



Events:

- New Year's Day January 1
- Police Commission Meeting January 16
6:00 P.M.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 21

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BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Newsletter | January 2019

Heroes and Helpers Shopping Event Delivers Holiday Joy to Local Children

On December 12, 2018, 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 the latest event, 30 children were selected based on their family's financial income and need.

Each child was presented with a \$200 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, Burbank Town Center, Porto's Bakery, and community member Lisa Komorowski, all of whom helped make this event possible.



2018 Year in Review

By Burbank Chief of Police, Scott LaChasse

Hardy congratulations are extended to the dedicated men and women of the Burbank Police Department, as well as the spirited Burbank community who have partnered once again to reduce crime in the City of Burbank. We are proud to report that property crime declined 12% in 2018, and violent crime was reduced by 21%. These decreases are attributed, in large part, to the receptivity of the Burbank community to our crime prevention messaging, the "smart" deployment of resources, and the industrious efforts of the BPD's sworn, civilian, and volunteer personnel. In addition, traffic collisions decreased 9%, and the Department's response times for high priority calls averaged an enviable 3:21 minutes.



We once again deployed a pink-wrapped police car during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to scores of events in Burbank. The professionally-wrapped vibrant pink Ford Explorer is credited to the donation by Adam Sumner, owner of Wrapix Imaging in Burbank. Many Burbank Police Officers also wore pink police shoulder patches in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Money received during fundraising activities was dedicated and donated to the City of Hope's Pink Patch Project, which supports cancer research and provides public education.

The Police Department also embarked on a body worn camera test program which will ultimately result in the procurement and deployment of the best possible body worn camera. Additionally, due to the nation's opioid overdose crisis, the decision was made to train our field personnel in the use of Narcan Nasal Spray to counteract the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. This training is continuing.

The Mental Health Evaluation Team, which is a collaboration between the BPD and LA County Department of Mental Health, continued to experience an increased workload during 2018. The MHET is credited with successfully placing many individuals into treatment programs and providing related support services to these individuals and their family members by working with community based non-profits, insurance companies, and allied public agencies.

The year saw a continued effort to expand community outreach, education, and communications by both traditional and contemporary means, such as social media. During 2018, the BPD witnessed a 23% increase in followers across all social media platforms, and a 118% increase over the past two years. To stay informed, please continue to visit our website at www.burbankpd.org, and follow us on the below-indicated social media pages.

For the purposes of building and sustaining openness, transparency, and trust, the Burbank Police Department continues to retain the services of the Office of Independent Review (OIR) to evaluate the management and disposition of citizen complaints, uses of force, pursuits, and related matters; maintain the Advanced Accreditation Standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which is the gold standard in public safety; as well as participate in contemporary training provided by the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) and others.

As we are fond of saying, safeguard yourself and your property by being PREVENTATIVE. When you SEE SOMETHING suspicious, SAY SOMETHING by notifying the police.

We look forward to working hand-in-hand with the community to continue our quest for EXCELLENCE.



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Veteran Employees Celebrate Retirement

December saw the retirement of two veteran employees of the Burbank Police Department, Officer Dan Turpin and Communications Supervisor Janet Brown.

Officer Turpin began his career with the Burbank Police Department in 1993, joining the Patrol Division in 1994 after graduating from the police academy. Officer Turpin held a variety of assignments throughout his career, including School Resource Officer, Motor Officer and Field Training Officer. He also served as a defensive tactics instructor and was a certified emergency communications operator.

Officer Turpin is an outstanding motorcycle rider, known for taking training to the next level and consistently introducing innovative and challenging ways to improve riding skills.

In 2017, Officer Turpin was recognized as the Burbank Police Department Officer of the Year. His final day on the job was December 19.



Officer Dan Turpin



Communications Supervisor
Janet Brown

December 5 was Burbank Police Communications Supervisor Janet Brown's last day with the Burbank Police Department. After 33 years of service to our community, Janet was the most-tenured 911 operator and dispatcher to have worked for the Department.

Janet was regarded by her colleagues as the comforting and compassionate voice on the other end of the line when people needed help the most. She also served as the calm and reassuring lifeline to our police officers, who counted on Janet to keep them safe as they patrolled the streets of Burbank.

Janet's professionalism and dedication to law enforcement and public safety was unparalleled and a great example to everyone who has ever served, and to those who will serve in the future.

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Wear Our Badge.**

The Burbank Police Department is Now Hiring

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CRIME STATS: November 2018

| Robbery | Aggravated Assault | Burglary | Petty Theft | Auto Theft |
|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 7 | 4 | 25 | 147 | 15 |

Total Calls for Service: **3,506**

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): **4:09**

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): **16:24**

Traffic Citations: **412** Arrests: **374**

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

