**BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

 **200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502**

 ** Community Bulletin**

DATE: September 19, 2013

**Safety Tips Provided After Mountain Lion Sighting In Burbank Residential Area**

On September 18, 2013, a mountain lion was observed in the 3300 block of Wedgewood. The mountain lion was observed running away from the area when the police arrived.

This communication is intended to alert the community of the incident and to provide precautions to keep residents and their pets safe. The following safety tips have been provided to our residents:

* Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
* Do not feed deer; it is illegal in California and it will attract mountain lions.
* Trim brush to reduce hiding places for mountain lions.
* Don’t allow pets outside when mountain lions are most active—dawn, dusk, and at night.
* Bring pet food inside to avoid attracting raccoons, opossums and other potential mountain lion prey.
* Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
* Do not hike, bike, or jog alone.
* Avoid hiking or jogging when mountain lions are most active—dawn, dusk, and at night.
* Do not approach a mountain lion.
* If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children.
* If attacked, fight back.
* If a mountain lion attacks a person, immediately call 911.

For questions concerning this issue, please contact Burbank Animal Control at (818) 238-3340

**Questions regarding this statement may be directed to**

**Sergeant Darin Ryburn, @ 818-238-3240**

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