



## BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2023



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### HONORING OFFICER MATTHEW PAVELKA

November 15, 2023, marked the 20th anniversary of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka's end of watch. To mark the anniversary, the City of Burbank and Burbank Police Foundation held a ceremony at Johnny Carson Park and unveiled a commemorative plaque and flagpole in memory of Officer Pavelka.

Officer Greg Campbell, who was critically injured in the incident, was present for the ceremony and unveiled the plaque along with Officer Pavelka's family (pictured above).

Following the ceremony, BPD's Baker to Vegas running team hosted a memorial run in honor of Officer Pavelka.

### JOIN BPD - NOW HIRING



- Police Recruit / Lateral
- Jailer
- Dispatch

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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Crime Prevention seminar

Burbank PD held a Crime Prevention seminar and invited Loss Prevention teams from local businesses. They discussed several topics including different methods to manage retail theft and ways to better prepare for the holiday retail rush.



## Toys For Tots

On December 2nd, the Burbank Road Kings and Randy's Donuts promoted the Toys for Tots collection event with Burbank Officers.

The Burbank Police Officers' Association & United States Marine Corps team up for Toys for Tots from mid-November through Mid-December. Last year, Burbank PD filled 12 boxes with several hundred toys!





# MEET THE BURBANK POLICE CHAPLAINS



**CHAPLAIN BILL  
LEONE**

**CHAPLAIN MARK  
SOBEL**

**LEAD CHAPLAIN  
LIASON JOSE  
POCH**

**CHAPLAIN DAVID  
BEDROS**

**CHAPLAIN GREG  
HOENES**

Last month, members of the Burbank Police Community Outreach Bureau met with the Department's Chaplains to discuss future program goals.

The Burbank Police Department Chaplain Program was established to provide spiritual and emotional support to all members of the Department, their families, and members of the public. Chaplains provide an additional link between the community and the Department and serve as a resource during times of crisis.

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# GUN BUYBACK EVENT

TURN IN YOUR UNWANTED GUNS (FUNCTIONING OR NOT)  
IN EXCHANGE FOR GIFT CARDS\* (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

\*NO GIFT CARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR INCOMPLETE FIREARMS OR GUN PARTS

**CITY OF BURBANK RESIDENTS ONLY.  
ANONYMOUS!  
NO QUESTIONS ASKED!**

## \$100

**FOR HANDGUNS,  
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS**

## \$200

**FOR ASSAULT  
WEAPONS**

**Saturday**

**December 9, 2023**

**9 am - 12 pm**

**(rain or shine)**

**200 N. Third St. Burbank**

**NO  
EXPLOSIVES**

★ Transport all firearms unloaded and in the trunk or rear cargo area of your vehicle



\*BPD reserves the right to limit the number of gift cards an individual can receive, regardless of the number of firearms surrendered.



# SHOP WITH A COP

Dec.  
14

The Burbank Police Department has teamed up with Walmart to help local youth in-need purchase holiday gifts for their families during an annual shopping event.

The Department has proudly participated each year as part of its commitment to the community and helping those who are less fortunate. This year, the Burbank Housing Corporation has selected 30 children, ages ranging from 5 to 13, to take part in the event. The children were selected based on their family's financial income needs.

Each child will be presented with a \$160 Walmart gift card and a \$50 Handy Market grocery voucher sponsored by **Walmart, Burbank Police Foundation, Kiwanis Club of Burbank, Rotary Club of Burbank** and the **Burbank Housing Corporation**. The children will be sent on a one-hour shopping spree while accompanied by a uniformed member of the Department.

The Burbank Police Department thanks the event sponsors for their continued support to our community





# HOLIDAY SAFETY, SECURITY, & SHOPPING TIPS

Burbank Police would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We would also like to remind you the holidays bring about the opportune time for crime.

Think about all of the homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. stores, malls and city streets packed with unsuspecting shoppers. It's enough to make a criminal giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:

## When Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you
- Park in well-lit areas and please LOCK your vehicle. Close all windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with a check or credit card if possible.
- When using credit cards, keep an eye on bank statements for any unauthorized charges.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Carry your wallet inside a coat or in your front pants pocket.
- If you are shopping with children, teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

## At Home

- Criminals sometimes pose as couriers so be cautious when accepting a package.
- NEVER open your door to anyone you don't know or recognize.
- It's not uncommon for people to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Instead, help a charitable organization you know and trust.
- If you're leaving, turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- ALWAYS lock your doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- After you've opened gifts, be cautious when throwing away boxes and packaging from expensive items in curbside trash cans. Consider breaking down the boxes and storing them for disposal in the future, after the holidays.



# HOLIDAY SAFETY, SECURITY, & SHOPPING TIPS

## Holiday Package Theft

- Track deliveries online and confirm delivery has occurred. When available, sign up for email notifications to track your packages.
- If you know a family member or neighbor will be home, ask them to pick up the packages as soon as they are delivered.
- If possible, switch the delivery location to work or a local delivery locker where it can be received by someone and not left on the porch.
- Require a signature at delivery, especially for valuable items.

## If Traveling

- Put lights on an automatic timer.
- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home.
- If you'll be gone for more than a few days, have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

## Celebrate Responsibly

The holiday season is a time of celebration. Drinking and driving is a danger to everyone on the road and remember, DUI doesn't just mean booze. Drug influence is just as dangerous when driving. If you choose to drink alcohol, don't drive. Take a cab, use public transportation, use a rideshare app, or a designated driver. The Burbank Police Department will increase DUI enforcement and saturation patrols over the holiday period.

Finally, enjoy the holidays by spending time with family, friends, and loved ones. Take time to think about the spirit of the season and consider helping someone who's less fortunate.

*Happy Holidays!*



# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT **NOW HIRING**



## **POLICE OFFICER**

**\$99,986 - \$124,869 ANNUALLY**

**Plus Benefits & Incentives**

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# Join Our Team. Wear Our Badge.

## **BENEFITS & INCENTIVES**

- Medical, Dental and Vision insurance
- 3-day, 12-hour patrol work schedule
- Initial bonus incentive of 80 hours vacation time PLUS 80 hours of sick time upon academy graduation
- Additional 104 to 184 hours of vacation time awarded annually, based on years of service
- Ten (10) paid holidays per year, plus two additional "floating" holidays earned annually
- Lateral applicants who are classic CalPERS members retain 3% @ 50 PEPRA CalPERS retirement pension of 2.7% at age 57
- Monthly education pay for Associate, Bachelor, and Master Degrees
- Bilingual pay
- Up to 75% tuition reimbursement
- Annual uniform allowance
- CA P.O.S.T. certificate incentives
- Longevity pay

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Field Training Officer
- Air Support
- S.W.A.T.
- K-9 Unit
- Investigations
- Traffic/Motors
- Community Resource Officer
- School Resource Officer
- Gang Enforcement
- Mental Health Evaluation Team
- Bicycle Patrol

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# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2023 COMMUNITY SURVEY



### *Your Feedback Is Important*

The Burbank Police Department is currently running its biennial community survey. Taking place every other year in odd numbered years, the anonymous survey solicits input and feedback on a variety of topics, including police services, crime, quality of life, and Department programs.

The survey was launched on November 21, 2023 and will close on December 26, 2023. The survey is part of the Department's ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and strengthening community partnerships.

To participate in the survey, please click the link below or visit [www.burbankpd.org/survey](http://www.burbankpd.org/survey).



**CLICK HERE  
TO LAUNCH SURVEY**