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**COMING
EVENTS:**

- POLICE COMMISSION MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014 AT 6:00PM
- MAY 11-17: NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**INCLUDED IN
NEWSLETTER**

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NEWS AROUND BURBANK

MAY 2014

SPOTLIGHT!



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*.

National Police Week, held in Washington D.C., draws between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world to participate in a number of planned events; these events honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood.



One of the major events is the Annual National Police Officers' Memorial Service which began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, now more commonly known as *National Police Week*, has grown to include other events such as: the Police Unity Tour, 'a ride for those who died', which began in 1997 and has raised nearly \$14 million for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF); the Candlelight Vigil; conferences hosted by National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.).



On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 57 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 19,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

(Source: www.policeweek.org and www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek)

WEEKLY CRIME STATS - APRIL 2014

CRIME:	Mar 30-Apr 5	Apr 6-12	Apr 13-19	Apr 20-26	Apr 27-May 3	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	1	2	1	1	1	20	20	0%
Aggravated Assaults	0	3	3	1	2	24	35	-31%
Other Assaults	4	5	6	2	5	111	132	-16%
Burglary	5	5	8	3	4	104	123	-15%
Auto Theft	3	5	5	7	2	62	84	-26%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	791	859	838	836	957	14,454	14,698	-2%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	4:33 mins	2:31 mins	3:06 mins	4:38 mins	3:46 mins	3:48 mins	4:57 mins	
** Priority 2	12:05 mins	14:17 mins	13:35 mins	13:40 mins	14:19 mins	14:10 mins	15:15 mins	

* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls



BEYOND CREDIT REPORTS



Everyone is entitled to free credit reports (annualcreditreport.com / 877-322-8228). What you may not know is that there are other free annual reports that can help you spot ID theft. Compiled by lesser-known specialty consumer reporting bureaus, these detail a narrower range of information, such as your history of filing insurance claims, writing checks, paying rent and getting medical treatment. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, these reports may be yours for the asking once a year. Others may require paying a fee, unless you can show "adverse action" has been taken against you because of the information on file.

Unlike with annualcreditreport.com, there is no single website to access these specialized reports. You need to contact each company separately. For a master list of some 40 specialty reports, visit the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau website (cfpb.gov) and search for "consumer reporting agencies". Here are some of the most useful for detecting possible ID theft:

Public records: LexisNexis Personal Reports (personalreports.lexisnexis.com / 866-312-8102) details public records and other information filed under your name (property ownership, criminal history, liens and bankruptcy)

Check-writing history: ChexSystems (consumerdebit.com / 800-428-9623); Certegy Check Systems (askcertegy.com / 866-543-6315)

Health care: The Medical Information Bureau (mib.com / 866-692-6901) reports contain coded listings of your reported medical conditions and tests. Compare these reports with your annual statements from your health insurer for clues to possible medical identity theft.

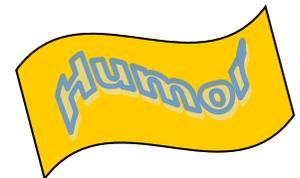
Insurance claims: Verisk A-Plus Report (verisk.com - type "order free report" in search box / 800-627-3487)

Rental history: CoreLogic (corelogic.com/landing-pages/saferent-consumer.aspx / 888-333-2413)

(Source: Sid Kirchheimer, author of Scam-Proof Your Life)



The cat isn't worried - they've been well-trained!



PROTECTING YOUR HOME

In approximately one-third of home burglaries, the burglar comes in through an unlocked door or window, according to the "Burglary of Single Family Houses" guide, published by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Here are 9 things you can do to make burglars think twice before trying to enter your home:

Secure Doors and Windows:

The first line of defense in home security is having solid core exterior doors with high quality grade 1 or 2 deadbolt locks. French doors can be secured with a quality deadbolt lock and a slide bolt penetrating the upper or lower doorframe. For sliding glass doors, a snug-fitting dowel in the lower track of the door will also prevent it from being opened. Install eyebolts in the frames of sliding windows to allow for ventilation without leaving enough room for an intruder.



