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**COMING
EVENTS**



**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 28,
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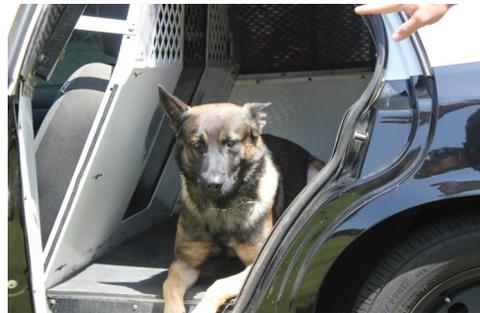


NEWS AROUND BURBANK

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SPOTLIGHT!

Couple Arrested for Theft/Narcotic Possession

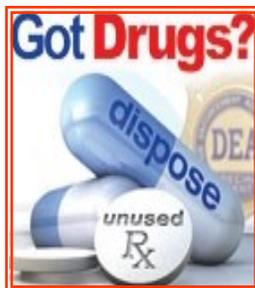


K-9 Officer Embleton was working uniformed patrol when he noticed a truck in front of him with an equipment violation. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. Officers Fekety and Shifley arrived to assist. A records check revealed the driver's license had been suspended and both the driver and passenger were currently on probation. During a search of

the driver, Officer Embleton found credit cards and a driver's license in someone else's name. The driver could not provide appropriate information as to why he had them.

Based on the fact that both the driver and the passenger were on probation and being detained for a fraud investigation, Officer Embleton conducted a search of the vehicle. He located a backpack full of envelopes that were from the Department of Treasury (IRS), which were addressed to different people. As he continued searching the vehicle, he found mail, checks, and paperwork bearing different names and a wallet containing multiple credit cards and driver's licenses issued to other people in the glove box. Burglary tools were uncovered as well. Officer Fekety also found a pair of black gloves under the driver's seat which were wrapped around another burglary tool.

Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Burbank Jail.



Drug Take Back Event Results

On Saturday, October 26, 2013, the Burbank Police Department participated with the Drug Enforcement Agency in the bi-annual Drug Take Back Event and collected 220 lbs (14 containers) of unused prescription medications. The Drug Take Back events take place every six months.

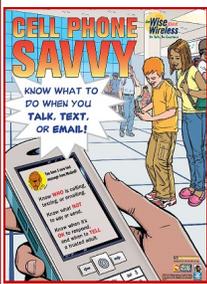
WEEKLY CRIME STATS - OCTOBER 2013

CRIME:	Sep 29-Oct 5:	Oct 6-12:	Oct 13-19:	Oct 20-26:	Oct 27-Nov 2:	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change
Robbery	1	1	0	1	0	45	97	-54%
Aggravated Assaults	3	2	2	0	1	84	71	+18%
Other Assaults	8	6	4	6	1	302	294	+3%
Burglary	2	3	4	1	4	242	308	-21%
Auto Theft	5	3	4	6	10	191	177	+8%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	903	837	832	829	868	37,764	38,550	-2%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	3:04 mins	5:25 mins	4:56 mins	4:45 mins	3:55 mins	3:48 mins	3:40 mins	+4%
** Priority 2	14:50 mins	15:06 mins	14:09 mins	14:44 mins	12:00 mins	14:53 mins	19:28 mins	-24%

* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls

Information & resources on using cell phones safely



The NCPC (National Crime Prevention Council) knows that cell phones can be valuable tools in preventing and reporting crime, but sometimes people use cell phones to bully or cause other problems. The Wireless Foundation's **GET WISE ABOUT WIRELESS** program helps educate students about the responsible behaviors associated with using cell phones. **GET WISE ABOUT WIRELESS** is designed to encourage educators and families to help students practice proper cell phone etiquette and safe behavior; they reach over 6 million teachers, students and parents. It also seeks to serve as a catalyst for discussions at home among family members about using wireless technology in their day-to-day lives. [The Wireless Foundation](http://www.wirelessfoundation.org), an organization which seeks out projects that

employ **wireless** communications for the benefit of communities, is one of NCPC's proud sponsors. Be sure to check out the following important resource links:

[Teacher's Guide \(PDF\)](#)

[Family Take-Home Pamphlet \(PDF\)](#)

[Student Mini-Magazine \(PDF\)](#)

[Poster \(PDF\)](#)





Holiday Season Safety Tips



The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

The following Holiday Safety Tips were compiled to contribute to the safety and security of people during the holiday season.

Shopping:

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably and avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible. If you do, be extra careful, as they are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; if you must carry cash, keep it in your front pocket.
- Always carry your California Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.



Children:

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping, and never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone, and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address, and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.



Attending a Party:

- Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.
- Remember, only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.
- Know your safe limit.
- Never drink and drive.



Strangers at Your Door:

- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.
- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

The BPD's Volunteer Program

The Burbank Police Volunteer Program, which was introduced in 2003, is designed to give qualified individuals the opportunity to lend their time and skills to help the Burbank Police Department.

In order to become a volunteer, one must first be a graduate of the Community Academy, a 9-week course for community members conducted by the Burbank Police Department. Prospective volunteers must also pass a background check and attend training classes to be accepted into the program. Volunteers assist with administrative and public service projects, and help promote positive police-community relations.

There are currently 18 volunteers working in different areas throughout the department including the front counter, the range, and the Records, Juvenile, Traffic, and COPS Bureaus. Volunteers also assist at community events such as National Night Out, Police/Fire Service Day, Community Academies, and many more. The picture below shows some of our current volunteers at the annual BPD volunteer appreciation luncheon.



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