

BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK

OCTOBER 16 TO 22, 2022

October 18, 2022

National Teen Driver Safety Week is October 16-22, 2022, and the Burbank Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety of everyone on our roadways, especially young and newly licensed drivers.

Traffic collisions are the leading cause of death amongst teens ages 16-19 years. Most of these collisions are a result of some form of distraction, whether it be a cell phone or passenger(s), followed by speed and reckless driving.

This year, the Burbank Police Department is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to encourage parents to discuss safe driving habits with their young drivers. Assure your teen driver knows the rules of the road and the importance of safe driving before you hand over the keys.

Parents play a critical role in teen driver safety and in communicating important driving safety information. New teen drivers are still gaining experience behind the wheel, which increases the chance of dangerous situations for the teen and other roadway users around them. It is important for parents to have these discussions with their teens, so start the conversation today and continue it every day.

For the second year in a row, the Burbank Police Department has begun hosting its driver education curriculum, titled "Mindfulness for Young Drivers" at John Burroughs High School, Burbank High School, and Providence High School. Classes will be comprised of 9th-grade students who will learn of the importance of safe driving through candid conversation and a variety of topics, which include driving permits and provisional licenses, rules of the road, distracted driving, reckless driving (speed), the importance of seatbelts, traffic collisions and what to do if involved in a collision, and the dangers of driving while impaired.

The goal of the program is to educate the young members of our community about the responsibilities that come with the privilege of driving and the importance of safe driving behaviors.

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