



## Events:

- Police Service Day May 7
- Mother's Day May 8
- Peace Officer's Memorial Day May 15
- Memorial Day May 30

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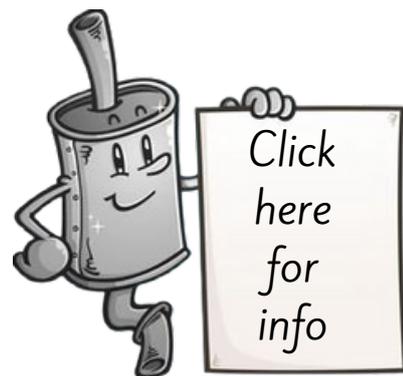


# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Newsletter | May 2022

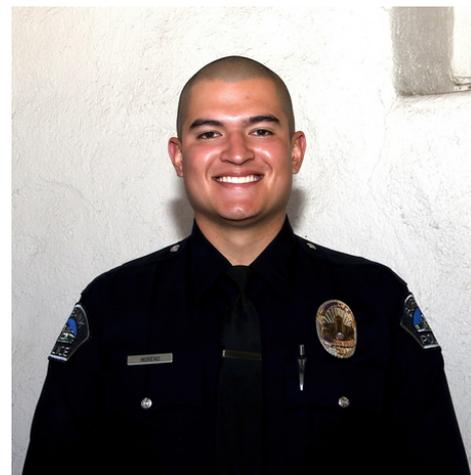
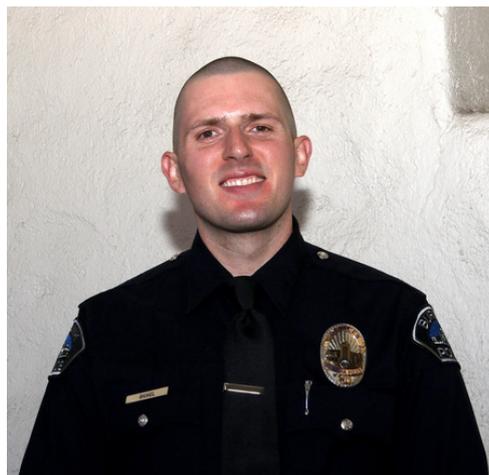
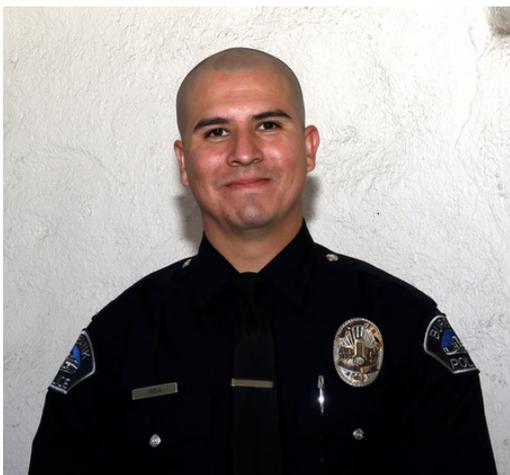
### "Etch and Catch"

The Burbank Police Department presents the "Etch and Catch" Catalytic Converter Anti-Theft Program for the second year in a row. In an effort to deter would-be thieves and to track stolen catalytic converters, the Burbank Police Department has teamed up with several local auto repair shops, where Burbank residents can go and have their license plate number etched onto their catalytic converter, free of charge.



### Newest Burbank Police Officers

On March 30th, the Burbank Police Department welcomed three new Police Officers, who graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy, Class #212. Officer Avila (left), Officer Bickel (center), and Officer Moreno (right) have all begun the training program within the Patrol Division.



Respect ◆ Integrity ◆ Excellence

# Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team

The Burbank Police Department's Mental Health Evaluation Team marks ten years of service to the citizens of Burbank.

In May of 2012, the Burbank Police Department and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health joined together in a cooperative effort to provide the City of Burbank with a mental health team aimed towards addressing the growing needs of those suffering from mental illness and homelessness. This joint partnership, known as the Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team (BMHET), employs a co-response model. The team is comprised of a police officer, Officer Ennisha Kyles, a licensed Department of Health clinician, Sonia Casanova, and an Administrative Analyst, Kelly Bravo-Cuevas.

