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BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Burbank Police Read Across America With Elementary School Students

Burbank Police Officers joined the effort to *Read Across America* on March 1 to stress the importance of reading for young children.

Over the course of several hours, officers visited several elementary schools in Burbank, where they read books to classrooms ranging in age from kindergarten to fifth grade.

One of the themes of this year's read-in was "*Oh, the Places You'll Go!*" in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Aside from Burbank Police Officers, several other city officials, city council members, parents, community members, school district employees and firefighters participated in the annual event.

The Read Across America event was developed by the National Education Association to motivate children and stress that reading is an important factor in student achievement.



BPD Baker 2 Vegas Relay Team Secures 5th Place Finish

March 23, 2019 marked the start of this year's Baker 2 Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race. Once again, the Burbank Police Department competed against teams composed of other law enforcement officers from all over Southern California. The annual 19-stage, 120-mile relay race started near the town of Baker, California and ended in the City of Las Vegas.

The Baker 2 Vegas race is known for its steep climbs, cold temperatures, and sometimes treacherous conditions as participants run day and night to reach the finish line.

This year, Team Burbank completed the race in 16 hours and 56 minutes, finishing in fifth place out of nine teams in their category. This finish was enough to earn the coveted Baker 2 Vegas "Mug," with an overall placing of 108 out of 284 teams.

The Burbank Police Baker 2 Vegas Team would like to thank everyone who supported this year's race effort, including the Burbank Police Command Staff, Burbank Police Officers' Association, support staff and volunteers, those who picked up extra shifts to allow officers to participate, and community members who donated to support the team's participation.



Pictured above are several runners and support staff members of the 2019 Burbank Police B2V Team, shortly after crossing the finish line.



CRIME STATS: February 2019

Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Petty Theft	Auto Theft
9	5	16	184	16
Total Calls for Service: 3,495				
Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): 3:39				
Avg. Response Times (All Calls): 17:06				
Traffic Citations: 615 Arrests: 387				
<i>For a complete listing of FBI UCR crime reporting statistics, please visit burbankpd.org or https://ucr.fbi.gov.</i>				



SAVE THE DATE: April 25, 2019

Burbank Police Foundation's 5th Annual Burbank Police Awards Luncheon

Marriott Burbank Airport
2500 N. Hollywood Way / Burbank, CA 91505

11:00 am
Registration

11:30 am-1:30 pm
Lunch & Program

\$85 / ticket



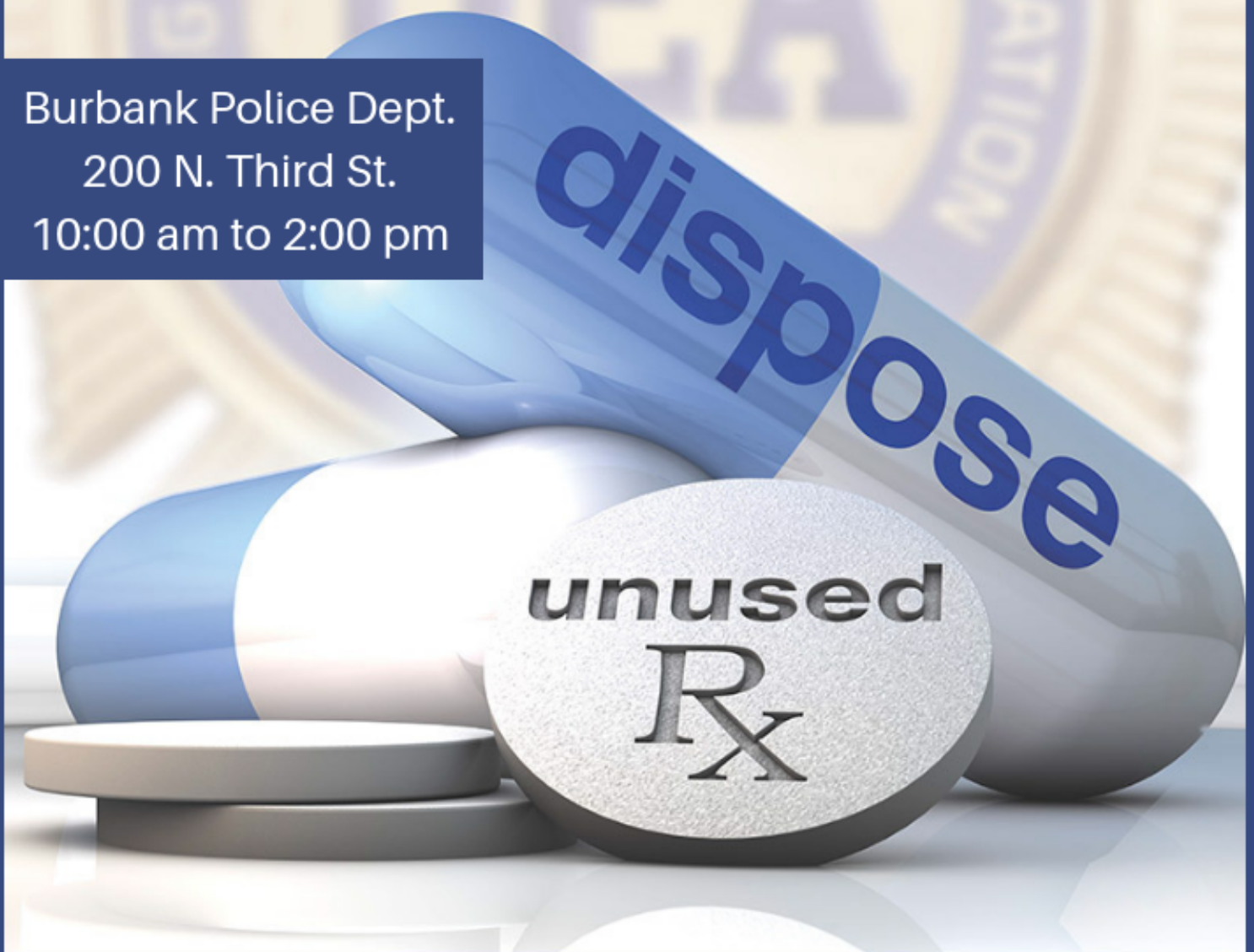
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

