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Presidents' Day
(Observed) February 17

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BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Newsletter | February 2020

Children Enjoy Shopping Spree During Heroes & Helpers Holiday Event

On December 11, 2019, the Burbank Police Department teamed-up with Target and the Boy and Girls Club of Burbank to help youth in-need purchase holiday gifts for themselves and their families.

The annual "Heroes and Helpers" event was first launched in December of 1990. Since then, the Burbank Police Department has proudly participated each year as part of its commitment to the community and helping those who are less fortunate. In this latest event, 30 children were selected based on their family's financial income and need.

Each child was presented with a \$100 Target gift card and sent on a one hour shopping spree while accompanied by a uniformed member of the Burbank Police Department. Once children completed their purchases, they joined family members for a delicious holiday dinner, served and hosted by the Hilton Garden Inn in Downtown Burbank.



In addition to Target and the Hilton Garden Inn, the Burbank Police would like to recognize and thank the Noon Rotary Club of Burbank, Kiwanis Club of Burbank, Porto's Bakery, and all of the police officers and personnel who helped make this yer's event a huge success!



2019 Year in Review

By Burbank Chief of Police, Scott LaChasse



As we begin the new year, we reflect on 2019 to examine our accomplishments and the services provided by the men and women of the Burbank Police Department. I am proud to announce that in 2019, the City of Burbank once again recorded a reduction in "Part 1" crimes, closing the year with a decrease of 2% from 2018. In addition, there was an 18% reduction in violent offenses, a decrease of 0.2% in property crimes, and a 12% reduction in "Part 2" (less serious) offenses. The Department remains prideful in respect to its average response times to high priority calls for service, which was recorded at 3 minutes and 20 seconds in 2019.

The objectives of the Burbank Police Department are transparency and openness, meaningful engagement with the community, and service betterment. We recently reinforced these objectives by conducting another Community Survey, focused on evaluating Department operations, effectiveness, and responsiveness to help us focus our priorities, service delivery, and training efforts. Interestingly, the results of our study match those of many law enforcement agencies, locally and nationally. The results indicate that the transient population, traffic congestion, and speeding and reckless driving are of most concern. The complete results of the study and final report are available by visiting www.BurbankPD.org/survey.

All aspects of traffic in the City of Burbank are of concern to our Department. In 2019, there was an overall 16% reduction in traffic collisions, a 5% decrease in driving under the influence (DUI) collisions, a 2% reduction in vehicle vs. bicyclist collisions, but a 2% increase in vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents. Notwithstanding these results, we remain concerned about safety on our roadways. The Department has a renewed emphasis relative to these concerns and is retooling its practices to better address them.

Burbank's identified homeless population is about 250 individuals based on the most recent count. Irrespective of this low number of transients, community concern is significant. The Burbank Police Department has partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles County Adult Protective Services, the City's Community Development Department, City of Burbank Public Works, and numerous non-profits to better address homeless issues. Although court decisions limit the enforcement of many statutes by law enforcement, there is an emphasis on connecting the homeless population with wrap-around services provided by public and non-profit entities. The Burbank Police Department continues to deploy its own Mental Health Evaluation Team, which is credited with successfully placing many individuals into treatment programs and securing support services for those in need.

Towards the end of 2019, the Burbank Police Department fully-implemented its body worn camera program, procuring and outfitting all uniformed personnel with the latest in body worn camera technology. Additionally, the entire patrol vehicle fleet was equipped with in-car camera systems.

As we move forward into 2020 and look to the future, the Burbank Police Department remains committed to service excellence, continuous improvement, and professional and courteous treatment. Our core values are RESPECT, INTEGRITY, and EXCELLENCE. We will continue to work in partnership with the community to deter and prevent crime and make the City of Burbank an even better and safer place to live, work and visit.

On behalf of all sworn and civilian employees, and volunteers of the Burbank Police Department, I wish everyone a safe and happy new year.



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CITY OF
BURBANK **BURBANK COUNTS****2020
CENSUS** **IMPORTANT**

Census Data is used to fund important programs related to education, housing, healthcare, and many more!

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Submit online, by phone or mail.

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**Look for your U.S. Census Bureau invitation
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For more information, visit:
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Middle School Students Recognized for Good Character

During the 2019 fall semester, the Burbank Police Department launched the *Character Counts* program in Burbank Unified School District middle schools. The program was implemented as a way to encourage and reinforce the importance of good behavior and character, while emphasizing and promoting a positive school climate.

