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**POINTS OF
INTEREST**

- **POLICE
COMMISSION
MEETING
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 20, 2015
AT 6:00PM**
- **NATIONAL
DISTRACTED
DRIVING
MONTH**

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APRIL 2015

BURBANK POLICE-FIRE SERVICE DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015



The Burbank Police and Fire Service Day will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The event will once again be held in the parking lot located behind the Burbank Police and Fire Service building at 200 North Third Street. There will be opportunities to meet, talk, and see demonstrations from some of the units representing the police department such as Air Support, Mounted Unit, Traffic Bureau, K-9, SWAT, Juvenile Bureau, the Animal Shelter, Reserves, Explorers and Community Outreach.

Mark your calendars and come join us - it's a fun day's outing for the entire family!



Distracted Driving: California's Anti-Texting Law - Vehicle Code Sec. VC 23123.5.

Using electronic devices while driving is a serious safety problem. Most drivers know that texting while driving is a dangerous behavior, but many still use their cell phones and other mobile devices when they are behind the wheel, putting themselves and others at risk. Many drivers see distracted driving as risky when *other drivers* do it, but do not recognize how their own driving deteriorates.

Cell Phone Use:

Hand-held cell phone use and texting is banned for all California drivers. All cell phone use (hand-held and hands-free) is banned for California bus drivers and for novice drivers. All California drivers are prohibited from using hand-held cell phones while driving. Novice drivers in California, drivers younger than 18, are prohibited from all cell phone use.

If hand-held cell phones are prohibited, then what's permissible? Here are the common options:

- ◆ self-control (don't use a cell phone while driving)
- ◆ speaker phone
- ◆ use a bluetooth wireless device
- ◆ use a wired headset
- ◆ install a car kit

(Source: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/SafetyInNum3ers/index.html>)

THE FTC'S NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

You can reduce the number of unwanted calls you get by signing up for the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov to register your telephone number(s). If you do sign up, be aware that the Do Not Call Registry cannot stop all unwanted calls, only sales calls. You may still receive political, charitable, debt collection, informational, and telephone surveys calls. If you have already signed up, and are still receiving unwanted calls, following are the FTC's top 5 questions with answers that may be of assistance:

How do I make it stop?

You signed up for the [Do Not Call Registry](#) ages ago, but you're suddenly getting a bunch of unwanted calls. What can you do?

Hang up. When you get illegal sales calls or robocalls, don't interact in any way. Don't press buttons to be taken off the call list or to talk to a live person. That just leads to more calls. Instead, hang up and file a complaint at donotcall.gov.

Investigate whether call blocking can help. If you're getting repeated calls from the same number, your phone company may be able to block that number, but first ask whether there's a fee for this service. If you're getting unwanted calls from a lot of different numbers, look into a call blocking solution. There are online call blocking services, call blocking boxes, and smartphone apps that block unwanted calls. Do an online search to look for reviews from experts and other users, and find out whether the service costs money.

Why me?

Your number is on the Do Not Call Registry, so why are you still getting calls? Because of scammers. Most legitimate companies don't call if your number is on the Registry. If a company is ignoring the Registry, there's a good chance that it's a scam.

The FTC has seen a significant increase in the number of illegal sales calls, particularly robocalls. Advances in technology have made it cheap and easy for scammers to make illegal calls from anywhere in the world, and to hide from law enforcement by displaying fake caller ID information.

What are you doing about it?

The FTC has sued hundreds of companies and individuals for placing unwanted calls. The FTC is also leading several initiatives to develop technology-based solutions. Those initiatives include: (a) a series of robocall contests that challenge tech gurus to design tools that block robocalls, help investigators track down and stop robocallers and (b) encourage industry efforts to combat caller ID spoofing.

Is anyone listening?

You filed a complaint, or several complaints, and you want to know when you'll hear back from the FTC. Due to the volume of complaints we get, we cannot respond directly to each one. However, keep the complaints coming because the FTC and other law enforcement agencies analyze complaints to spot trends and to take legal action against wrongdoers.

But I gave you the phone number of the company that called me?!

Current technology makes it easy for scammers to fake or "spoof" caller ID information, so the number you reported in your complaint probably isn't real. Without more information, it's difficult for us to identify the actual caller. Nonetheless, the FTC analyzes complaint data to identify illegal callers based on calling patterns. The agency also is pursuing a variety of technology-based solutions to combat illegal calls and practices. Still have more questions? Check out the FTC's updated [FAQs about the Do Not Call Registry](#).

Weekly Crime Statistics: March 2015

CRIME:	Mar 1-7:	Mar 8-14:	Mar 15-21:	Mar 22-28:	Mar 29-Apr 4:	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Robbery	1	1	0	0	2	13	14	-7%
Aggravated Assaults	1	1	2	0	1	15	15	0%
Other Assaults	8	5	8	8	7	94	91	3%
Burglary	2	5	6	6	5	75	86	-13%
Auto Theft	3	3	1	4	6	51	45	13%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	801	932	889	836	775	11,246	10,868	3%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	2:51 mins	2:51 mins	3:46 mins	2:29 mins	3:32 mins	3:16 mins	3:53 mins	-16%
** Priority 2	13:07 mins	12:31 mins	14:41 mins	13:58 mins	13:42 mins	13:35 mins	14:16 mins	-5%

* Life-threatening or violent crimes in progress ** Average time for all other calls



Legal U Turns: VC Section 22100.5 U Turn at Controlled Intersection:

A U-turn is turning your vehicle around in the street to go back the way you came. To make a U-turn, signal and use the far left lane or the center left turn lane. You may make a legal U-turn:

* In a residential district:

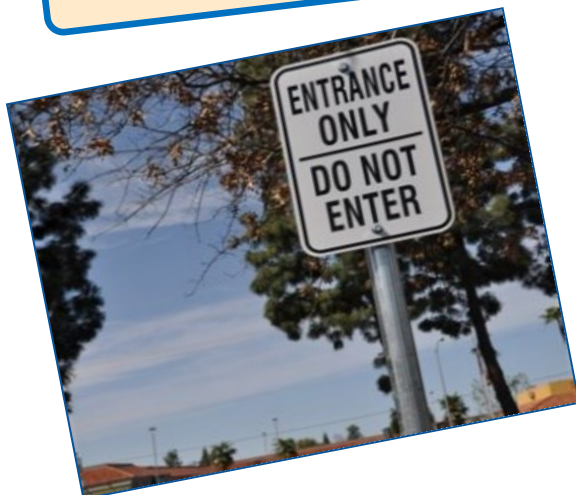
- If there are no vehicles approaching you within 200 feet.
- Whenever a traffic sign, light, or signal protects you from approaching vehicles.

* At an intersection on a green light or green arrow, unless a "No Uturn" sign is posted.

* On a divided highway, only if an opening is provided in the center divider.

(Source: www.dmv.ca.gov)

HUMOR



Burbank-Magnolia Park Optimist Club's 'Respect For Law' Awards

On Thursday, March 12, 2015, the Burbank-Magnolia Park Optimist Club honored three Burbank Police Department personnel during their annual 'Respect for Law' night at the Elks Lodge.

The recipients were:

Police Officer of the Year: Tim Dyrness
Civilian of the Year: Jessica Statland
Volunteer of the Year: Elaine Stevens



L-R: Elaine Stevens, Officer Tim Dyrness,
Jessica Statland



MISSION STATEMENT & CORE VALUES OF THE BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 our 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