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**COMING
EVENTS**

- POLICE COMMISSION MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014 AT 6:00PM

**INCLUDED IN
NEWSLETTER**

- SPOTLIGHT!
- CRIME STATS
- HUMOR
- PUBLIC INFORMATION:
 - PROTECT YOURSELF FROM VIOLENT CRIME
 - THE HAZARDS OF EXCESSIVE HEAT
- FEATURE OF THE MONTH: THE BPD's PROPERTY ROOM

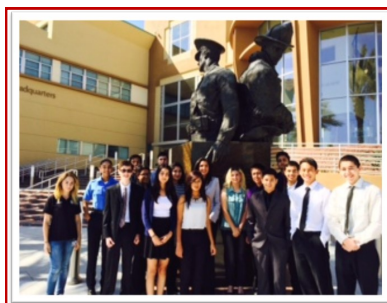


NEWS AROUND BURBANK

JULY 2014

SPOTLIGHT!

YOUTH ACADEMY GRADUATION: JULY 3, 2014



The Burbank Police Department's Youth Academy is an annual 5-week/4 hours a day course for students 14-17 years-of-age. The goal of the academy is to help the students prepare for a challenging career in law enforcement. In addition to the lectures, the course included physical training and mock job interviews. A total of 15 teens graduated the academy which was conducted by Officers Cindy Guillen and Joshua Kendrick. Students Yasmin Garcia and Jonathan Melara were nominated as the class speakers following the welcome speech by Police Chief Scott LaChasse.



WEEKLY CRIME STATS - JUNE 2014

CRIME:	June 1-7	June 8-14	June 15-21	June 22-28	June 29-July 5	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	1	0	0	2	0	27	31	-13%
Aggravated Assaults	0	2	2	0	0	31	55	-44%
Other Assaults	7	10	5	5	5	168	194	-13%
Burglary	7	5	5	1	3	159	159	0%
Auto Theft	4	2	2	3	3	91	113	-19%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	913	902	892	848	922	22,464	22,544	0%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	2:52 mins	3:42 mins	3:53 mins	3:46 mins	2:20 mins	3:43mins	4:34 mins	-19%
** Priority 2	13:53 mins	15:50 mins	14:51 mins	15:02 mins	14:33 mins	14:14 mins	15:04 mins	-6%

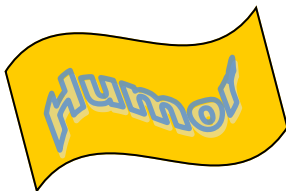
* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM VIOLENT CRIME

- ◆ Don't walk or jog early in the morning or late at night when the streets are deserted.
- ◆ When out at night, try to have a friend walk with you.
- ◆ Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
- ◆ Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as pagers, cell phones, hand-held electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing.
- ◆ If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. If the person continues to follow you, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant or a lighted house. Don't be afraid to yell for help.
- ◆ Try to park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores, and people.
- ◆ Make sure you have your key out as you approach your door.
- ◆ Always lock your car, even if it's in your own driveway; never leave your motor running.
- ◆ Do everything you can to keep a stranger from getting into your car or to keep a stranger from forcing you into his or her car.
- ◆ If a dating partner has abused you, do not meet him or her alone. Do not let him or her in your home or car when you are alone.
- ◆ If you are a battered spouse, call the police or sheriff immediately. Assault is a crime, whether committed by a stranger or your spouse or any other family member. If you believe that you and your children are in danger, call a crisis hotline or a health center (the police can also make a referral) and leave immediately.
- ◆ If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up your life.
- ◆ If you are robbed or assaulted, report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent someone else from becoming a victim.

(Source: <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/violent-crime>)





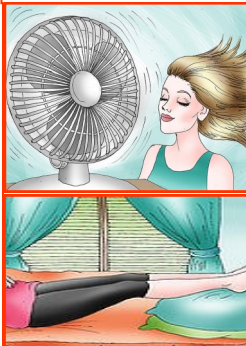
The Hazards of Excessive Heat



Working or playing in hot temperatures can trigger a variety of medical emergencies. Everyone is susceptible to heat-related illnesses in a warm environment, even athletes in superb condition. Heat illnesses occur when the body's own cooling mechanisms become overloaded. During the dog days of summer, it is especially important to pay close attention to symptoms that could indicate a heat-related emergency and know how to treat them before they become critical.



