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**POINTS OF
INTEREST**

- POLICE
COMMISSION
MEETING
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16,
2015 AT 6:00PM

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AUGUST 2015

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES TORCH RUN #2

On Wednesday, July 22, 2015, Burbank PD Officers and Explorers, along with competing athletes, took part in the 2nd Special Olympics Torch Run as the Special Olympics Torch passed through Burbank on its way to the World Games.





9 LOW-COST WAYS TO GUARD YOUR DATA

Guarding your identity and credit doesn't have to be expensive. While pricey ID protection services may be useful for some, many consumer advocates say their \$100 to \$300-plus annual price tag usually isn't worth it. Credit monitoring won't work against fraud on existing accounts, such as bogus charges on a credit card. Rather, it alerts you to fraudulent new accounts opened in your name.

You can replicate many of their services yourself for free, or at very low cost. Some of the ways include:

1. Credit report check

For the best protection, go to AnnualCreditReport.com and check your credit report for suspicious activity, such as new accounts being opened in your name, from each of the 3 major credit reporting bureaus, the service is free. Only 25% of Americans do that with any of the 3 major companies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion); only 45% check theirs every few years. A fourth, smaller company, Innovis, also provides free reports.



2. Security freeze

Usually provided free by the credit bureaus for those over 65 or past ID theft victims, this restricts access to your report. If businesses can't see the report, they won't approve new financial or service accounts in your name.



3. Fraud alert

This is always free but less secure than a freeze. It means that an institution opening a new account in your name is supposed to verify your identity directly with you.



4. Locking mailbox

Only 4 in 10 homeowners have key-operated mailboxes to thwart scammers from stealing mail with personal and account information. Cost: \$18 and up.



5. An unlisted phone number

At \$20 to \$60 a year, it should keep you off public directories used by name-citing scammers calling with feigned "official business."

6. Prepaid debit card

If your debit card is used fraudulently, you could be out a lot of money. Prepaid debit cards are safer, limiting your potential losses, but beware of high usage fees.

7. External storage

Computer-crippling ransomware and other malware can hijack your computer or block access to its content, so back up important files off-device. A portable, encryption-enabled USB thumb drive starts at about \$5.



8. Free monitoring

Many banks and credit card companies provide free, real-time alerts of any suspicious activity. Credit Karma offers free, no-strings credit monitoring of your TransUnion credit report; Credit Sesame does the same with Experian. At TrustedID.com, you can get alerts if your Social Security and credit card numbers show up on scammers' black market websites. Monthly reports on public-record and commercial-database activity are available at AllClearID.com/enroll.

9. Protection software

Recommended freebies come from Malwarebytes, Panda Free, AVG, Avast and Bitdefender. These are basic packages, but some Internet providers offer full-strength freebies to customers.

(Source: [Sid Kirchheimer](#), author of *Scam-Proof Your Life*)

Weekly Crime Statistics: July 2015

CRIME:	June 28-July 4:	July 5-11:	July 12-18:	July 19-25:	July 26-Aug 1:	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Robbery	4	3	0	0	0	30	29	3%
Aggravated Assaults	2	1	1	1	1	30	35	-14%
Other Assaults	9	4	8	7	5	210	200	5%
Burglary	5	2	6	5	5	161	179	-10%
Auto Theft	5	9	8	8	7	129	103	25%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	946	934	962	883	922	26,113	25,949	1%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	4:15 mins	2:56 mins	4:15 mins	2:59 mins	4:19 mins	3:25 mins	3:39 mins	-6%
** Priority 2	12:26 mins	13:37 mins	13:26 mins	15:08 mins	16:34 mins	13:19 mins	14:06 mins	-6%

* Life-threatening or violent crimes in progress ** Average time for all other calls

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO): TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

A total of 13 NNO neighborhood block parties were held around the city on Tuesday, August 4th celebrating the 32nd annual NNO police-community partnership; these were in addition to the BPD's block party held in the parking lot behind the Police-Fire Headquarters building.



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HUMOR



I wonder if they see me??

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MISSION STATEMENT & CORE VALUES OF THE BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 our 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