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Burbank Police Department Monthly Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

- POLICE COMMISSION MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014 AT 6:00PM
- APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER

- SPOTLIGHT!
- CRIME STATS
- HUMOR
- PUBLIC INFORMATION:
 - BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE
 - UNDERSTANDING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- FEATURE OF THE MONTH: THE BPD'S CAPTAIN RON CARUSO



NEWS AROUND BURBANK

MARCH 2014

SPOTLIGHT!

Runaway Juvenile Located



Officers Burrows and Downs were travelling near the 2500 block of N. Glenoaks Blvd., where they observed a male yelling upwards towards the window of a nearby apartment.



When the male saw their patrol vehicle, he began walking away from them. The officers caught up with the male and asked him what he was doing in the area. He stated he was "just hanging out."

The juvenile informed the officers he was on probation for vandalism. During a search of the male, Officer Downs located a purple lighter, two black "Sharpie" markers, and a pen cap that had suspected marijuana residue inside of it. Officers Burrows and Downs placed the juvenile under arrest for 594.2 PC (possession of vandalism tools) and 308(B) PC (minor in possession of tobacco paraphernalia) and transported him to the BPD station.

A records check revealed the juvenile was a reported Runaway from the LAPD Van Nuys Division. The juvenile was cited and released to his guardian.

Upcoming DEA Drug Take-Back Event



On Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 10am to 2pm, the Burbank Police Department, in conjunction with the DEA, will conduct its 8th annual drug take-back event. If you have any expired or unwanted medications, this is an excellent opportunity to get rid of them. The event will take place in the parking lot behind the Police/Fire Department.

WEEKLY CRIME STATS - FEBRUARY 2013

CRIME:	Jan 26-Feb 1	Feb 2-8	Feb 9-15	Feb 16-22	Feb 23-Mar 1	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	0	1	4	1	0	14	9	56%
Aggravated Assaults	1	0	2	1	1	11	19	-42%
Other Assaults	5	7	6	8	11	60	62	-3%
Burglary	6	8	14	9	4	62	50	24%
Auto Theft	5	6	0	1	2	23	42	-45%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	776	790	884	802	816	6,897	6,947	-1%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	3:18 mins	6:11 mins	3:07 mins	3:38 mins	3:06 mins	3:34 mins	3:48 mins	3%
** Priority 2	16:02 mins	15:01 mins	16:02 mins	14:42 mins	14:09 mins	19:00 mins	20:19 mins	1%

* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls



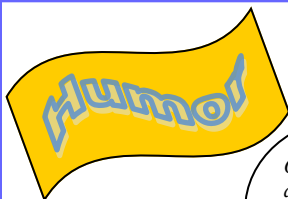
Battle of the Badges Blood Drive 2014



The Battle of the Badges blood drive is hosted by the American Red Cross involving hundreds of law enforcement and public safety agencies across the Western United States. The event began in 2007 in Southern California as an opportunity for badge-carrying personnel to positively impact the community by competing in a friendly blood drive competition. In 6 short years, the program has grown extraordinarily into what has become the nation's largest and most successful law-enforcement blood drive, thanks to the generosity of safety personnel and the public.

Each day, the Red Cross must collect enough blood to meet patient needs at hundreds of local hospitals and trauma centers. This initiative is strategically held at the beginning of the year, which is a time when community blood supplies typically drop to dangerously low levels.

On February 18, 2014, at the City of Burbank's Community Services Building, approximately 50 people took part in the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive in conjunction with the Burbank Police Department. Thank you to those who participated!



Oh my, he didn't think that one through!



Yes officer, I did see the 'speed limit' sign, I just didn't see you.



Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect



It is estimated that at least 2 out of every 10 girls, and 1 out of every 10 boys are sexually abused by the age of thirteen. Most children who are sexually abused are abused by a family member, babysitter, or close friend; "stranger danger," by comparison, is quite rare.

In addition to the impact on the child and family, child abuse and neglect affects the community as a whole, including medical and mental health, law enforcement, judicial, public social services, and nonprofit agencies, as they respond to incidents and support victims. One analysis of the immediate and long-term economic impact of child abuse and neglect suggests that child maltreatment costs the nation approximately \$220 million every day or \$80 billion per year.

There are 4 major types of child maltreatment. Although many of the forms may be found separately, they often occur together. Each state is responsible for establishing its own definitions of child abuse and neglect that meet Federal minimum standards. Most include the following:

- Neglect is failure to provide for a child's basic needs.
Symptoms: Signs of malnutrition; poor hygiene; unattended physical or medical problems
- Physical abuse is physical injury as a result of hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, or otherwise harming a child
Symptoms: Unexplained bruises, burns, or welts, child appears frightened of parent or caregiver
- Sexual abuse is any situation where a child is used for sexual gratification. This may include indecent exposure, fondling, rape, or commercial exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials
Symptoms: Pain, bleeding, redness, or swelling in anal or genital area; age-inappropriate sexual play with toys, self, or others; age-inappropriate knowledge of sex
- Emotional abuse is any pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth, including constant criticism, threats, and rejection
Symptoms: Extremes in behavior, ranging from overly aggressive to overly passive; delayed physical, emotional, or intellectual development

Child abuse and neglect affect children of every age, race, and family income level. Studies have shown that when multiple risk factors are present, the risk is greater. At greater risk are young mothers and fathers unprepared for the responsibilities of raising a child; overwhelmed single parents with little support; and families placed under stress by poverty, divorce, or a child's disability. Some families are stressed by worries about foreclosure, employment, health, substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence, or other problems. Some are simply unaware of how to care for their children's basic needs.

The trauma of child abuse or neglect has been associated with increased risk of:

- Depression and suicide attempts
- Substance abuse
- Developmental disabilities and learning problems
- Social problems with other children and with adults
- Teen pregnancy
- Lack of success in school
- Domestic violence
- Chronic illnesses, including heart disease, cancer, and chronic lung disease, among others

Anyone can and should report suspected child abuse or neglect. If you think a child is being mistreated, take immediate action. Most States have a toll-free number for reporting. You can also call the Child help® National Child Abuse Hotline at: 1 800 422-4453. When you call to make a report, you will be asked for specific information; reporting the situation may protect the child and get additional help for the family.

(Source: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/guide2013>)

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

CAPTAIN RON CARUSO SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



The Support Services Division is commanded by Captain Ron Caruso. The Division consists of bureaus and units that provide logistical and personnel services and support for the other divisions of the Department. The Record Bureau, the Animal Shelter, Property and Evidence Section, Communications, Parking Citation Management, Building Maintenance, Internal Affairs Bureau, and Jail support the law enforcement mission of the Department.

In his current assignment, Captain Caruso has led or managed a variety of successful projects. To name a few, advancing the Communications Center to become the second California agency certified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, drafting the current Strategic Plan, editing and working in collaboration with the Police Officers' Association for adoption of an entirely new policy manual (Lexipol), rewrite of the Jail Manual and Animal Shelter Manual, revisions of several MOU's with support agencies as well as building enhancements such as a \$150,000.00 remodel of the Communications Center, replacement of the Department's evidence lockers, and the addition of a surgical room to the Animal Shelter.

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