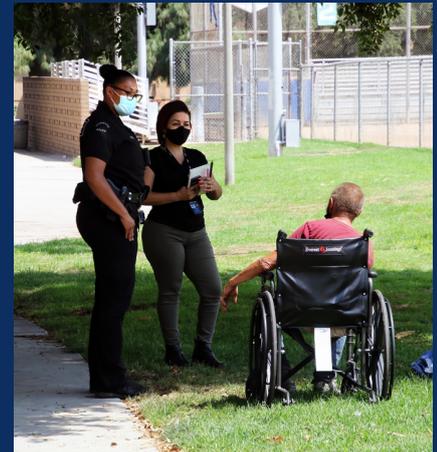
BMHET's responsibilities are threefold: provide crisis support during calls for service, provide on-going case management support to other divisions regarding persons who would benefit from intensive case management/linkage, and the team provides training to city departments and other community groups.

When BMHET responds to calls for service or contacts an individual with mental health underpinnings, the team evaluates the person and determines if further mental health treatment is required. If so, the team utilizes the numerous resources available through the Los Angeles County Department of Health.

For further information or to inquire about BMHET services, please contact Officer Kyles (EKyles@burbankca.gov) or Mental Health Clinician, Sonia Casanova at (818) 238-3391.



Officer Ennisha Kyles (left),  
Mental Health Clinician Sonia Casanova (middle),  
Administrative Analyst Kelly Bravo-Cuevas (right)



## Mental Health Awareness Program

The Burbank Police Department is proud to announce its "Mental Health Awareness Program" (MHAP), which is a sticker program intended to alert first responders that they may be interacting with, or about to interact with a person with special needs.



**A PERSON(S) WITH SPECIAL  
NEEDS LIVES HERE**

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE PERSON(S):**

- MAY NOT COMPREHEND SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS
- MAY NOT RECOGNIZE DANGER
- MAY NOT RESPOND
- MAY RESIST HELP

# Baker 2 Vegas

## BPD Relay Team Secures 7th Place

April 9, 2022 marked the start of this year's Baker 2 Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race. Once again, the Burbank Police Department competed against teams composed of other law enforcement officers from all over Southern California. The annual 19-stage, 120-mile relay race started near the town of Baker, California and ended in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Baker 2 Vegas race is known for its steep climbs, hot temperatures, and sometimes treacherous conditions as participants run day and night to reach the finish line.

This year, Team Burbank completed the race in 18 hours and 22 minutes, finishing in seventh place out of eleven teams in their category. This finish was enough to earn the coveted Baker 2 Vegas "Mug," with an overall placing of 99 out of 250+ teams.

The Burbank Police Baker 2 Vegas Team would like to thank everyone who supported this year's race effort, including the Burbank Police Command Staff, Burbank Police Officers' Association, support staff and volunteers, those who picked up extra shifts to allow officers to participate, and community members who donated to support the team's participation.



# 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. We continue 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 deal with 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 Bureau Stats: April 2022

DUI Arrests

23

Citations

702

Documented Collisions

45

**NOW HIRING**

**Join Our Team.  
Wear Our Badge.**

The Burbank Police  
Department is Now Hiring

Apply at [www.BurbankPD.org/Recruitment](http://www.BurbankPD.org/Recruitment)

# Matthew Pavelka Scholarships

## Awarded to High School Seniors

On April 27, 2022, seven local high school seniors were each awarded with a \$2,000 scholarship in memory of fallen Burbank Police Officer, Matthew Pavelka. The students will receive the scholarships upon completion of a 2022 First Quarter/Semester at a public or private junior college, or accredited university that offers academic or vocational courses leading to a secondary degree.



The Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Awards Program was established by the Burbank Police Foundation in honor of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka, who was killed in the line of duty on November 15, 2003. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in pursuit of an educational or vocational goal. The purpose of the program is to motivate students to dedicate themselves more thoroughly and responsibly to their education and training, and to encourage them to strive for excellence and distinction in whatever field they choose. For more information, visit [www.burbankpolicefoundation.org](http://www.burbankpolicefoundation.org)

### This year's recipients:

Spencer Solberg (Burbank High School)

Lan H. Mai (John Burroughs High School)

Avery F. Marchs (Providence High School)

Alia J. Embleton (Burbank Police Officers' Association)

Devan McGivern (Burbank Police Officers' Association)

Isabella K. Smith (Burbank Police Officers' Association)

Dominic M. Puglisi (Burbank Police Officers' Association)

# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT



JOIN US FOR

# Police Service Day MAY 7, 2022

## 9AM-2PM

**POLICE & FIRE  
HEADQUARTERS**

200 N. THIRD ST.  
BURBANK

**FOR MORE INFO,  
CALL (818) 238-3223**



**POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

Live Demonstrations



Food & Drinks



Bike Registration



Kids' Activities &  
Family Fun



Fire Department  
Obstacle Course



# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

# BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

## - Share the Road -

May is Bicycle Safety Month and the Burbank Police Department is encouraging those out riding and driving to look out for one another and help reduce injuries on our roads.

