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## **Community Newsletter | November 2019**

### **Coffee and Conversation Highlight National Coffee With a Cop Day**

National Coffee With a Cop Day was held on October 2 this year, providing community members with an opportunity to have casual conversation with police officers in a relaxed setting, with no agenda.

Burbank Police hosted their own event at Starbucks, located at the corner of Olive Avenue and Sparks Street. Dozens of residents and representatives from local businesses stopped by to enjoy fresh coffee and pastries, and to chat with Burbank Police Officers and members of the Burbank Police Command Staff.

Guests also had an opportunity to see this year's pink Burbank Police SUV and motorcycle, both of which were wrapped by Wrapix Imaging of Burbank through a generous donation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Be sure to follow Burbank Police on social media for information on the next Coffee With a Cop event.











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#### **Burbank Police Seek Input in New Community Survey**

The Burbank Police Department is asking for input from the community to help evaluate performance, as well as issues concerning crime, safety and quality of life in the City of Burbank. The survey, which was launched on October 14, will help the Burbank Police Department identify and address public concerns, develop solutions to current and potential problems, improve Department and community programs, and better serve the needs of the community.



The last community survey was conducted in 2017 and garnered a good response, which was reassuring to the men and women of the Burbank Police Department who strive to foster a positive working relationship with the community. The 2019 survey is a continued reflection of the Department's objective to be truly transparent. The 2019 community survey will be open for responses until November 11, 2019.



To participate in the survey, visit www.burbankpd.org/survey.



#### Drug Take Back Event Yields Nearly 600 Pounds of Medication

This year's second installment of the Drug Enforcement Administration's *Drug Take Back* event was held on Saturday, October 26. The national event is held twice each year, usually in April and October, and provides people with an opportunity to safely surrender unused, unwanted, or expired medications on a "no questions asked" basis.

New this year was the acceptance of vaping devices amid the growing use of electronic nicotine and vaping in the U.S., especially among the youth. The use of vaping products has proven harmful and dangerous to your health.



The Drug Take Back program was launched to provide a safe method of disposal for medications, while also reducing the temptation of misuse. This most recent event collected a total of 547 pounds of medication in Burbank alone!



#### CRIME STATS: September 2019

| Robbery | Aggravated<br>Assaults | Burglary | Petty<br>Theft | Auto<br>Theft |
|---------|------------------------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 4       | 8                      | 18       | 160            | 19            |

**Total Calls for Service: 3,909** 

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): 3:11

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): 18:19

Traffic Citations: 429 | Arrests: 368

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



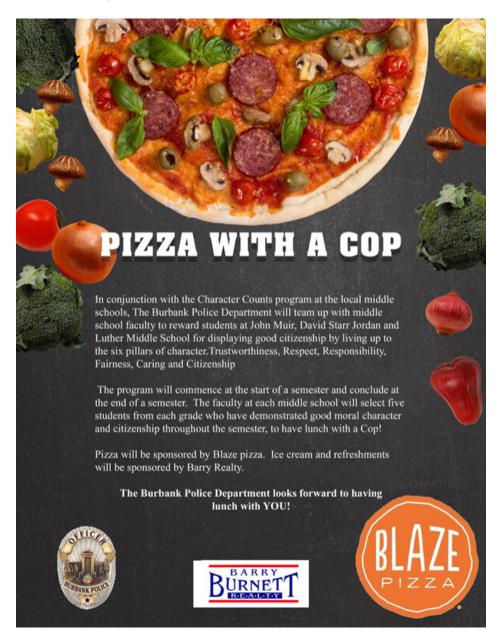
# Character Counts: Burbank Police Partner With Middle Schools to Recognize, Reward Top Students

A new program dubbed *Character Counts* has been launched in five Burbank schools and is focused on rewarding students for good character and citizenship. The program is being hosted by the Burbank Police Department, which is teaming up with John Muir Middle School, Luther Burbank Middle School, David Starr Jordan Middle School, St. Francis Xavier School and St. Finbar's Parish School to encourage the positive development of middle school students and prepare them for high school and the future.

The Character Counts program will run through the end of the first semester, during which students will be recognized and awarded for living up to the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. At the end of the semester, faculty from each school will select five students from each middle school grade level who have demonstrated exemplary character. Those students will be treated to a pizza lunch with Burbank Police Officers.

The *Character Counts* program was implemented by the Burbank Police Department in partnership with local schools to encourage and reinforce the importance of good behavior and character, while emphasizing and promoting a positive school climate. The program will also aim to help students develop into leaders as they prepare for high school and eventually, college.

The Burbank Police Department would like to thank Blaze Pizza of Burbank and Barry Burnett Realty for their generous support for this program by donating the food and refreshments for the reward lunch.



#### Family Fun Day Delivers Smiles & Enjoyment for All Ages

The fourth annual "Family Fun Day" event was held on October 5 at Johnny Carson Park in Burbank. Hundreds of guests of all ages attended the event, which was hosted by the Burbank Police Foundation. The festivities began bright and early with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Burbank, and a Road Kings classic car show.

Guests enjoyed music and entertainment, police exhibits and demonstrations, an opportunity drawing, and dozens of vendors and attractions. Proceeds from the Family Fun Day event help support the Burbank Police Department's K-9 program as well as local community and youth organizations.

Highlights of the event were captured by Neide B Photography.



