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**BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 Community Newsletter | May 2023

**Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Award**

Prior to the City Council Meeting on April 25, 2023, four local high school seniors were each awarded a \$4,000 scholarship in memory of fallen Burbank Police Officer, Matthew Pavelka.



*Pictured above, local high school seniors pose with City Councilmembers, along with B.P.F. President, Michael Hastings, and Chief of Police, Michael Albanese.*

The Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Awards Program was established by the Burbank Police Foundation (BPF) in honor of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka, who was killed in the line of duty on November 15, 2003. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in pursuit of an educational or vocational goal. The purpose of the program is to motivate students to dedicate themselves more thoroughly and responsibly to their education and training, and to encourage them to strive for excellence and distinction in whatever field they choose. For more information, visit [www.burbankpolicefoundation.org](http://www.burbankpolicefoundation.org)



# Mental Health Evaluation Team

The Burbank Police Department's Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) marks 11 years of service to the citizens of Burbank.

In May of 2012, the Burbank Police Department and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health cooperated to provide the City of Burbank with a mental health team aimed towards addressing the growing needs of those suffering from mental illness and homelessness.

This joint partnership, known as MHET, employs a co-response model.

The team is comprised of a police officer, Officer Ennisha Kyles, a licensed Department of Health clinician, and an Administrative Analyst, Kelly Bravo-Cuevas.

MHET's responsibilities are threefold: provide crisis support during calls for service, provide ongoing case management support to other divisions regarding persons who would benefit from intensive case management/linkage, and the team provides training to city departments and other community groups.

When MHET responds to calls for service or contacts an individual with mental health underpinnings, the team evaluates the person and determines if further mental health treatment is required. If so, the team utilizes the numerous resources available through the Los Angeles County Department of Health.

For further information or to inquire about BMHET services, please contact Officer Kyles (EKyles@burbankca.gov).

## Mental Health Awareness Program

The Burbank Police Department has a sticker program intended to alert first responders that they may be interacting with, or about to interact with a person with special needs.

The Mental Health Awareness Program has been in effect for one year now and stickers can be obtained at the front counter of the Police Department for free. this program is voluntary.



**A PERSON(S) WITH SPECIAL  
NEEDS LIVES HERE**

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE PERSON(S):**

- MAY NOT COMPREHEND SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS
- MAY NOT RECOGNIZE DANGER
- MAY NOT RESPOND
- MAY RESIST HELP



## BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MHET in a Minute



Burbank Mental Health  
Evaluation Team (MHET)  
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## May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month was established to spread awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness and to celebrate progress in treatments.

Mental illness is common, but too often it can be left untreated. According to Mental Health America (MHA), **21%** of U.S. adults (50+ million individuals) experienced a symptom(s) of a mental illness at some point in their life and half did not receive treatment. Reasons why treatment may not be received include not having insurance, scarcity of mental health providers (there are 350 individuals for every one mental health provider in

the U.S.), and the stigma associated with mental illness. However, people who have suffered from a mental illness are able to thrive and lead high-functioning lives. It often requires creative and prolonged efforts to learn how to minimize mental health symptoms. While recovery may look different for different people, this NAMI [article](#) highlights the basic strategies that can serve anyone looking to manage their or their loved one's illness.

The sooner you or your loved one seek treatment, the better.

Sources: [SAMHSA](#), [MHA](#), [NAMI](#)



BURBANK'S  
FAMILY SERVICE  
AGENCY  
Founded in 1953

On May 20th, Burbank's Family Service Agency (FSA) will host their annual CareWalk event at Johnny Carson Park. The event raises funds to continue supporting counseling programs, scholarship/grant awardees, and community workshops. There will be numerous community programs and mental health providers offering services and giveaways, including BMHET. So stop by and say hi! Click [here](#) for registration.



## Success Story: A Personal Story of Mental Illness

[Read](#) a student's personal account of their experience with depression while attending medical school and how they reached a milestone in recovery.

## Looking for a Therapist and/or a Support Group?

Speaking to someone, whether by going to a therapist or by attending a support group, can help you feel better and improve your mental health. Below is a list of resources that can help you find a psychologist, psychiatrist or support group near you:

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [Mental Health Services Locator](#)
- Psychology Today [Therapist and Support Group Finder](#)
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's [Suicide Bereavement Support Group Finder](#)
- [Therapist Finder](#) through Online Therapy
- [Inclusive Therapist Finder](#)

If you need further assistance in getting linked to mental health resources, call BMHET.