Heat cramps are muscular pains and spasms that occur when the body loses electrolytes like calcium and sodium. These minerals are needed by the body to perform a variety of functions and are lost with water in perspiration. Heat cramps usually begin in the arms, legs or abdomen, and often worsen without treatment. Treatment is to rest in a cooler place, lightly stretch the affected muscle and drink water. If individuals suffering heat cramps are not treated, their condition could progress to heat exhaustion.



Heat exhaustion victims will perspire profusely and are most likely to be pale with a body temperature near normal (98.6°F). Treatment involves resting in a cooler place, removing or loosening any tight-fitting clothing, and applying cool, wet cloths to exposed areas, especially the head. If the person is conscious, give cool water to drink. Let the victim rest in a comfortable position and watch carefully for changes in his or her condition. If left untreated, heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.



Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related injury. It occurs when the brain has lost its ability to send messages to the body to regulate temperature. Those suffering from heat stroke have dry, hot, red skin, extreme confusion, a rapid, weak pulse, shallow breathing, temperatures as high as 105°F, and may lose consciousness. Heat stroke victims need professional emergency care quickly. Call 9-1-1 immediately! While waiting for help to arrive, have the person lie down in a cool place with their legs elevated. Loosen or remove sweat-soaked and tight-fitting clothing. Apply cool cloths or ice packs to the armpits, wrists, ankles and groin. Offer cool water only when the person is fully conscious.



Remember, both people and pets can suffer a heat-related injury. Reduce the risk by following these tips:

- ⚙ Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- ⚙ Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity in the sun, particularly during the hottest part of the day.
- ⚙ Drink plenty of water regularly. Hydration is especially important before and during any activity in hot temperatures. Your body needs water to keep cool. Drinks with caffeine or alcohol are not a substitute for water because they cause the body to lose more water than they contain.
- ⚙ Do not leave children or pets in vehicles in warm temperatures, even if the windows are open.
- ⚙ Make sure pets have plenty of water and areas of shade to which they can retreat. Do not over-exercise and keep them indoors when extremely hot. Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- ⚙ Giving your dog a lightweight summer haircut helps prevent overheating. Shave down to a one-inch length, never to the skin, so your dog still has some protection from the sun. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. As far as skin care, be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

THE BPD'S PROPERTY ROOM



The Property and Evidence Unit is part of the Support Services Bureau. The Unit is staffed with three full-time Police Technicians and overseen by a Police Sergeant. The main function of the Property and Evidence Room is to preserve and store all evidence and property in a controlled and secure environment. Controlling and documenting the chain of custody for court is critical to ensure court admissibility. After an officer or employee books a piece of property, it is up to the Police Technician to verify that the packaging is appropriate and accurately documented. The

item is then transferred to an appropriate area where it can be stored until released to the owner, admitted as evidence in court, or eventually destroyed according to applicable law and Department policy. Should any change occur to the item or its environment, that change is documented.

The Property and Evidence Room maintains control of the chain of custody utilizing the FileOnQ evidence management system. Every item removed from the Property and Evidence Room is electronically signed out on the system using an electronic signature pad. Currently there are more than 40,000 pieces of evidence and property housed by the Burbank Police Department. The Property and Evidence Unit staff takes great pride in safeguarding all property and evidence that enters into its domain.

The Police Technicians assigned to the Property and Evidence Room are kept up to date on laws and new procedures through their affiliation professional organizations such as the California Association of Property and Evidence and International Association of Property and Evidence.

Along with their preservation and storage duties, the Police Technicians also handle the release and disposal of property and evidence, as well as the transfer of evidence for laboratory testing. Property releases to the public are handled Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

**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