In December, several students from Jordan, John Muir, and Luther Burbank Middle Schools in grades 6, 7 and 8, were nominated and selected by teachers for living up to the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Students selected were then treated to a pizza and ice cream lunch with Burbank Police Officers in recognition of their achievements. The Burbank Police Department hopes to continue and expand this program as a way to help students develop into leaders and prepare them for high school and eventually, college.

The Burbank Police Department would like to thank the program's sponsors, Blaze Pizza of Burbank and Stefan Doomanis of Barry Burnett Realty for donating the food, ice cream and refreshments for the reward lunches.





**BURBANK POLICE
FOUNDATION**



6th Annual Burbank Police Awards Luncheon

Thursday, April 16, 2020 / 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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

The Burbank Police Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating a solid partnership between the Burbank Police Department and the residents, businesses, and institutions it serves, in order to enrich the community of Burbank and to enhance police services.

Back Burbank Blue along with us as we recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of the men and women of the Burbank Police Department and our community! Sponsor the Burbank Police Awards Luncheon and show your civic pride in our Police Department.

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased online at burbankpolicefoundation.org, by phone at (818) 237-9032, or by email at ed@burbankpolicefoundation.org.

Thank you for your consideration!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Chief's Circle: \$5,000

Premium Table up front for 10, 2-page Ad in Program, 3 Minutes to Speak, Inclusion in Publicity, Link from BPF website to your website, Logo Signage on Stage, Tour of the Burbank Police Station and Lunch with Chief Scott LaChasse for up to 4 people (*tour/lunch date TBD*)

Gold Sponsor: \$2,000

10 luncheon tickets, full-page Ad in Program, Inclusion in Publicity, Logo on BPF Website, Mention at the Event

Silver Sponsor: \$1,000

6 luncheon tickets, half-page Ad in Program, Inclusion in Publicity, Logo on BPF Website, Mention at the Event

Bronze Sponsor: \$500

2 luncheon tickets, business card-sized Ad in Program, Inclusion in Publicity

Treat an Officer: \$80 for 1 officer

Name listed in program \$150 for 2 officers

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$85

ARTWORK SPECIFICATION FOR LUNCHEON PROGRAM

SIZE (trim size)	WIDTH	HEIGHT
Full-Page Ad	5.5"	8.5"
Half-Page Ad	5.5"	4.25"
Business Card Ad	2.25"	1.25"

NOTE: Artwork *must* be in electronic format: jpg, gif, png, tiff, etc. No PDFs, please.

Deadline for Artwork: March 31, 2020.

Email artwork to Lezlie Borgese: ed@burbankpolicefoundation.org

Veteran Police Officers Celebrate Retirement

December marked the retirements of two veteran Burbank Police Officers.

Lieutenant Mitch Ross, a Burbank native, began his law enforcement career in 1989 with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He joined the Burbank Police Department in March of 1995 and spent several years in the Patrol Division as a Field Training Officer.

Lieutenant Ross later promoted to Detective, and in 2008, was the lead investigator in a high-profile murder investigation. His hard work resulted in a conviction and 26 year-to-life sentence for the suspect, earning Lieutenant Ross a Professional Esteem Award for his efforts.

Lieutenant Ross went on to become a Sergeant in both the Patrol and Investigation Divisions. He promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2017, where he served as a Patrol Watch Commander until his retirement.



Lieutenant Mitch Ross



Detective Chris Racina

Detective Chris Racina retired at the end of December following 28 years of service in law enforcement. Detective Racina joined the Burbank Police Department in 1993 after serving with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for two years.

Detective Racina worked assignments in patrol, which included time as a Gang Officer, Field Training Officer, and member of S.W.A.T. He later promoted to Detective and worked gang investigations, crimes against persons, and most recently, serving as the Department's background investigator.

Detective Racina enjoys umpiring baseball in his free time and is already enjoying the retired life.

Burbank Police K-9 Retires

Kimo, the long-time partner of Burbank Police K-9 handler Joel Rodriguez, retired from service following his final shift on January 18.



Kimo started his career with the Burbank Police Department in 2012. During his eight years of service, Kimo assisted with the arrest of numerous dangerous suspects. He also assisted in multiple drug searches and search warrants.

K-9 Handler Rodriguez was recently promoted to Detective and will now enjoy Kimo's company as a family dog.

CRIME STATS: December 2019

Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Petty Theft	Auto Theft
3	10	29	174	24

Total Calls for Service: **4,080**

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): **3:13**

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): **20:07**

Traffic Citations: **449** Arrests: **306**

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

