



## BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024



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### EVENTS

- Pink Police Cruiser 10/1
- National Coffee with a Cop 10/2
- Police Commission 10/16
- Halloween 10/31

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

For the seventh year, the Burbank Police Department and Wrapix Imaging of Burbank have teamed up in the fight against breast cancer. Burbank Police introduced a pink-wrapped Ford Explorer police cruiser for the month of October, which has been designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The purpose behind wrapping this vehicle in pink is to draw attention and encourage regular screenings for the early detection of breast cancer.

Wrapix Imaging and 3M Commercial Graphics have generously donated all of the vinyl wrap materials and labor. Wrapix Imaging is a family-owned company specializing in a wide variety of custom-printed graphics.

### JOIN BPD - NOW HIRING



- Communications Operator
- Jailer

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# Remembering Burbank Police Officer Richard E. Kunkle, End of Watch, September 22, 1961



Officer Richard "Dick" E. Kunkle was appointed as a patrolman on January 4, 1954. He was killed in the line of duty while riding a police motorcycle on September 22, 1961. Officer Kunkle was attempting to stop a motorist in the area of Victory Boulevard and Orange Grove Avenue when he was struck by another vehicle. Officer Kunkle died from his injuries.

Prior to his service with the Burbank Police Department, Officer Kunkle served in the Armed Forces during World War II and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. After his military service, Officer Kunkle served four years as a police officer in Anchorage, Alaska.

As a Burbank Police Officers' Association tradition, a wreath was placed at "The Guardians" statue in honor of our fallen hero.

Officer Kunkle's name is forever carved on the wall at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial. Memorial Panel: 14-W:10.



To commemorate the 23rd anniversary of September 11, Burbank Police officers joined the students and staff of Saint Robert Bellarmine School for a moment of silence and a blessing.







**Kiwanis**  
Kiwanis Club of Burbank

# FAMILY 2024 FUN DAY



On Saturday, September 14th, Burbank Kiwanis held their annual Family Fun Day event on the campus of Burbank High School. The festivities included games, food, music, demonstrations, and booths from several community organizations. Thank you for inviting Burbank PD to participate in this wonderful event!



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DEPARTMENT**



# CONGRATULATIONS



## Sworn Employee of the Year Lieutenant Brent Fekety

This past year, Lieutenant Brent Fekety was called upon to assume responsibility for two demanding and complex tasks, in addition to his regular assignment. He was tasked with managing the implementation of a new dispatch and records management system, and also called upon to act as the interim manager of the Communications Center. Lieutenant Fekety took on both missions with determination and enthusiasm. He developed a formal cutover plan for each “go-live” operation associated with the new systems. The success of this major endeavor is directly linked to the planning, preparation, and training carried out by Lieutenant Fekety. For his efforts, Lieutenant Fekety has been recognized as the 2024 Sworn Employee of the Year.

## Civilian Employee of the Year Records Manager Jennifer Moran

Jennifer Moran is responsible for a myriad of critical functions ranging from managing records retention schedules, managing the Department’s Records Bureau, acting as a liaison with the Superior Court, conducting audits and facilitating public records requests, and managing facility access to vendors and construction workers. The fact that she also played a critical role in the new dispatch and records management system transition speaks to her professional expertise and commitment to the Department. Jennifer Moran is a true leader and richly deserving of formal recognition as the Department’s Civilian Employee of the Year for 2024.





# October is National

## *Pedestrian Safety Month*

The Burbank Police Department offers safe driving and walking tips, including staying off the phone when behind the wheel or walking.

### Drivers

- Do not speed, and slow down at intersections. Be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks.
- Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a right-hand turn.
- Never drive impaired.