**Bicycle Safety** remains a key concern and top priority in our community year-round. It is the goal of the Burbank Police Department to reduce the number of collisions, injuries and deaths involving bicyclists by providing education and increasing enforcement to help safeguard everyone on the road.

The Burbank Police Department aims to remind bicycle riders to follow the same rules of the road as drivers, including stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, and not riding distracted or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Drivers should remain vigilant in looking out for bicyclists, and remember, California law requires drivers to allow **at least three feet of space** when passing a bicycle on the road.

To help keep bicyclists safe on our roadways, the Burbank Police Department has the following reminders:

- Bike riders should always wear a helmet.
- When cycling, use hand signals for turning and stopping.
- Drivers should look behind them before making a turn at an intersection, changing lanes, pulling away from a curb, opening their door, or when reversing or leaving a parking space.
- Bicyclists should always ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Bicyclists should make themselves visible by wearing brightly colored clothing, and reflective clothing in low light conditions.
- Bicyclists are reminded to use lights from dusk to dawn (white light to the front; red flashing light or reflectors to the rear).
- Both drivers and bicyclists should avoid distractions like using their cell phone.

# MUFFINS WITH MHET

TUESDAY MAY 17, 2022  
FROM 8AM-10AM

JOIN THE BURBANK POLICE  
DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH  
EVALUATION TEAM IN  
CELEBRATING THEIR 10 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY ALONG WITH  
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS  
MONTH!

HOSTED BY  
MIRACLE BAKERY  
LOCATED AT  
1529 N. SAN  
FERNANDO BLVD



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DEPARTMENT**

# MHET in a Decade

Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) is Celebrating its 10th Year of Service!



Providing Community Resources

In 2012, in response to a significant increase in mental health-related calls for service and interventions, the Burbank Police Department (BPD) collaborated with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) to provide an appropriate response model to those experiencing mental illness. As a result, BPD became one of the first municipal cities in the greater Los Angeles region to implement a Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET).

MHET is a co-response model that partners a police officer with a licensed mental health professional. MHET's mission is to divert individuals experiencing mental illness from the criminal justice system, reduce the likelihood of future law enforcement contacts and emergency hospitalizations, and provide linkage to resources to support sustained care.

Over the past decade, MHET has evolved and implemented a robust service delivery model specific to the needs of our community. MHET focuses on five primary areas of service:

- Crisis Response and Intervention
- Targeted Case Management
- Homeless Outreach
- Consultation
- Community Engagement/Training



De-escalating a crisis situation involving an individual with a weapon

In 2018, MHET implemented a case management system that has captured approximately 4,000 team community contacts. Beginning from 2018 to present, MHET conducted the following contacts:

- Responded to over **900** mental health-related situations and completed **600** mental health evaluations
- Received over **650** referrals from members of the community and police department personnel
- Conducted over **1,800** case management follow-ups and consultations with individuals, family members, and care providers
- Conducted over **1,100** outreach contacts with unhoused individuals



Homeless Outreach

MHET appreciates the support received from the community, City Council and leadership, and police department personnel. MHET looks forward to continuing to work with members of the community and evolving the program, to include the following upcoming initiatives:

- Expansion of the program to include a second MHET Team and extended coverage for more days and hours in the week
- New vehicle with a specially designed transportation compartment
- Mental Health Awareness Program (MHAP) Decal
- Muffins with MHET Community Event (Tuesday 5/17/22 @ Miracle Bakery 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.)



Recipient of Award for Excellence in Community Policing by Peace Officers Association of LA County (POALAC)



Providing Education at the Department Community Academy



Q&A with BUSD Students

## MHET throughout the Years 2012-2022



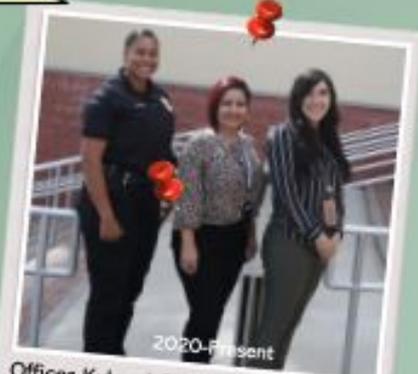
2012-2014

Dr. Jennifer Hunt, Chief Albanese (Founder of BPD MHET), Detective Sanchez



2015-2019

Sgt. Snowden, LCSW Maria Panduro, Police Admin. Courtney Padgett



2020-Present

Officer Kyles, LCSW Sonia Casanova, Analyst Kelly Bravo-Cuevas

To contact MHET, please call **818-238-3391** or email **BMHET@burbankca.gov**