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Burbank Police Department Monthly Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

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

INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER

- SPOTLIGHT!
- CRIME STATS
- PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SAFETY:
 - HOW TO AVOID WOULD-BE SCAMMERS
 - BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY
 - WEAPONS IN THE HOME
- FEATURE OF THE MONTH:
THE BPD'S JAIL



NEWS AROUND BURBANK

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SPOTLIGHT!

Couple Arrested for Sale/Possession of Heroin



Officers Zepeda and Stone responded to a reported fight in the parking lot of the Ramada Inn. As officers arrived, they contacted a male in the parking lot, had him sit down, and spoke with him regarding the incident. Officers Brady and Espindola arrived to assist.

While speaking with him, the officers located drug paraphernalia on the ground near him. A few minutes later, the male's girlfriend came out to the parking lot. While speaking with the officers, she stated they had a room at the Ramada Inn.

Upon searching the room, officers located items consistent with the sales of heroin. The female admitted to destroying some of the evidence because the "police were coming" and was placed under arrest for the destruction of evidence and for the items consistent with the sales of heroin. The male was also placed under arrest for the sales of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, and an outstanding warrant.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Back to School Safety

August is back-to-school month and safety should be a priority for every family. Here are a few important tips:

Walking to school

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before crossing the street, stop and look all ways to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.

Riding a bicycle to school

- Make sure children always wear their helmet when leaving the house.
- Teach children the rules of the road when they ride their bicycles.
- When riding with others, ride on the right side of the road and single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street.

Riding the bus to school

- While waiting for the bus, make sure children stand 6 feet from the curb.
- If you need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are at least 12 feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.



WEEKLY CRIME STATS - JULY 2013

CRIME:	June 30-July 1	July 7-13	July 14-20	July 21-27	July 28-Aug3	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	32	71	-55%
Aggravated Assaults	0	2	1	3	4	64	46	+39%
Other Assaults	6	3	8	9	6	222	202	+9%
Burglary	5	8	10	4	5	186	198	-6%
Auto Theft	2	5	3	5	4	130	122	+7%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	877	857	874	904	832	26,104	25,925	+1%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	3:36 mins	3:39 mins	3:00 mins	3:58 mins	3:09 mins	3:37 mins	3:49 mins	-5%
** Priority 2	13:19 mins	13:02 mins	14:26 mins	16:34 mins	14:42 mins	15:00 mins	20:16 mins	-26%

* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls

HOW TO AVOID WOULD-BE SCAMMERS (AS OUTLINED BY CRAIGSLIST)

You can sidestep would-be scammers by following these common-sense rules:

- ◆ **Deal locally with folks you can meet in person** - follow this one rule and avoid 99% of scam attempts.
- ◆ **Never wire funds via Western Union, MoneyGram** or any other wire service - anyone who asks you to do so is likely a scammer.
- ◆ **Fake cashier checks and money orders are common; banks will cash them and then hold you responsible** when the fake check is discovered weeks later.
- ◆ **Craigslist is not involved in any transaction**, and does not handle payments, guarantee transactions, provide escrow services, or offer "buyer protection" or "seller certification"
- ◆ **Never give out financial information** (bank account number, social security number, eBay/PayPal info, etc.)
- ◆ **Avoid deals involving shopping or escrow services** and know that **only a scammer will "guarantee" your transaction**
- ◆ **Do not rent housing without seeing the interior, or purchase expensive items sight-unseen** - in all likelihood that housing unit is not actually for rent and that cheap item does not exist.
- ◆ **Do not submit to credit checks or background checks** for a job or for housing until you have met the interviewer or landlord/agent in person.



Little Sammy's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station. There they saw pictures tacked to a big bulletin board. The label clearly read, "The 10 Most Wanted." One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes," said the policeman, "the detectives want him very badly." So Little Sammy asked, while tugging on the man's belt, "Um, mister, why didn't you keep them when you took their pictures?"

PUBLIC SAFETY: WEAPONS IN THE HOME

When we talk about violence, we can't ignore weapons – 9 out of 10 murders involve a weapon; 8 of 10 involve a firearm. Most robberies involve the use of a weapon, most frequently a handgun. One in 7 teens has reported carrying a weapon, like a bat, club, gun, or knife, at some time to protect himself. Weapons can make violence more deadly and less personal. A gun in the home increases the likelihood of homicide 3 times, and the likelihood of suicide 5 times.