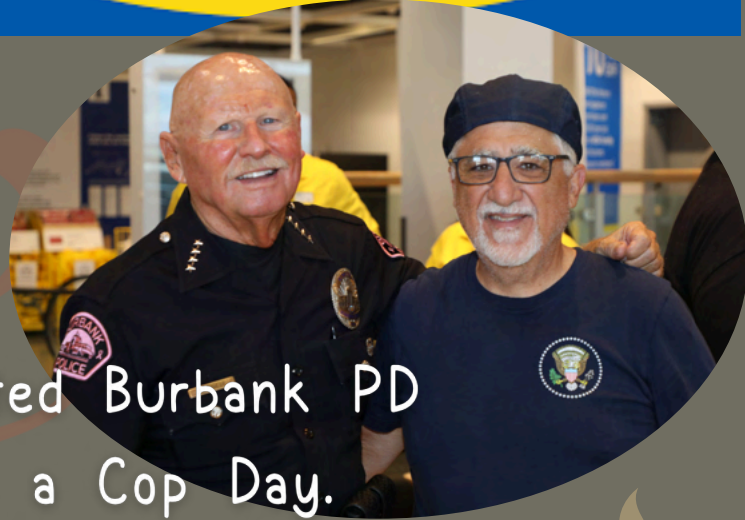
### Pedestrians

- Be predictable. Use signalized crosswalks where drivers may anticipate foot traffic.
- Watch for approaching vehicles and practice due care crossing the street. At 30 mph, a driver needs at least 90 feet to stop.
- Make it easier for drivers to see you at night – consider wearing bright colors, reflective material, or use a flashlight when practical.
- Be careful crossing streets or entering crosswalks at night or on busier streets with higher speed limits.





# Coffee With a Cop



On October 2nd, IKEA hosted Burbank PD for National Coffee With a Cop Day.

Coffee With a Cop brings police officers and community members together for casual conversations over coffee.





# 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: September 2024

**DUI ARRESTS**

→ 16

**TRAFFIC CITATIONS**

→ 612

**PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS**

→ 6

**BICYCLE COLLISIONS**

→ 0

**TOTAL COLLISIONS**

→ 59



# DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup> TAKEBACK



**CONTACTLESS**



**Turn in unneeded medication  
for safe disposal.**

*Please do not bring illicit substances, liquids, needles or other sharps for drop off*

**Saturday, October 26  
10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**Burbank Police Department  
200 N. 3rd Street  
(Rear Parking Lot)**





# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is a time to celebrate and enjoy the annual traditions of dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating for those savory treats. It is a time for fun with friends, family, and neighbors. The Burbank Police wish you a safe and Happy Halloween on October 31st.

In an effort to help the Burbank community enjoy Halloween safely, the Burbank Police Department is sharing the following tips for motorists, parents, and trick-or-treaters:

## Motorists

- Please slow down, especially in residential neighborhoods
- Dark costumes can be hard to see, especially at night. Please be on the lookout for trick-or-treating enthusiasts and remember they may not always see you.
- If a witch's brew is on your menu, designate a sober driver. There is nothing more frightening than a drunk driver.

