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A recent analysis of crime trends in Burbank revealed that property crimes have dominated the crime spectrum for the first half of 2015. Of particular note has been the targeting of unattended motor vehicles for vehicle parts and items left inside the passenger compartments. Much of this activity has taken place in the southwest area of Burbank, despite targeted enforcement and numerous crime advisories to the public. Crime analysts across Burbank's border in Los Angeles noticed similar trends.

In an effort to aggressively address this issue, personnel of the Burbank Police Department joined with their Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) colleagues in Operation Blue Knights IV. The main concept of the operation was to provide heavy deployment of police personnel, engaging in proactive patrol and enforcement, on each side of the border in their respective cities. This was done to suppress criminal activity, and identify and apprehend offenders, without merely pushing the criminal element across the border to the adjoining city.

In the early evening hours of Thursday, May 21, Operation Blue Knights IV was set into motion. Twenty BPD personnel were deployed in tandem with colleagues from LAPD, Glendale PD, LA County Probation, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Operation Blue Knights IV proved successful. In a six hour period, the involved personnel arrested 21 suspects on charges that included narcotics violations, weapons possession, possession of burglary tools, possession of stolen property, and probation violations.

In spite of the success of this collaborative enforcement effort aimed at suppressing crime, the BPD wishes to remind community members that they can be an effective force in fighting crime by locking their cars and removing valuables. In all instances, efforts should be made to keep property out of sight. Community members are also encouraged to report crimes and suspicious activity to the Burbank Police Department. Please call 911 for emergencies. Non-emergency calls for service may be made to BPD at (818)238-3000.

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