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**POINTS OF  
INTEREST**

- POLICE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 (Revised Date) / APRIL 20, 2016 at 6:00PM
- EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

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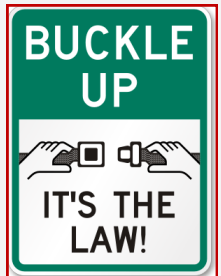
**TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS FOR SPRING BREAK**



Spring Break is approaching and many people will take to the highway to visit friends and family over the holiday. Roads will be busier than usual. The following are a few travel tips everyone can follow to get to their destination safely.

**Steps to Highway Safety:**

- Be well rested & alert. Make frequent stops and rotate drivers.
- Get your vehicle ready - clean the headlights, taillights, turn signals & windows.
- Buckle up, slow down, don't drive impaired.
- Observe speed limits, follow the rules of the road, use caution in work zones.
- Don't follow another vehicle too closely.
- Pay attention - avoid distractions such as cell phones.
- Turn the headlights on as dusk approaches or in bad weather.
- If you have car trouble, pull off the road as far as possible.



**Travel Preparedness Tips:**

- Don't let your vehicle's fuel get too low.
- Carry a Disaster Supply kit in your trunk.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- Pay attention to the weather forecast for your destination and find out what disasters may occur there.
- Download the Red Cross app which contains important information for different types of weather disasters and how to handle first aid emergencies.



(Source: <http://www.redcross.org>)

## SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES: ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS CAN MEAN OFFLINE PERIL



One thing is for sure: teens love the new myriad of online social networking sites. In fact, there are tens of millions of registered users. But, as with just about any kind of cyberspace communication, there are risks involved. And you should know what they are.



**What are social networking sites exactly?** They are websites that encourage people to post profiles of themselves, complete with pictures, interests, and even journals, so they can meet like-minded friends. Most also offer chat rooms. Most sites are free; some restrict membership by age.



**So what's the problem?** These sites can be appealing to child sexual predators, too: all that easy and immediate access to information on potential victims. Even worse, kids want to look cool, so they sometimes post suggestive photos of themselves on the sites.

**How pervasive is the problem?** Even with all the media attention on the dangers of social networking, the FBI still receives hundreds of complaints per year about children who have been victims of criminal incidents on social networks. These incidents include but are not limited to:

- \* Adults posing as children who are about the same age as the victim who later travel to abuse the child.
- \* Adults posing as children who convince the child to expose themselves and/or perform sexual acts over webcam and later extort the child to perform additional acts.

Social networking websites often ask users to post a profile with their age, gender, hobbies, and interests. While these profiles help kids connect and share common interests, individuals who want to victimize kids can use those online profiles to search for potential victims.

What can you do to keep your children safe, especially if they are visiting networking sites?

Most importantly, be aware and involved:

- ◆ Monitor your children's use of the Internet.
- ◆ Tell your kids why it's so important not to disclose personal information online.
- ◆ Check your kids' profiles and what they post online.
- ◆ Explain to your kids that once images are posted online they lose control of them and can never get them back.
- ◆ Only allow your kids to post photos or any type of personally identifying information on websites with your knowledge and consent.
- ◆ Remind kids to only add people they know in real life to their contact lists.
- ◆ Talk to your kids about creating strong passwords.
- ◆ Ask your kids about the people they are communicating with online.



# Weekly Crime Statistics: February 2016

CRIME:	Jan 31-Feb 6:	Feb 7-13:	Feb 14-20:	Feb 21-27:	Feb 28-Mar 5:	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% Change
Robbery	1	0	1	0	2	8	9	-11%
Aggravated Assaults	1	4	2	4	2	20	11	82%
Other Assaults	5	7	5	5	5	66	63	5%
Burglary	10	9	7	21	13	89	52	71%
Auto Theft	3	11	4	6	2	41	37	11%
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>7,559</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>RESPONSE TIMES:</b>								
* Priority 1	2:42 mins	4:09 mins	3:23 mins	3:10 mins	2:24 mins	3:11 mins	3:21 mins	-5%
** Priority 2	13:13 mins	16:12 mins	13:08 mins	14:40 mins	15:34 mins	14:16 mins	13:32 mins	5%

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



## BPD ENGLISH COMMUNITY ACADEMY SPRING CLASS

The BPD's English Community Academy spring class #30 is now open for enrollment for people who live or work in the City of Burbank. The academy is a terrific opportunity for the BPD to reach out to its diverse community and give a behind-the-scenes look at the personnel and operations of the Department.

For 9 weeks, participants interact with officers from various bureaus and assignments within the department e.g. the criminal justice system, training, traffic control, animal control, reserve program, patrol and detective functions, air support unit, Special Weapons and Tactics Team, police K-9s, and much more. Participants who graduate from the Community Academy may be eligible to become a BPD volunteer.

The academy will take place on Thursday evenings, commencing Thursday, April 7, 2016, and concluding June 2, 2016. The meetings start at 6:30pm through approximately 9:00pm, at the Burbank Police Station. There is no charge for the Community Academy. Applicants are subject to a background check.

Applications may be picked up at the Police Department, or downloaded from the [Police Department web-site](#), and should be returned no later than **Friday, April 1, 2016**. Please print legibly! Space is limited.



If a police officer arrests a mime, does he need to tell him he has the right to remain silent.





**BURBANK POLICE  
FOUNDATION**



## Apply for the Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Today!

### OUR PURPOSE

The Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka, who was killed in the line of duty on November 15, 2003.

The purpose of the Matthew Pavelka Scholarship is:

- to provide an award for high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding effort to pursue a vocational goal
- to motivate students to dedicate themselves more thoroughly and responsibly to their education or training
- to encourage students to strive for excellence and distinction in whatever they undertake.

### RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must have applied or be about to apply for admission to an accredited college or university as a fully matriculated student to pursue a four-year degree in secondary education.

Applicant must also be a graduating high-school senior from: Bellarmine-Jefferson High School, Burbank High School, John Burroughs High School, Monterey High School, Providence High School, or the dependent of a Burbank Police Officers' Association current active or retired member.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

(6) \$1,000 Scholarships Available

### THE MATTHEW PAVELKA FUND

*The Burbank Police Foundation Matthew Pavelka Fund was established after Officer Matthew Pavelka was tragically murdered on November 15, 2003, and Officer Greg Campbell was gravely wounded. In that one instance of brutal gun violence, an entire community was devastated. Less than 24 hours after the incident, our community's unbelievable generosity began to pour in. The businesses and residents of Burbank and the surrounding communities' kindness and support was overwhelming. The Burbank Police Foundation established a fund for the donations.*

*There was never a question as to the career path that Officer Matthew Pavelka would follow. After high school he joined the Air Force - only because he was too young to enroll in a police academy. He served for five years as a military policeman, received an associate of arts degree in criminal justice, and was intent on further pursuing his education in his chosen field, until he was tragically killed while performing his duty.*



### HOW TO APPLY:

Eligible students may obtain scholarship applications from their school counselor or advisor. For additional information, or to donate to the Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Fund, please contact the Burbank Police Foundation at 818-237-9032 or visit our website at [burbankpolicefoundation.org](http://burbankpolicefoundation.org).

The Burbank Police Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organized and supported by Burbank residents, the local business community and members of the Burbank Police Department, independent of the City of Burbank. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Our Tax I.D. is 72-1688601.