Source: [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)



Mental Health is Not a Destination, But a Process"



# 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 Summary Report: CLICK HERE](#)





## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SPEEDS?

### CONSEQUENCES OF SPEEDING:



A person can face penalties that include expensive fines and increased auto insurance premiums, suspension of license, and even being arrested along with the vehicle being impounded.

### MAXIMUM FINES FOR SPEEDING IN CALIFORNIA:

-  \$238 for driving 15 mph over maximum speed limit
-  \$367 for driving 16-25 mph over maximum speed limit
-  \$490 for driving 26 mph over maximum speed limit
-  \$900 for driving 26 mph over maximum speed limit



# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

# BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

## - Share the Road -

May is Bicycle Safety Month and the Burbank Police Department is encouraging those out riding and driving to look out for one another and help reduce injuries on our roads.

**Bicycle Safety** remains a key concern and top priority in our community year-round. It is the goal of the Burbank Police Department to reduce the number of collisions, injuries and deaths involving bicyclists by providing education and increasing enforcement to help safeguard everyone on the road.

The Burbank Police Department aims to remind bicycle riders to follow the same rules of the road as drivers, including stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, and not riding distracted or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Drivers should remain vigilant in looking out for bicyclists, and remember, California law requires drivers to allow **at least three feet of space** when passing a bicycle on the road.

To help keep bicyclists safe on our roadways, the Burbank Police Department has the following reminders:

- Bike riders should always wear a helmet.
- When cycling, use hand signals for turning and stopping.
- Drivers should look behind them before making a turn at an intersection, changing lanes, pulling away from a curb, opening their door, or when reversing or leaving a parking space.
- Bicyclists should always ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Bicyclists should make themselves visible by wearing brightly colored clothing, and reflective clothing in low light conditions.
- Bicyclists are reminded to use lights from dusk to dawn (white light to the front; red flashing light or reflectors to the rear).
- Both drivers and bicyclists should avoid distractions like using their cell phone.



# FIRE & POLICE SERVICE DAY



**MAY 13TH  
9AM-2PM**

Police & Fire Headquarters  
311 E Orange Grove Ave  
Burbank CA 91502

*Sidewalk CPR / Station Tours / Obstacle Courses / Bounce Houses  
Live Demonstrations / Food Trucks / And More!*





# GUN STORAGE FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE

As a gun owner, you can choose from multiple options for safely storing and protecting your firearms when they're not in use.

Use this guide to determine which mechanism best suits your lifestyle, priorities and environment.

## A RANGE OF OPTIONS



### CABLE LOCK

Price Range: \$10-\$50

A cable lock can be used on most firearms, allows for quick access in an emergency and offers security from theft. The cable runs through the barrel or action of a firearm to prevent it from being accidentally fired, requiring either a key or combination to unlock it.

- AFFORDABLE
- ACCESSIBLE
- THEFT DETERRENT



### GUN CASE

Price Range: \$10-\$150

For those looking to conceal, protect or legally transport a registered firearm, a gun case is an affordable solution available in a variety of materials including plastic, fabric or metal. Be sure to lock it with an external device for added security.

- AFFORDABLE
- PORTABLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



### LOCK BOX

Price Range: \$25-\$350

With integrated locks, storage boxes provide reliable protection for firearms, and allow gun owners to legally transport them outside of their home.

- PORTABLE
- ACCESSIBLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



### ELECTRONIC LOCK BOX

Price Range: \$50-\$350

Electronic lock boxes are an effective way to store or legally transport firearms, and they also prevent theft since only the person with the code can access the contents. Some electronic lock boxes are specially designed for quick access to stored firearms.