National Prescription Drug **TAKE BACK DAY**

Turn in your unused or expired
prescription medication
for safe disposal.*

April 27, 2019

Burbank Police Dept.
200 N. Third St.
10:00 am to 2:00 pm



For more information please visit www.dea.gov.

* Please do not bring liquids, needles or other sharps for drop-off

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

In the smartphone age, people are more connected than ever before, but also trying to stay connected when they shouldn't: behind the wheel. Distracted driving is anything that takes your eyes or mind off the road, or hands off the steering wheel – especially when texting or using your phone. The Burbank Police Department is encouraging all drivers to *Silence the Distraction*.



Using your cell phone while driving is not only dangerous, but also illegal. In California, you cannot use a cell phone or similar electronic communication device while holding it in your hand. You can only use it in a hands-free manner, such as speaker phone or voice commands, but never while holding it. Any driver under the age of 18 is prohibited from using a cell phone for any reason.

Engaging in distracting behaviors with a phone like dialing, talking, or texting increases the risk of being involved in a collision by three times. The California Office of Traffic Safety emphasizes that all functions of a phone can be distracting: using an app, shuffling through music or playing videos, looking at social media, maps, or photos. They are all dangerous and illegal when you are driving, and the safest thing drivers can do is put down the phone and Just Drive!

REMEMBER:

- If you receive a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location, but 'never' on a freeway. Once you are safely off the road and stopped, it is safe to text.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.
- Cell phone use can be habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your final destination.
- Other serious driver distractions such as eating, grooming, reading, reaching for objects on the floor, changing clothes or talking with passengers are just as dangerous and can result in a "reckless driving" or "speed unsafe for conditions" ticket.



*The information above was furnished by the California Office of Traffic Safety.
For more information and resources, visit www.gosafelyca.org*

JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF
**National
Police Week
& FIRE SERVICE DAY**
MAY 11, 2019
9AM-2PM
POLICE & FIRE HEADQUARTERS
200 N. THIRD ST., BURBANK
FOR MORE INFO, CALL (818) 238-3223

Live Demonstrations

- ★ Food & Drinks
- ★ Live Entertainment
- ★ Kids' Activities & Family Fun
- ★ Fire Department Obstacle Course



COYOTE

Awareness

Coyotes are indigenous to the Verdugo Mountains and sightings of them in adjacent residential areas are common during this time of year. Typically, they are more active in the spring when caring for their young and in search of food and water. Coyotes are naturally fearful of humans, but they may become less apprehensive if given easy access to human food and garbage. The following precautions have been provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to assist residents in communities where coyotes frequent:

DO:

- Trim ground level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- Put garbage in tightly-closed containers that cannot be tipped over.
- Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.
- Bring pets in at night.
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry and other small pets.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Install motion-sensing lights or sprinklers around the house.
- Make loud noises if followed by a coyote. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.
- Ask your neighbors to follow these tips.

DON'T:

- Feed or attempt to tame coyotes.
- Leave small children or pets outside, unattended.
- Leave pet food outside.

Coyotes play a key role in the ecosystem by helping to keep rodent populations under control. Mindful consideration of the precautions listed above will create a manageable co-habitation between the City's residents and local wildlife.

For questions concerning this issue, please contact Burbank Animal Control, at (818) 238-3340.



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