Reduce the risk:

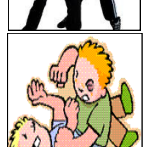
- ◆ Think long and hard about having weapons, especially firearms, in your home. Studies show that a firearm in the home is more than 40 times as likely to hurt or kill a family member as to stop a crime.
- ◆ Look at other ways to protect yourself and your home. Invest in top-grade locks, jamming devices for doors and windows, a dog, or an alarm system.
- ◆ Start or join a Neighborhood Watch. Check with the police, the YMCA, or the parks and recreation department about a self-defense class.
- ◆ If you do choose to own firearms (handguns, rifles, or shotguns) make sure they are safely stored. That means unloaded, trigger-locked, and in a locked gun case or pistol box, with ammunition separately locked. Store keys out of reach of children, away from weapons and ammunition. Check frequently to make sure this storage remains secure. Obtain training from a certified instructor in firearms safety for everyone in the home. Make sure it's kept current.
- ◆ Teach your children what to do if they find a firearm or something that might be a weapon - Stop, Don't Touch, Get Away, and Tell a Trusted Adult.

Stop violence:

- Show children how to settle arguments or solve problems without using words or actions that hurt others. Set the example by the way you handle everyday conflicts in the family, at work, and in the neighborhood. Don't forget that common courtesies like "please," "thank you," and "excuse me" help ease tensions that can lead to violence.
- Discourage name-calling and teasing. These can easily get out of hand, moving all too quickly from "just words" to fists, knives, and even firearms. Teach children that bullying is wrong and take their fears about bullies seriously.
- Take a hard look at what you, your family, and your friends watch and listen to for entertainment, from action movies and cop shows to video games and music lyrics. How do the characters solve problems? Do they make firearms and other violence appear exciting, funny, or glamorous? Are the real-life consequences of violence for victims and families clear? Talk about what each of you liked and didn't like.
- Encourage your children to steer clear of violence and drugs. Research shows use of alcohol and other drugs is closely linked with violence, including the use of guns and other weapons.

Take action in your community:

- ◆ Be sure you check with your police department for help in identifying how to report potentially violent situations or concerns about conditions in the neighborhood that could lead to violence.
- ◆ Support schools and youth clubs in their efforts to keep guns, knives, and other weapons from menacing the everyday lives of children and teens. Encourage children to report any weapons they know about in or near school to staff or the police.
- ◆ Look around to see what happens to young people after school hours. Are there supervised programs for younger children? Opportunities for teens and preteens to work with children, get or give help with homework, tackle neighborhood problems, or learn art, music, sports, or computer skills? In many areas, after-school programs are located in schools themselves and called Safe Havens or Beacon Schools.



FEATURE OF THE MONTH

The BPD's Jail

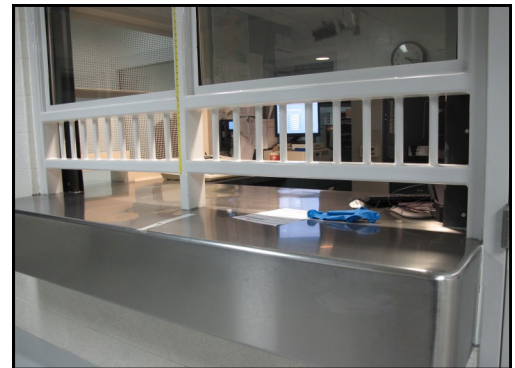


The Burbank Jail is a temporary holding facility where inmates are held until they appear in court. Misdemeanor arrestees are held until the next court date, while felony arrestees are held for 2 court days.

Once a person is arrested and brought to the jail, arrestees are screened for their psychological, mental, emotional, and medical history for proper placement. Jailers fingerprint, live scan, and take photographs of arrestees. Fingerprints and live scan material are sent to the Department of Justice and to the County for any additional information regarding the inmate in custody. Arrestees are entered into the BPD system, which checks for any outstanding warrants. Inmates are allowed to make local phone calls. They are provided breakfast, lunch, dinner, and are allowed visitation privileges.

The Burbank Jail also handles court-ordered bookings, fingerprints for sex and narcotic registrants, and collects DNA from qualified arrestees. The jail also has a weekender program. Inmates who have been sentenced by the courts for a misdemeanor may elect to pay \$100 per day to serve their time in the Burbank Jail rather than an LA County jail.

The Jail, which can house up to 70 inmates at a time, is staffed by 8 jailers and 1 Lieutenant. Jailers attend a 12-week Academy, and must continue with yearly training for Standards and Training for Corrections and First Aid.



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