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**COMING
EVENTS**

- **POLICE
COMMISSION
MEETING,
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER
18, 2013 AT
6:00 PM**

**INCLUDED IN
NEWSLETTER**

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INFORMATION:
- SCAM ALERT POP
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IMPORTANT
PAPERS AND
PROPERTY**
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MONTH: THE 30TH
ANNUAL
NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT**



NEWS AROUND BURBANK

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SPOTLIGHT!

Female Arrested For Unlawful Drug Possession

Officers Benavidez and Totemwongs were on uniformed patrol in the Walgreens parking lot on S. San Fernando Blvd. They observed a female staring inside unoccupied parked vehicles. The officers made contact and asked why she was looking through the vehicles. The female stated she had been looking around for "cigarette butts" because she had a "nicotine habit," and was in Burbank for a doctor's appointment. When Officer Benavidez walked next to the female's vehicle, he observed a metal tin cap with 2 cotton balls which appeared to be soaked in a brown liquid substance (suspected heroin) on the rear drivers-side passenger door armrest in plain view. Officer Benavidez conducted a consent search of the vehicle and recovered a heroin kit, a prescription bottle with numerous white pills prescribed to someone else, and a pipe used to smoke rock cocaine. Officer Scott arrived on scene to conduct a search of the female, which produced drug paraphernalia consistent with heroin use. The female was placed under arrest for the unlawful possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and prescription drugs without a prescription.



Male Arrested For Possessing A Cane Sword

Officers Shifley and Fekety were driving in the area of Magnolia Blvd. and Clybourn Ave. They observed a grey Chevrolet Impala stopped, blocking both the #1 and #2 lanes. The officers conducted a traffic stop for the violation. As they contacted the driver for blocking traffic, the officers observed a black pipe wedged between the front passenger seat and center console area.



The officers noticed that on the end of the pipe, there appeared to be a handle with a nail protruding out of it. The officers requested the driver to very slowly hand over the pipe. Officer Fekety pulled on the handle to reveal an approximately 15" blade concealed within the pipe. The driver was placed under arrest for possessing a Shobi-zue/Cane sword which is in violation of PC 20510.

WEEKLY CRIME STATS - AUGUST 2013

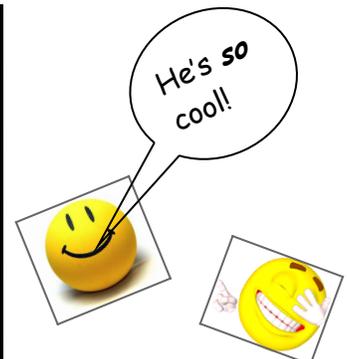
CRIME:	Aug 4-10:	Aug 11-17:	Aug 18-24:	Aug 25-31:	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change
Robbery	1	1	4	1	40	78	-49%
Aggravated Assaults	2	1	1	0	69	55	+25%
Other Assaults	7	9	3	7	247	238	+4%
Burglary	3	7	5	4	210	229	-8%
Auto Theft	4	7	4	2	156	141	+11%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	947	948	916	913	29,828	30,498	-2%
RESPONSE TIMES:							
* Priority 1	4:16 mins	2:52 mins	3:41 mins	4:09 mins	3:38 mins	3:43 mins	-2%
** Priority 2	14:07 mins	14:46 mins	14:27 mins	13:40 mins	14:55 mins	20:00 mins	-25%

* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls

Scam alert pop quiz: Test your knowledge and protect your cash

1. A message flashes on your computer screen: "Warning! Your system requires immediate antivirus scan". It offers a free scan. **What do you do?** (A) On a PC, hold down the Ctrl, Alt, and Delete keys. Under the applications tab, choose "End Task", then do a full scan using your existing antivirus software. Clicking anywhere in the on-screen alert can give your computer a virus.
2. Your wallet is lost or stolen. **Should you file a report with the police?** (A) Yes. Sending copies of the report to card issuers and credit bureaus will help clear up any identity theft. Also alert issuers of other missing cards e.g. driver's license, Medicare card etc.
3. The phone rings and a recorded voice tells you to call a number concerning an undeliverable package. **Which area codes suggest it's a scam?** (A) 284, 649, 809, 876, 473, 664, 784 - all are Caribbean codes. Scammers hope to run up your bill by \$50 or more per call.
4. You receive a \$4,850 check and letter saying it's partial payment of a lottery win. You're told to deposit the check and wire some or all of the money to the prize authority for insurance or other fees to get the full jackpot. **What should you do?** (A) Trash the check - it is fake, and your bank will hound you for any money you withdraw. You never have to pay to collect a contest prize.
5. When getting cash at an ATM, **how can you protect your debit card data from scammers?** (A) (1) Wiggle the ATM's card slot to see if it's secure; (2) On newer ATM's look for a bright or flashing light at the slot; (3) Cover the keypad as you enter your PIN. The first 2 actions test for "skimming devices" that steal card data; the 3rd action blocks prying eyes or cameras.
6. After filing a tax return, you receive an email from an IRS address seeking personal data. **What should your response be?** (A) Delete the message unless it's clearly in response to an email you sent to the IRS. The Federal Government does not send unsolicited emails. If there is an issue, expect a mailed letter.



Public Information: Protect Your Important Papers and Property

Are you prepared for an episode of Mother Nature Gone Wild, especially if it forces an evacuation from your home? Here's what to do now:



Avoid the paper chase:

You may have mere minutes to evacuate, and that's no time to be running around looking for must-have paperwork. So before disaster strikes, collect and copy it. Keep one set of original or photocopied records in a portable file system or lock box to grab and go. Make a backup set of electronic copies and save them on CDs, DVDs or external drives that should be stored in another safe location, such as a bank safe deposit box or the distant home of a trusted friend or relative. If you have a remote back-up service, you can keep the copies there as well.

Going forward, be sure to keep records updated.



The documents should include:

Personal: Birth and marriage certificates, divorce decrees, passports, diploma and military documents, Social Security card, and photocopies of your driver's license and the front and back of all credit cards. Also include phone numbers of friends and relatives, because numbers stored on your cellphone may be inaccessible if its battery dies and you can't recharge.



Home and property: Home deed, mortgage and closing statements; car titles; insurance policies or at the minimum, policy number and contact information for your agent and insurer; appraisal documents for jewelry and other valuables.



Estate: Your will, executor and estate planning paperwork, including names and phone numbers.



Medical: Medicare or health insurance cards, prescription records (especially for medications for chronic conditions such as diabetes and asthma), and contact information for your doctors.



Financial: Stock and bond certificates; IRA or 401(k) account numbers; bank statements; and tax records, including W2s and important receipts.



Prove your possessions:

To minimize possible insurance claim hassles, take and safeguard photographs or video of the contents of each room, including the garage, as proof that you own possessions that might be lost or damaged. "An advantage of videotaping possessions is you can narrate, such as 'I bought this table at this store, at this time, it's this brand and cost me this much', suggests Jeanne Salvatore of the Insurance Information Institute.

The Insurance Information Institute website has free online software called [Know Your Stuff](#) to help you conduct a home inventory. It can be accessed from any computer or via an app for iPhone and Android phones. You may also want to use the Internal Revenue Service's " [Casualty, Disaster and Theft Loss Workbook](#)" (PDF) for estimated fair market value figures of your items lost.

The biggest mistake made by disaster-devastated homeowners? "Not knowing beforehand what their policies cover - and don't." So each year, review your homeowner's policy and ask questions. With replacement cost policies, you're covered for today's cost of replacing damaged possessions. Cash value policies cover items at their depreciated value, which means your reimbursement check will be lower. And while tornado and fire damage are covered by most homeowner policies, supplemental insurance is needed for earthquakes and flood.

(Source: Sid Kirchheimer "Scam-Proof Your Life")

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

National Night Out: August 6, 2013

The 30th annual National Night Out held on Tuesday, August 6th, was a huge success. In addition to the main event on the Chandler Bikeway at Keystone, there were several individually-hosted block parties held throughout the city — a fun time was had by all.



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