## Parents

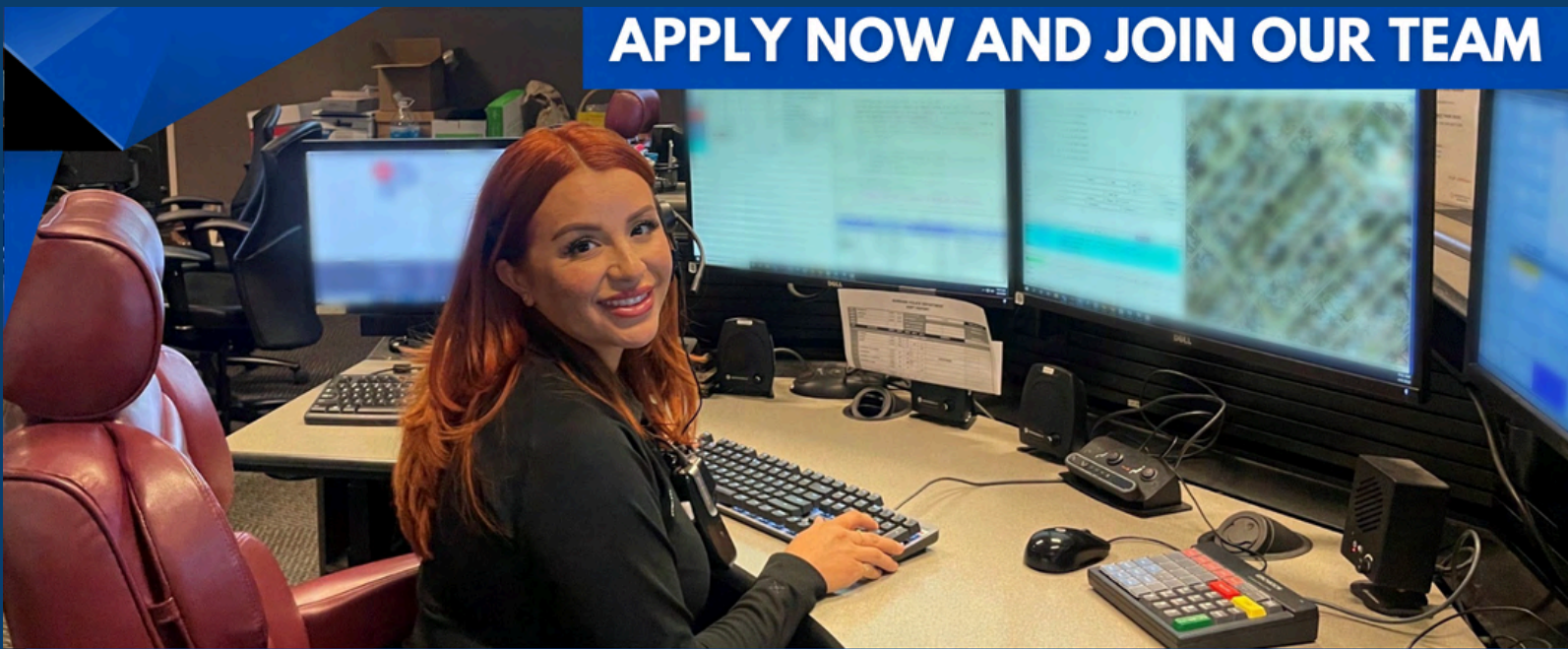
- Make sure small children are supervised at all times by an adult
- Plan and discuss the route your trick-or-treaters will follow and make sure to stick to it
- Encourage children to stay in groups
- Teach children to stop only at well-lit houses and to never enter a stranger's home
- Tell children not to eat any treats until they get home
- Inspect treats and get rid of any that look as though they've been opened or tampered with

## Trick-or-Treaters

- Be visible!
- Wear disguises that do not obstruct vision
- ELIMINATE distractions and avoid using cell phones or ear buds/headphones while walking
- Ensure any props are flexible and blunt-tipped to avoid injury from tripping
- Carry a flashlight and place it face down when crossing the street to illuminate the ground and your surrounding area to alert drivers to your presence
- Have a parent or guardian inspect all treats and never consume any candy that appears to have been opened or tampered with

The Burbank Police encourages the reporting of suspicious or illegal behavior. For non-emergencies, dial (818) 238-3000. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.



**APPLY NOW AND JOIN OUR TEAM****Salary: \$61,456 - \$84,718**

# **NOW HIRING >**

# **COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR**

## **Benefits**

- > Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance.
- > 80-160 hrs of vacation time awarded annually, based on years of service.
- > 11 paid holidays per year, plus two additional "floating" holidays earned annually.
- > PEPR CalPERS retirement pension of 2% at 62.
- > Shift differential pay of \$2,000 annually.
- > Bilingual pay of \$1,100 annually.
- > Up to 75% tuition reimbursement annually.
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