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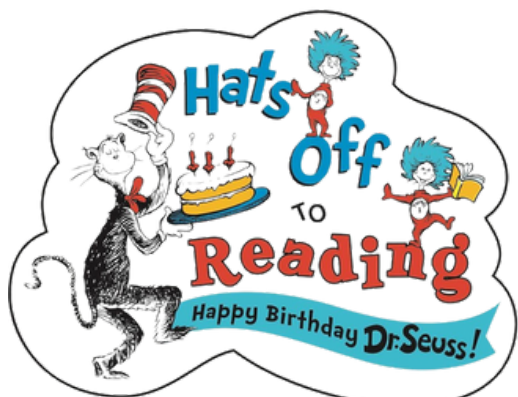
# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Newsletter | April 2022

### Burbank Police Read Across America With Elementary School Students

Burbank Police Officers joined the effort to *Read Across America* on March 2 to stress the importance of reading for young children.

National *Read Across America* Day was established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children’s book author Dr. Seuss. On National *Read Across America* Day, students, teachers, parents, and community members around the nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading.



# Leadership Burbank Community Festival

Members of the Burbank Police Department attended the Leadership Burbank Community Festival in support of the Class of 2022, which Burbank Police Lieutenant Henry Garay is a part of.

The Community Festival was held to help raise funds to support the class' "Mess Kitchen Project," which is a project to replace the existing out-of-date kitchen at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burbank - VFW Ship 8310. The "Mess Kitchen" is the heart of the VFW Hall, as it provides ongoing daily meals and support to the Burbank Community, especially the veterans.



**Support the Mess Kitchen Project here!**

**NOW HIRING**



**Join Our Team.  
Wear Our Badge.**

The Burbank Police Department is Now Hiring

Apply at [www.BurbankPD.org/Recruitment](http://www.BurbankPD.org/Recruitment)

## CRIME STATS: February 2022

Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Petty Theft	Auto Theft
6	20	12	203	24

Total Calls for Service: **3,140**

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): **2:38**

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): **16:55**

Arrests: **311**

For a complete listing of FBI UCR crime reporting statistics, please visit [burbankpd.org](http://burbankpd.org) or <https://ucr.fbi.gov>.

# 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.gosafely.ca.org](http://www.gosafely.ca.org)

# Traffic Enforcement & Education

The Burbank Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of the citizens in our community. Impairment, speeding, street racing, and other dangerous driving behaviors jeopardize the safety of other people on the road. We continue to enforce traffic laws with the goal of reducing collisions, educating the citizens in our community, and keeping our community safe. This is achieved through the establishment of preventative patrols to deal with specific categories of unlawful driving behavior.



Traffic enforcement strategies are based on collision data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. Several methods contribute to our overall goal:

arrests, citations, warnings, and education. Through these methods and efforts, we strive to educate our community on the importance of safe driving and we aim to keep our community safe.

## Traffic Bureau Stats: March 2022

DUI Arrests

24

Citations

753

Documented Collisions

69

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SPEEDS?

#### THE DANGERS OF SPEEDING:



Traffic fatalities related to vehicle crashes in the United States spiked 24% in 2020 compared to 2019, and 2021 is on the pace to be even worse.

#### SPEEDING CAN LEAD TO:



Reduction in reaction time to potential dangers



Greater loss of vehicle control



Reduced effectiveness of seatbelts and airbags



Increased degree of crash severity



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# BURBANK POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Burbank Police Explorer program is a career development program for young men and women who are interested in law enforcement. The program is open to those who are 14-21 years of age. The program is staffed and supervised by members of the Burbank Police Department. The Explorer program is strictly a volunteer program that allows youth the opportunity to provide service to the Police Department and the community.

The program is structured to provide academic and technical training. Instruction is provided to assist the Explorers in developing team building skills, leadership skills, and self-discipline to become successful community leaders.

In order to become an Explorer, individuals must complete an application. Once the application has been submitted, an interview will be scheduled. Upon acceptance into the program, individuals attend an Explorer Academy (every Saturday for 18 weeks). Upon graduation from the Academy, an Explorer is able to assist with community events, participate on a Ride-A-Long with sworn officers in patrol, and take part in Explorer competitions.



## Join the Burbank Police Explorer Program, today!



DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

# National Prescription Drug **TAKE BACK DAY**

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

**April 30, 2022**

CITY OF  
BURBANK



**POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

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

dispose

unused  
Rx



**CONTACTLESS**

For more information please visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

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

**BEWARE:**

# TAX SEASON SCAMS



As we all prepare for tax time, the Burbank Police Department would like to remind our community about scammers claiming to be from the I.R.S. demanding money from you.

## Common phone, text message & e-mail scams:

- Individuals aggressively target taxpayers and may use threats of arrest or seizure of your property and assets. Some calls have even threatened a “lawsuit” against the taxpayer.
- Perpetrators will claim to be employees of the I.R.S., but they are not.
- They may use false names and fake I.R.S. ID or badge numbers to deceive you, and might mask or “spoof” their phone number, making the call appear authentic.
- Victims are often told they owe money to the I.R.S., which must be paid immediately through a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer.
- Victims might even be told they have a refund due in order to persuade them into providing personal and/or financial account information.

## Remember, the I.R.S. will NEVER:

- Call you by phone and demand immediate payment. You will always receive an official written correspondence from the I.R.S.
- Have you utilize a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer for payment.
- Ask you for a debit or credit card number, or any other personal or financial information over the phone.
- Threaten you with incarceration or other law enforcement action.

If you receive these calls, text messages or emails, do not respond and call the I.R.S. directly at (800) 829-1040. If you have fallen victim to one of these scams, go to [www.tigta.gov](http://www.tigta.gov) and click the "Report a Crime" tab. You should also report the incoming phone number on the Federal Trade Commission “Do Not Call” registry complaint website: [complaints.donotcall.gov](http://complaints.donotcall.gov).

For more information, visit: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>.



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