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**COMING  
EVENTS:**

- POLICE COMMISSION MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 AT 6:00PM
- CRIME PREVENTION MONTH
- HALLOWEEN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2014

**INCLUDED IN  
NEWSLETTER**

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**NEWS AROUND BURBANK**

OCTOBER 2014

**SPOTLIGHT!**



Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free. Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home. People are using Nextdoor to:

- ◆ Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- ◆ Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- ◆ Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- ◆ Find out who does the best paint job in town
- ◆ Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- ◆ Find a new home for an outgrown bike

Fences are sometimes necessary. But online privacy is **always** necessary. Nextdoor makes it safe to share online the kinds of things you'd be okay sharing with your neighbors in person. Here's how:

- ⇒ Every neighbor must verify their address.
- ⇒ Each neighbor signs in with their real name. Just like in person.
- ⇒ You choose where your information is shared.
- ⇒ Your website is securely encrypted using the HTTPS Internet protocol.
- ⇒ Information shared will never show up in Google or other search engines.
- ⇒ Nextdoor never shares your personal information with third-party advertisers.

Visit [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com), enter your email address, street address (no P.O. boxes), and zip code, and click **GET STARTED** - it's free. If there is already a Nextdoor website for your neighborhood, you will automatically be directed to that neighborhood. If there is not yet a Nextdoor website for your neighborhood, you'll be given the option to create one.

\*\*This is completely voluntary on the end user. The Burbank Police Department does not monitor this website. If there is an emergency, call 911.\*\*

# WEEKLY CRIME STATS - SEPTEMBER 2014

CRIME:	Aug 31-Sept 6:	Sept 7-13:	Sept 14-20:	Sept 21-27:	Sept 28-Oct 4:	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	1	3	0	0	1	37	43	-14%
Aggravated Assaults	0	1	0	1	0	45	79	-43%
Other Assaults	14	5	5	11	9	281	281	0%
Burglary	1	11	4	4	13	237	235	1%
Auto Theft	3	3	3	4	3	133	167	-20%
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>34,010</b>	<b>34,266</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>RESPONSE TIMES:</b>								
* Priority 1	3:30 mins	4:15 mins	4:08 mins	3:15 mins	4:01 mins	3:38 mins	4:28 mins	-19%
** Priority 2	13:23 mins	13:42 mins	12:19 mins	13:05 mins	13:06 mins	13:56 mins	14:58 mins	-7%

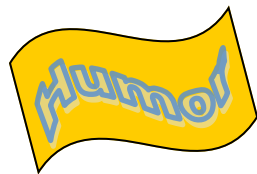
\* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

\*\* Average time for all other calls

## NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT RESULTS



The DEA, in conjunction with local law enforcement, conducted its 9th annual nationally-held drug take-back event on Saturday, September 27, 2014. The Burbank Police Department set up a collection point in the parking lot of the Police and Fire Headquarters, and between the hours of 10:00am - 2:00pm, successfully collected 14 boxes (254.5 lbs) of medications, and 1 box (17 lbs) of syringes.



My oh my! So when, and where, can I park!!!



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Although children look forward to tricks, treats, and ghoulish garb, Halloween can be fraught with fright for parents, with candy given to their kids by strangers and a legion of masked and costumed trick-or-treaters at the door.

However, following a few safety tips can ensure safe fun for kids and candy-givers alike:

- ✔ Clear your yard and sidewalk of any obstacles or decorations that may be hard to see in the dark, lest someone go bump in the night.
- ✔ Keep your house well-lighted, both inside and out; you wouldn't want to miss any particularly good costumes, would you?
- ✔ Ask your Neighborhood Watch or local citizen's group to patrol your community.
- ✔ Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your police department.
- ✔ To make sure even the scariest costumes are safe, keep the following in mind when buying or designing one:
  - ✔ Try makeup instead of masks; it's more comfortable and doesn't obstruct vision the way masks can.
  - ✔ Check to ensure that costumes are flame-retardant so that young ones are safe around jack-o'-lanterns, candles, and other flames.
  - ✔ Keep costumes short to ensure that the only trip taken is the one around the neighborhood.
  - ✔ Look for brightly colored costumes, attach reflector strips to costumes and bags, and remind trick-or-treaters to carry glow sticks and flashlights.
  - ✔ If a costume involves any sort of fake weapon, make sure that it is made of a flexible material such as cardboard or foam. Or, avoid the whole problem of weapons by challenging your child to design a costume that is scary without one.

Remember the next few tips to make sure your trick-or-treater's night in the neighborhood will be safe and fun:

- ✔ Older kids should trick-or-treat in groups; kids walking around alone are never as safe as those in groups, and especially not at night. Younger kids should be accompanied by a parent or trusted neighbor.
- ✔ Review the route beforehand and set a time when kids should be home. Also, have a plan if your child gets separated from his or her friends or from you.
- ✔ Remind your children not to enter strange houses or cars.
- ✔ Remind your children not to eat treats until they've come home. To help ensure this, feed them a meal or a substantial snack before they go out.
- ✔ Check all treats at home in a well-lighted place. Be especially wary of anything that is not wrapped by the factory or is no longer sealed.
- ✔ Remind kids not to eat everything at once, lest they be green even without the makeup!

# FEATURE OF THE MONTH

## THE BPD'S PEER SUPPORT TEAM



The Peer Support Team was founded in 2013 and is currently comprised of 15 members of the Burbank Police Department. The creation of the team is part of an ongoing effort in the law-enforcement and emergency medical service world with a two-fold purpose:

- to train personnel to assist their co-workers, who understand similar shared experiences of the profession, in managing professional and personal crises
- to enhance the mental and emotional wellness of employees

The members are trained by the California Peer Support Association in Basic Peer Support and Critical Incident Stress Management. (A critical incident is defined as an event which is outside the normal human experience. Examples include shootings, severe injury, death of children, and suicide.)

Traditionally law-enforcement personnel have been expected to be superheroes, unaffected by what they see and hear throughout their day. The officers, dispatchers, records personnel, jailers, and many others deal with the worst situations imaginable. When they go home after shift, they try not to vent stress on family or friends. The Peer Support staff are trained and available to listen, help in practical ways, and when appropriate, to refer the individual to professional resources such as EAP (Employee Assistance Program) or a volunteer police chaplain.

The Peer Support Team is a cheerleader of recognition of celebratory milestones of personnel and their family members - birthdays, graduations, retirements, births of children, promotions, etc. The team also provides supportive outreach to our BPD family members who are at home recovering from injury or illness.

### **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 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**