

OFFICER MATTHEW M. PAVELKA
(END OF WATCH NOVEMBER 15, 2003)

OFFICER RICHARD E. KUNKLE
(END OF WATCH SEPTEMBER 22, 1961)

OFFICER JOSEPH R. WILSON
(END OF WATCH JUNE 17, 1961)

DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL
ROBERT L. NORMAND
(END OF WATCH JULY 30, 1920)

CITY MARSHAL
LUTHER COLSON
(END OF WATCH NOVEMBER 17, 1914)
PROVERBS 28:1

"THE WICKED FLEE WHEN NO MAN PURSUETH, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ARE BOLD AS A LION."

Events:

Holiday Shopping Event December 14

Christmas Day December 25

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BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Newsletter | December 2022

Fallen Police Officers Honored in Commemorative Wreath Ceremony

As an annual tribute and tradition, the Burbank Police Officers' Association places wreaths at *The Guardian* statue in front of the Burbank Police Department to commemorate the anniversaries of fallen Burbank Police Officers.

November 15, 2022 marked the 19th 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.

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.

On the evening of November 15, 2022, two wreaths were presented by the Burbank Police Honor Guard in memory of Officer Pavelka and Deputy Luther Colson.



(Officer Matthew Pavelka)



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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 manage 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 Enforcement Stats: November 2022

DUI Arrests

27

Citations

618

Documented Collisions

59

Veteran Police Officer Celebrates Retirement

Officer Fernando Munoz retired in November following over 25 years of service in law enforcement. Officer Munoz began his law enforcement career in 1995 with the Los Angeles Police Department where he worked patrol and was later assigned to the narcotics unit.

In November of 2000, Officer Munoz lateraled to the Burbank Police Department, where he worked as a motor officer in the Traffic Bureau, and later promoted to the rank of Detective where he worked various details.

Officer Munoz was also a member of the Special Response Team, now known as the Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT).



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 the holidays bring about the 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 criminal giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to 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.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Carry your wallet inside 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 couriers so be cautious when accepting a package.
- 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 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 you know and trust.
- If you're leaving, turn on lights and a radio or 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.

HOLIDAY SAFETY, SECURITY, & SHOPPING TIPS

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. 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, use a rideshare app, or a designated 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's less fortunate.

Happy Holidays!



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Jewelry Theft Awareness

There has been an increase in jewelry distraction thefts primarily affecting the older adult community across Los Angeles County. The Burbank Police Department has investigated several incidents of jewelry being stolen from unsuspecting victims under the guise of a friendly and unassuming encounter in public.

In many cases, victims have been approached by suspects who ask for directions or initiate a casual conversation. Suspects often engage in some form of physical contact with their victims, like giving them a hug. During the encounter, perpetrators have been able to remove valuable jewelry worn by victims and replace it with fake or costume jewelry. Quite often, victims do not immediately realize they've been deceived.

This sleight-of-hand deception scheme is often performed by a group of suspects who work together to distract victims in public. Perpetrators are usually in a vehicle and either call victims to their car or approach them on a sidewalk or in a public parking lot. Seniors have been especially susceptible to this crime trend as the distraction tactic can easily disrupt one's attentiveness to what is occurring.

To help safeguard yourself from this type of theft, the Burbank Police Department recommends the following:

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Limit the amount of expensive or valuable jewelry worn in public or while running errands
- If you are wearing valuable jewelry, try to keep it hidden or concealed while in public
- Do not engage in conversation with anyone you don't know or trust
- Never engage in any physical contact with a stranger
- If you happen to fall victim to this type of crime, notify the police immediately and obtain as much information as you can about the suspect(s) and any vehicle that may be involved

The Burbank Police Department reminds you to always report suspicious activity on our non-emergency, 24-hour number, at 818-238-3000. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT **NOW HIRING**



POLICE OFFICER

\$89,114 - \$111,291 ANNUALLY

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BENEFITS

- Medical, Dental and Vision insurance
- 104 to 184 hours of vacation time awarded annually, based on years of service
- Ten (10) paid holidays per year, plus two additional "floating" holidays earned annually
- PEPRCA CalPERS retirement pension of 2.7% at age 57
- Lateral candidates who are classic CalPERS members retain 3% @ 50

OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Field Training Officer
- Air Support
- S.W.A.T.
- K-9 Unit
- Investigations
- Traffic/Motors
- Community Resource Officer
- School Resource Officer
- Gang Enforcement
- Bicycle Patrol
- Mental Health Evaluation Team

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES

- Monthly education pay for Associate, Bachelor, and Master Degrees
- Bilingual pay of \$1,200 annually
- Up to 75% tuition reimbursement
- Annual uniform allowance
- P.O.S.T. Certificate incentives
- 3/12 patrol schedule
- Longevity pay

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Fentanyl Awareness

The Burbank Police Department is committed to educating our community on the dangers of fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a highly lethal synthetic opioid, that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. The drug is intended and approved for prescription use in the U.S. to treat severe pain, especially after surgery or for advanced stages of cancer. Law enforcement, paramedics, and medical professionals across the country have seen an uptick in fentanyl-related overdoses and death because of misuse, abuse, and illegally possessed forms of the drug. Just two milligrams, or the amount that could fit on the tip of a pencil, can be deadly.

Fentanyl has been seen in a variety of bright colors, shapes, and sizes, as well as made to look like prescription pills such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and alprazolam. These fake pills are pressed with markings that replicate real prescription opioid medication. They have also been found in packaging made to look like candy wrappers; however, this is typically done for the purpose of concealing the drug and is a tactic used to prevent detection by law enforcement and United States Customs officials.

In July of this year, Burbank police officers stopped two men in the early morning hours as they drove through town. A search of their vehicle resulted in the recovery of over 100,000 fake oxycodone pills, which later tested positive for fentanyl. This arrest, just three months ago, brings the realization that fentanyl exists in our community, and we need to be aware of the dangers.

The Burbank Police Department is partnering with the Burbank Unified School District to educate staff and students on the dangers of fentanyl and the use of naloxone, a prescription medication meant to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. [Click here](#) for more information on naloxone, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Please remember the only safe medications are ones that come from licensed and accredited medical professionals. The Burbank Police Department reminds the community that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially deadly.



100,000 fake oxycodone pills seized
in July of 2022 in Burbank



Fake pills colored to resemble candy

Burbank Police Department

GUN BUYBACK EVENT

ANONYMOUS

Turn In Your Unwanted Guns (functioning or not)
In Exchange For Gift Cards* (while supplies last)

**No gift cards will be given for incomplete firearms or gun parts.*

City of Burbank Residents Only
No Questions Asked!

\$100

For Handguns,
Rifles, Shotguns

\$200

For Assault
Weapons

Saturday
December 10, 2022

9am - 12pm

(rain or shine)

200 N. Third St.
Burbank, CA 91502

Transport all firearms
unloaded and in the
trunk or rear cargo area
of your vehicle

**NO AMMO OR
EXPLOSIVES**



For More Information Contact:
Sgt. Brent Fekety
(818) 238-3240



THE CITY OF BURBANK

Mayor's Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 3, 2022

6:00pm - 6:30pm

On The Front Steps of City Hall
275 East Olive Ave, Burbank

FEATURING:
Burbank
City Council
Santa & Mrs. Claus
& More!



**Join us in celebrating the holiday season at
the annual Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony.**

After the ceremony, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus,
write a letter to our U.S. Troops, and enjoy holiday music.

Contact us for More Information

☎ 818.238.5397 @ www.BurbankCA.gov/Calendar



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