A Loud Dog:

COPS reported that most burglars avoid houses with dogs. Burglars don't want to be seen or caught; they also want to avoid pain. Dogs that bark, even small, noisy dogs, can be an effective deterrent.



A Home Security System:

Consider installing a home security system. If you have valuables that need protection, rampant burglaries in your area, and are away from home for long stretches, a home security system could be a good option for you



Motion Sensor Lights:

Installing sensor lights is a great way to illuminate portions of your property only when needed. Sensor lights will come on as soon as someone enters under cover of darkness. Outside lighting is one of the cheapest and most effective deterrents to crime, and motion sensor lights give you the ease of having lights come on automatically.



Surveillance Cameras:

A video surveillance system can be a bit costly, but it could help you sleep better at night. However, if you don't want to go the full route of installing a system, think about putting up a "dummy" camera or two to give the illusion of protection; the downside is it can't provide evidence if a burglary occurs.



Protection Warning Signs:

Got a dog or a home security system? Share that information with signage on your fence, door, or window. Burglars who think they might be seen or caught will think twice before targeting your house. While having this kind of signage can be to your advantage, it could also make burglars wonder what you have that's worth protecting.



A Trimmed and Tidy Yard:

Untrimmed trees and shrubs provide good hiding places for burglars and can obscure their entry into your home. Trim tree branches up to 6 feet from the ground and shrubs down to below window sills. Ensure you mow your lawn if you're going to be out of town for more than a week – an overgrown lawn generally indicates an empty house.

The Appearance That Someone Is Home:

When leaving on vacation make sure your home appears to be lived in by using motion-sensor lights and timers on your radio and TV to simulate occupancy and create the illusion that you're home.

Helpful Neighbors:

Whenever you're away let your neighbors know and ask them to get your mail and newspapers, and check for any deliveries. Also ask a trusted neighbor to park their vehicle in your driveway occasionally while you're out of town. Any sign of activity at your home is enough to deter most burglars.

(Source: www.ncpc.org)

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

POLICE ADMINISTRATOR JOSEPHINE WILSON



Police Administrator Josephine Wilson has been with the City of Burbank since 2002, working in the Management Services Department and serving as the Deputy City Clerk before assuming her current position with the Police Department in September 2010.

With the assistance of a great staff, the Budget and Finance Division is responsible for the fiscal operation of the Police Department. In addition to the General Fund, the Finance Division manages several special revenue funds which are comprised of restricted resources for specific programs, management of Federal and State grants as well as Asset Forfeiture. Over the past three years, the Finance Division has been proud to support the completion of projects such as the new Police website, Communication Center remodel, new SWAT truck, replacement helicopter for the Air Support Unit, PUMA recorders, temporary evidence storage system and Forensics Lab.

Technology highlights include PowerDMS, IaPro Blue Team component, digital evidence management system, smart phones, FileonQ and Crimeview Dashboard. On the administrative side, the Division has facilitated several contracts such as the mental health partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health, MET internship programs with UCLA and USC School of Social Work, St. Joseph Medical Services Agreement for inmates and arrestees, Palantir, jail custodial and laundry services, jail biohazard pick and clean-up. Future projects include Tiburon system upgrade, scheduling system implementation, Mobile Command Post and security system replacement, among others.

Ms. Wilson holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Northridge. She also participated in the Leadership in Crises Executive Education at Harvard Kennedy School. She is a member of the International Law Enforcement Auditors Association and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

Our mission is to protect life and property, provide professional police services, and work in partnership with the community.

This is accomplished through adherence to core values:

RESPECT

Protect the rights and dignity of all people as determined by the United States Constitution and the laws of the State of California

INTEGRITY

Commitment to ethical behavior and acceptance of individual responsibility and accountability for all our actions and decisions

EXCELLENCE

Quality through continuous improvement