- PORTABLE
- THEFT DETERRENT
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



### FULL SIZE AND BIOMETRIC GUN SAFES

Price Range: \$200-\$2,500

A gun safe protects its contents from the elements and allows owners to safely store multiple firearms in one place. Gun safes of all sizes are now available with biometric options to ensure only certain people have access.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE

## VEHICLE STORAGE



### CONSOLE STORAGE

Price Range: \$250 - \$300

A solution for those who need a truly secure place to store their firearm in a vehicle. These custom-fitted devices provide concealment to deter prying eyes and would-be thieves. Various access options are available, including biometric.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- ACCESSIBLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



### CARGO AREA STORAGE

Price Range: \$500 - \$1,500

Effective for transporting firearms to the range or field, cargo area storage models are available for sedans, SUVs and trucks. These devices allow for locked storage, concealment and protection from bumps and jostling.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- ACCESSIBLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE

## SECURE STORAGE ACCESSORIES



### WIRELESS GUN SAFE MONITOR

Price Range: \$150 - \$200

An electronic monitor can provide awareness and alert you if anyone is accessing your storage device or handling your firearm without your authorization. Some sound an audible alarm, others can be connected to your smartphone.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- REMOTE MONITORING



### ELECTRONIC HOLSTERS

Price Range: \$200 - \$300

Electronic holsters are a new type of secure storage device that enable fast access along with security to prevent unauthorized access. Holsters can be mounted or used independent of a mounting system and feature a programmable finger or thumbprint scan.

- PORTABLE
- ACCESSIBLE
- THEFT DETERRENT

PLEASE  
HELP  
PREVENT  
ACCIDENTS.  
STORE  
FIREARMS  
RESPONSIBLY.

These are just a few of the storage options available to firearms owners. For the greatest level of security, consider using a combination of safety mechanisms and educate family members about handling firearms properly.

To learn more about firearms safety, visit [ProjectChildSafe.org](http://ProjectChildSafe.org)



Project ChildSafe is a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation®





# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT **NOW HIRING**



## **POLICE OFFICER**

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

**APPLY ONLINE**

[JoinBPD.org](http://JoinBPD.org)



# Join Our Team. Wear Our Badge.

## **BENEFITS & INCENTIVES**

- Medical, Dental and Vision insurance
- "3/12" patrol work schedule
- Initial bonus incentive of 80 hours vacation time PLUS 80 hours of sick time upon academy graduation
- Additional 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
- Lateral applicants who are classic CalPERS members retain 3% @ 50
- PEPR CalPERS retirement pension of 2.7% at age 57
- Monthly education pay for Associate, Bachelor, and Master Degrees
- Bilingual pay
- Up to 75% tuition reimbursement
- Annual uniform allowance
- CA P.O.S.T. certificate incentives
- Longevity pay

## **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

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DEPARTMENT**

*Respect* ◆ *Integrity* ◆ *Excellence*





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# HELP DRAW YOUR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES!

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FORMATION



Did you know that the City Council initiated a process to transition from an at-large election system of future Council members to a by-district system? The district formation process will determine which neighborhoods and communities are grouped into a district to elect future members of the City Council, and we need your opinion! To gather your vision for how district boundaries should be drawn, two interactive mapping tools are available. To access mapping tools and instructions on how to submit, visit:  
[burbankcouncildistricting.squarespace.com/participate](https://burbankcouncildistricting.squarespace.com/participate)

## JOIN US For Our Upcoming Public Hearings & Community Forums!

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### Public Hearing #3

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6 PM

#### Public Hearing #4

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6 PM

#### Public Hearing #5

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6PM

The public can attend the hearing in person at **Burbank City Hall**, located at 275 E. Olive Ave. Burbank, CA 91502 or view the meeting live via the City's website, on [YouTube.com/TheBurbankChannel](https://www.youtube.com/TheBurbankChannel), or on Channel 6 (Spectrum) or Channel 99 (AT&T).

### COMMUNITY FORUMS

#### Community Forum #1 (In person)

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7 PM

#### Community Forum #2 (Via Zoom)

Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 12 PM

#### Community Forum #3 (In person)

Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 6 PM

#### Community Forum #4 (In person)

Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 10:30 AM

#### Community Forum #5 (Via Zoom)

Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6 PM

To RSVP for any of the forums, visit:  
[burbankcouncildistricting.squarespace.com/community-events](https://burbankcouncildistricting.squarespace.com/community-events)

To learn more visit: [BurbankCouncilDistricting.com](https://BurbankCouncilDistricting.com)

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