



Events:

- Burbank Mayor's Tree Lighting December 1
6:00 P.M.
- Hanukkah Begins December 2
- Burbank City Hall Open House December 4
5:30 P.M.
- Police Commission Meeting DARK - NO MEETING
- Christmas Day December 25

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BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Newsletter | December 2018

Fallen Police Officers Honored and Remembered in Wreath Ceremony

November 15, 2018 marked the 15th anniversary of the line of duty death of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka, who was tragically killed in a gun battle on the night of November 15, 2003. The man responsible for Officer Pavelka's murder was arrested on November 27, 2003 and later sentenced to life in prison.

Deputy Luther Colson was appointed as a City Marshal for the City of Burbank on February 21, 1914. Deputy City Marshal Colson was killed in the line of duty on the night of November 16, 1914, when he was ambushed by armed suspects while on foot patrol. Three suspects responsible for his murder were apprehended two days later and confessed to the killing.

Each year, the Burbank Police Officers' Association places a wreath at The Guardian statue in front of the Burbank Police Station to honor each of our fallen heroes. Officer Pavelka and Deputy Marshal Colson were remembered on November 14 in a ceremony presented by the Burbank Police Honor Guard. To watch a video of the wreath ceremony, [click here](#).



THE CITY OF BURBANK

ON THE FRONT STEPS OF CITY HALL

275 EAST OLIVE AVE, BURBANK

Mayor's Tree Lighting

December 1, 2018 from 6 - 6:30 PM

Join us in celebrating the holiday season at the Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. After the ceremony, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, write a letter to our US Troops and enjoy holiday music.



FEATURING

Burbank City Council, Providence High School Choir, RC Dance Studio, Exceleation Dance Studio, Special Guests from Disneyland, Santa & Mrs. Claus



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Burbank Police Officers' Association, Command Staff Help Support Burbank Temporary Aid Center's Holiday Mission

The Burbank Police Officers' Association and Burbank Police Department Command Staff joined efforts again this year in support of the Burbank Temporary Aid Center's (B.T.A.C.) holiday mission in providing Thanksgiving meals to members of our community who are less-fortunate. As a show of support, the B.P.O.A. and B.P.D. Command Staff presented B.T.A.C. with a check for \$2,000 in a short ceremony held on November 14, 2018.



B.T.A.C. CEO Barbara Howell is presented with a donation check from the BPOA and Burbank Police Command Staff, which will help families in-need during the holidays.

Founded in 1974, B.T.A.C. has been providing individuals and families, the working poor, crime victims, senior citizens, and the homeless with the short-term emergency assistance they need to live with dignity. The donation will go towards helping individuals and families in-need share in the joys of the holidays this season.

Burbank Police and Dunkin' Donuts Raise Money for SoCal Special Olympics

Most people won't turn down a free cup of coffee, especially when supporting a worthy cause. On the morning of November 2, 2018, Burbank Police, together with law enforcement agencies across Southern California, teamed-up with 68 different Dunkin' Donuts locations to help raise money for local Special Olympics programs.



For three hours, police officers collected donations of any amount in exchange for a free cup of coffee, courtesy of Dunkin' Donuts. Collectively, Southern California law enforcement raised \$42,000 for Special Olympics athletes and programs.

Special Olympics Southern California enriches the lives of athletes with intellectual disabilities through sports, education, and athlete health. Every dollar raised helps fund Special Olympics programs in our communities.

CRIME STATS: October 2018

Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Petty Theft	Auto Theft
6	13	27	182	20

Total Calls for Service: 4,160

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): 3:25

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): 19:12

Traffic Citations: 883 | Arrests: 354

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



Holiday Safety, Security & Shopping Tips



The Burbank Police would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We would also like to remind you that crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, because it's an opportune time for crime.

Think about all of the homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls, and city streets packed with unsuspecting shoppers. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips to help you celebrate safely this holiday season:



WHEN SHOPPING

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in well-lit areas and please **LOCK** your vehicle. Close all windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with a check or credit card, if possible. When using credit cards, keep an eye on bank statements for any unauthorized charges.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with shopping bags and be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Carry your wallet inside of a coat or in your front pants pocket.
- If you are shopping with children, teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.



AT HOME

- Criminals sometimes pose as delivery couriers, so be cautious when accepting packages.
- **NEVER** open your door to anyone you don't know or recognize.
- It's not uncommon for people to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations, when there's actually no charity involved. Ask for identification and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Instead, help a charitable organization that you know and trust.
- If you're leaving, turn on house lights and a TV, so it looks like someone's home.
- Always lock your doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- After you've opened gifts, be cautious when throwing away boxes and packaging from expensive items in curbside trash cans. Consider breaking down the boxes and storing them for disposal in the future, after the holidays.





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HOLIDAY PACKAGE THEFT

- Track deliveries online and confirm delivery has occurred. When available, sign up for email notifications to track your packages.
- If you know a family member or neighbor will be home, ask them to pick up the packages as soon as they are delivered.
- If possible, switch the delivery location to work or a local delivery locker where it can be received by someone and not left on the porch.
- Require a signature at delivery, especially for valuable items.



IF TRAVELING

- Put lights on an automatic timer.
- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home.
- If you'll be gone for more than a few days, have mail and newspaper delivery stopped, or make arrangements to have someone gather it. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.



CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

The holiday season is a time of celebration. Drinking and driving is a danger to everyone on the road, and remember - DUI doesn't just mean booze. Drug influence is just as dangerous when driving. If you choose to drink alcohol, don't drive. Take a cab, use public transportation, request a ride share service, or designate a driver. The Burbank Police Department will increase DUI enforcement and saturation patrols over the holiday period.

Finally, enjoy the holidays by spending time with family, friends, and loved ones. Take time to think about the spirit of the season and consider helping someone who is less fortunate.

Happy Holidays!

