



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2024



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EVENTS

- Veterans Day 11/11
- Police Commission 11/20
- Thanksgiving 11/28

THANK YOU!

As we enter the holiday season, the men and women of the Burbank Police Department would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our community for your continued support. It is an honor to serve the City of Burbank as we continually strive to provide professional police services through adherence to our core values of *Respect, Integrity, and Excellence*.

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Respect



Integrity



Excellence

Remembering Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka, End of Watch, November 15, 2003



November 15 will mark the anniversary of BPD Fallen Officer Matthew Pavelka. Matthew Pavelka was appointed as a police officer for the City of Burbank on August 5, 2002.

On the evening of November 15, 2003, Officer Gregory Campbell stopped to investigate a vehicle without license plates, occupied by two males, parked in an area known for drug trafficking and other criminal activity. Officer Campbell wisely called for backup.

The first officer to respond was 26-year-old Matthew Pavelka, who had been in the field as a police officer for just ten months. When Officer Campbell and Officer Pavelka approached the suspect's vehicle, the two occupants exited, both armed with guns. The suspects then fired at the officers. Both Officer Campbell and Officer Pavelka were wounded, but in the ensuing exchange of gunfire, the officers shot and killed one of the gunmen. The other suspect escaped on foot.

Both of the wounded officers were transported to a local hospital, where Officer Pavelka succumbed to his injuries. Officer Campbell was treated and remained in critical but stable condition.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2003, the suspect who fled was taken into custody.

Remembering Burbank Deputy City Marshal Luther Colson, End of Watch, November 16, 1914



November 16 will mark the anniversary of BPD Fallen Deputy City Marshal Luther Colson. Luther Colson was appointed as a City Marshal for the City of Burbank on February 21, 1914.

Marshal Colson was on duty on November 16, 1914, at about 7:00 p.m., when he was walking along the railroad tracks in the area of Lake Street and Victory Boulevard. Suddenly, several suspects began shooting at him from the nearby brush. One bullet struck Marshal Colson in the stomach. He returned fire, and after several shots, the suspects fled into the darkness. Marshal Colson started to return to town but collapsed. Citizens transported him to Burbank Hospital for treatment, but he succumbed to his injuries.

The Marshal of Tropic (a small community located at Los Feliz and San Fernando Boulevard, now part of Glendale), with twenty-five deputies, immediately started a search for the suspects. On November 18, 1914, three suspects were apprehended. One suspect had a gun matching the same caliber that was used in wounding of Marshal Colson. After a lengthy interrogation, all three suspects confessed to their involvement in the shooting.



INTRODUCING BPD'S NEWEST OFFICERS!



Officers Sayers (left), Makhshikian
(center), and Vega (right)
graduated November 7th from the
Los Angeles County Sherriff's
Academy, Class 477.

welcome!



FAITH & BLUE 2024

On Sunday, October 13, Saint Robert Bellarmine Church hosted the Burbank Police Department for the annual Faith & Blue event.

Faith & Blue reinforces connections between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve through the reach of houses of worship. There is no resource that can match the depth of the faith community in facilitating productive engagement with law enforcement.



Traffic Enforcement & Education

The Burbank Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of the citizens in our community. Impairment, speeding, street racing, and other dangerous driving behaviors jeopardize the safety of other people on the road. Burbank PD continues to enforce traffic laws with the goal of reducing collisions, educating the citizens in our community, and keeping our community safe. This is achieved through the establishment of preventative patrols to manage specific categories of unlawful driving behavior.



Traffic enforcement strategies are based on collision data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. Several methods contribute to our overall goal: arrests, citations, warnings, and education. Through these methods and efforts, we strive to educate our community on the importance of safe driving and we aim to keep our community safe.

Traffic Enforcement Stats: October 2024

DUI ARRESTS	→	26
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	→	858
PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS	→	8
BICYCLE COLLISIONS	→	7
TOTAL COLLISIONS	→	69

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK

On October 26th, the Burbank Police Department teamed up with the US Drug Enforcement Administration for the semi-annual Drug Take Back Day. Ten boxes were filled with unwanted and expired medications for safe and proper disposal!



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