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- Police Commission Meeting July 17 6:00 P.M.

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BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Newsletter | July 2019

Burbank Police Carry Special Olympics Torch Marking Start of Summer Games

On June 5, members of the Burbank Police Department participated in the 2019 Special Olympics Torch Run. The "Flame of Hope" torch is carried each year by over 200 agencies across 900 miles, ending at the Special Olympics Summer Games opening ceremonies.

B.P.D. received the torch around 12:30 P.M. from the Los Angeles Police Department at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Clybourn Avenue. Runners then carried the flame east through the City of Burbank, passing City Hall and stopping for a photo in front of Police and Fire Headquarters.

The torch was then carried south on Glenoaks Boulevard and handed off to runners from the Glendale Police Department. Along the route, dozens of community members showed their support by cheering for the runners, including students from St. Finbar and St. Robert Bellarmine Schools.

To watch a video recap of this year's Special Olympics Torch Run, [click here](#).



Officers Return From Active Military Deployments

Two Burbank Police Officers recently made their return to duty after being deployed overseas as part of their commitment to the United States Military. Officer Aaron Denning, a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, currently serves with Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines and is assigned as the Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon Sergeant. In October of 2018, Officer Denning and his battalion deployed to Okinawa, Japan where they conducted several bilateral training exercises with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force at Camp Fuji. Officer Denning returned in April of 2019 and was reunited with his family and friends.

Officer Jose Soto is a Maritime Enforcement Specialist with the United States Coast Guard. Over the past year, Officer Soto was stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he was part of a Joint Task Force providing Anti-terrorism and force protection for detainee operations.

Both Officers Denning and Soto received a warm welcoming upon their return during a reception held at the Burbank Police Department. They have since returned to their normal duties in serving our community as Burbank Police Officers.



Banners hung inside the Burbank Police Department welcoming back Officers Aaron Denning and Jose Soto, both of whom were deployed overseas for U.S. Military assignments.



Pictured from left to right are Captain Denis Cremins, Chief Scott LaChasse, Officer Aaron Denning, Officer Jose Soto, and Deputy Chief Mike Albanese.



Family Fun & Games

Community Awareness

AUGUST 6, 2019

- ★ **Burbank Police Officers**
- ★ **Face Painting**
- ★ **Bike Safety Course**
- ★ **Police Vehicle Displays**
- ★ **Food & Refreshments**
- ★ **Exhibitors**
- ★ **Giveaways & more!**



America's **Night Out** Against Crime

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M
Chandler Bikeway - Between Keystone St. & Lincoln St.

For More Information, Call Burbank Police Community Outreach at (818) 238-3235



Burbank Police Veterans Celebrate Retirement

As June came to an end, several Burbank Police Officers celebrated retirement after many years of service to our community. Among them, Officer Todd Burns, who retired on June 14, 2019 following his 30 years of service to the citizens of Burbank.

Officer Burns joined the Burbank Police Department in December of 1988 after proudly serving our country as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He started his career in patrol and served as a School Resource Officer and member of the Crime Impact Team. However, Officer Burns' true passion was traffic enforcement and traffic safety, having spent the majority of his career as a member of the Burbank Police Motor Squad.



Motor Officer Todd Burns, pictured above, celebrated retirement on June 14 following 30 years of service to the City of Burbank

Additional June retirements included Officer Fernando Rojas, Officer Greg Kaufman, Officer Tony Faggiano, and Captain Eric Deroian.

Police Explorers Graduate From L.A.S.D. Academy

Congratulations to Burbank Police Explorers Barnfather and Cuchillas. Both recently graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department Police Explorer Academy, Class #102. Explorer Barnfather also earned the award for Highest Physical Training among female recruits.

The Burbank Police Explorer program is focused on career development for young men and women who are interested in law enforcement. The program is open to those who are 14-21 years of age. For more information about the program, visit <https://www.burbankpd.org/programs/explorers>.



Burbank Police Explorers Rachel Barnfather (left) and Yesenia Chuchillas (right) display their certificates following the June 15 L.A.S.D Police Explorer Academy graduation. Explorer Barnfather earned the award for Highest Physical Training among female recruits.

CRIME STATS: May 2019

Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Petty Theft	Auto Theft
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Total Calls for Service: 3,917

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): 3:08

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): 16:26

Traffic Citations: 824 | Arrests: 399

For a complete listing of FBI UCR crime reporting statistics, please visit burbankpd.org or <https://ucr.fbi.gov>.



FOURTH OF JULY

PET SAFETY

- Don't take your pets to fireworks displays. Loud noises and fireworks may frighten them. It's safer to leave them at home.
- Never leave pets unattended in parked vehicles, especially on hot days. Pets can become overheated quickly. This is not only cruel, but unlawful. Pets can also injure themselves trying to escape a vehicle if they become frightened by fireworks.
- Keep your pets indoors, but avoid leaving them home alone. If you must leave them at home, consider keeping them inside of a soft pet crate. Also, leave the radio or television on to drown out any noise created by fireworks.
- Make sure your pet(s) are wearing identification at all times. The Burbank Animal Shelter microchips pets for Burbank residents, so make sure your contact information and pet licenses are up-to-date.
- If your pet(s) is especially nervous, consider consulting with a veterinarian who may elect to prescribe a tranquilizer to keep them calm.
- If your pet becomes lost, call your local animal shelter immediately. Leave a message after hours. Make sure you check local shelters during normal operating hours and make a lost and found report.

**Burbank Animal Shelter****(818) 238-3340****2019 CONCERT SEASON**

STARLIGHT BOWL

[Click here for more information](#)



Enjoy the 4th of July Safely.

REMEMBER, **ALL FIREWORKS ARE DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL.**

The Burbank Police and Fire Departments would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. We would also like to remind the community that the possession or use of any fireworks is illegal in the City of Burbank. Burbank Police will be on the lookout for fireworks throughout the Fourth of July holiday period. Anyone caught in possession of fireworks will have them confiscated and be subject to a citation or arrest.

Fireworks, even those marked as 'safe and sane,' are dangerous and against the law in Burbank. In recent years, fireworks have been one of the leading causes of injuries requiring hospital emergency room treatment. Fireworks can result in severe burns, fractures, scars, and even death or disfigurement. Serious injuries each year typically harm the eyes, head and/or hands.

We encourage everyone to enjoy the amazing professional fireworks show hosted by the Burbank Parks and Recreation Department at the Starlight Bowl. For tickets, visit www.StarlightBowl.com.

Additionally, Burbank Police want to remind residents that celebratory gunfire is not only dangerous, but illegal. A stray bullet from a gun can kill someone. Shooting a gun into the air is a felony and if you are caught, you will be arrested and prosecuted. If you see someone fire a gun into the air, call the police.

Finally, we remind the community that drone (UAS) operations are unlawful within the city limits under federal law, with limited exceptions, as well as the Burbank Municipal Code, which makes it illegal to operate drones near fireworks, police and/or fire operations, at night, or over people, among several other restrictions.

Please celebrate the Fourth of July holiday safely and responsibly. Do not fire guns into the air and do not use illegal fireworks.

