residence and was there to pick up his laptop computer. The male provided the officers with his ID, and stated "That's my friend's car," referring to a white truck in front of the house with a passenger inside. Officer Fekety contacted the female passenger, who admitted to smoking narcotics prior to coming to the house. Officer Macias conducted a records check of the vehicle, and was informed that the vehicle was reported stolen. As other officers were dispatched to assist, they were able to safely place both parties into handcuffs pending an investigation. Sergeant Misquez and Officers Brady, Scott, and Kay arrived to assist.

The vehicle was impounded, and during an inventory search of the vehicle, officers located an assortment of tools and equipment generally used by burglary suspects, a suitcase containing personal ID information (social security cards, birth certificates, belonging to other individuals, etc.), laptops, a small container with suspected narcotics inside, and ammunition.

Both parties were placed under arrest for driving a stolen vehicle, being in possession of narcotics, burglary tools and stolen property, and for the possession of several articles consistent with identity theft.

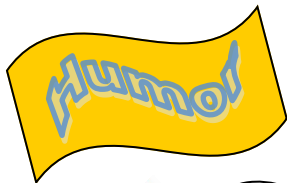
# WEEKLY CRIME STATS - JANUARY 2014

CRIME:	Dec 29-Jan 4	Jan 5-11	Jan 12-18	Jan 19-25	Jan 26-Feb 1	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	0	2	3	2	0	7	3	133%
Aggravated Assaults	0	2	2	2	1	7	11	-36%
Other Assaults	7	7	4	5	5	28	36	-22%
Burglary	2	5	9	5	6	26	29	-10%
Auto Theft	5	3	1	2	5	14	19	-26%
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>3,605</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>RESPONSE TIMES:</b>								
* Priority 1	4:03 mins	3:46 mins	3:13 mins	2:44 mins	3:18 mins	3:31 mins	3:47 mins	-7%
** Priority 2	13:09 mins	13:35 mins	16:03 mins	12:47 mins	16:02 mins	14:26 mins	15:20 mins	-6%
	* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress				** Average time for all other calls			

## DATER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

- I have the right to refuse a date without feeling guilty.
- I can ask for a date without feeling rejected or inadequate if the answer is no.
- I do not have to act macho.
- I may choose not to act seductively.
- If I don't want physical closeness, I have the right to say so.
- I have the right to start a relationship slowly, to say, "I want to know you better before I become involved."
- I have the right to be myself without changing to suit others.
- I have the right to change a relationship when my feelings change. I can say, "We used to be close, but I want something else now."
- If I am told a relationship is changing, I have the right not to blame or change myself to keep it going.
- I have the right to an equal relationship with my partner.
- I have the right not to dominate or to be dominated.
- I have the right to act one way with one person and a different way with someone else.
- I have the right to change my goals whenever I want to.

(Source: [www.ncpc.org/cms-upload/ncpc/File/billofrights.pdf](http://www.ncpc.org/cms-upload/ncpc/File/billofrights.pdf))



**THERE ARE 3 KINDS OF  
PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD  
THOSE WHO ARE GOOD AT MATH,  
AND THOSE WHO AREN'T**



# IRS Warns of Pervasive Telephone Scam



In October 2013, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) warned consumers about a sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, throughout the country. Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

"This scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every state in the country. We want to educate taxpayers so they can help protect themselves. Rest assured, we do not and will not ask for credit card numbers over the phone, nor request a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer," says IRS Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel. "If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and threatens police arrest, deportation or license revocation if you don't pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn't the IRS calling." Werfel noted that the first IRS contact with taxpayers on a tax issue is likely to occur via mail.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- ◆ Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- ◆ Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number.
- ◆ Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- ◆ Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- ◆ Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- ◆ After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1.800 829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue – if there really is such an issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration](#) at 1.800 366-4484.
- If you've been targeted by this scam, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "[FTC Complaint Assistant](#)" at [FTC.gov](#). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

More information on how to [report phishing scams](#) involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, [IRS.gov](#).

(Source: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Warns-of-Pervasive-Telephone-Scam>)

# FEATURE OF THE MONTH

## CAPTAIN DENIS J. CREMINS INVESTIGATION DIVISION



Captain Cremins joined the Burbank Police Department (BPD) in August, 2010, and assumed command of the Investigation Division. In his role as the Commanding Officer of the Investigation Division, Captain Cremins has oversight responsibility for the Detective Bureau, the Forensics Bureau, and the Crime Analysis Unit. The primary responsibility of the Investigation Division is to conduct high quality follow-up investigations as well as to recover, preserve, and analyze evidence connected with criminal acts. The Investigation Division also provides direct support to the detective and patrol functions through the capture, analysis, and dissemination of crime data.

As a collateral duty, Captain Cremins has oversight responsibility for the Reserve Officer Program. Shortly after his arrival, Captain Cremins spearheaded the effort to reinvigorate the Police Chaplain Program. His efforts have paid off over the past three years, as there are currently four chaplains and a fifth chaplain candidate in the background process.

Prior to serving the citizens of Burbank, Captain Cremins enjoyed a successful 36-year career with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). While a member of the LAPD, Captain Cremins worked a wide variety of patrol, investigative, and administrative assignments. He retired in 2009 from the LAPD as the commanding officer of the Robbery-Homicide Division.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Captain Cremins holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration from California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA), and an M.P.A. from the University of Southern California (USC). He is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Institute, the Delinquency Control Institute, and the West Point Leadership and Command Program. He also successfully completed a year-long Fellowship at the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime in Quantico, Virginia. He was a regular instructor for over 20 years in numerous LAPD schools and has been a guest lecturer at several colleges and universities on various topics such as leadership, investigative techniques, and violent crime issues.

Captain Cremins currently serves on the Board of Directors of both the Los Angeles Police Museum and the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association.

**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**