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**POINTS OF
INTEREST**

- **POLICE
COMMISSION
MEETING
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 15, 2015
AT 6:00PM**

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MARCH 2015

**RESULTS OF FEBRUARY'S BATTLE OF THE BADGES
BLOOD DRIVE CAMPAIGN**



One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives...On February 11, 2015, a total of 41 units of blood were collected from 40 donors at the Battle of the Badges blood drive. This is a personal best for the Burbank Police Department as our previous high was 38 units.



The BPD will participate again next year and we hope to surpass our current achievement. The date has been set for Wednesday, February 3, 2016.



UPCOMING "TIP A COP" EVENT



On Tuesday, April 7, 2015, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Burbank Police Officers, Cadets, and Explorers will be in uniform to assist the staff at the Claim Jumper Restaurant, 3500 W. Olive Avenue, Burbank, in serving food and waiting tables. The

"Tips" collected will be used to support the Special Olympics, including transportation, facility rentals, and uniforms for individuals participating in local competitions with the Special Olympics.

The 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games are scheduled for July 25 through August 2, 2015 in Los Angeles. The last time the games were held in the U.S. was in 1999 in Raleigh, N. Carolina. The City of Burbank will be a host City during the Games.

We look forward to serving you!





SCAMS DURING THE TAX SEASON

The Internal Revenue Service wrapped up the 2015 "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams today with a warning to taxpayers about aggressive telephone scams continuing coast-to-coast during the early weeks of this year's filing season.

The aggressive, threatening phone calls from scam artists continue to be seen on a daily basis in states across the nation. The IRS urged taxpayers not give out money or personal financial information as a result of these phone calls or from emails claiming to be from the IRS. Phone scams and email phishing schemes are among the "Dirty Dozen" tax scams the IRS highlighted, for the first time, on 12 straight business days from January 22 to February 6. The IRS has also set up a [special section on IRS.gov](#) highlighting these 12 schemes for taxpayers.

Illegal scams can lead to significant penalties and interest for taxpayers, as well as possible criminal prosecution. IRS Criminal Investigation works closely with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to shutdown scams and prosecute the criminals behind them.

This year's "Dirty Dozen" scams are listed below. The explanation of each scam can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Completes-the-Dirty-Dozen-Tax-Scams-for-2015>

- ◆ **Phone Scams .**
- ◆ **Phishing**
- ◆ **Identity Theft**
- ◆ **Return Preparer Fraud**
- ◆ **Offshore Tax Avoidance**
- ◆ **Inflated Refund Claims**
- ◆ **Fake Charities**
- ◆ **Hiding Income with Fake Documents.**
- ◆ **Abusive Tax Shelters**
- ◆ **Falsifying Income to Claim Credits**
- ◆ **Excessive Claims for Fuel Tax Credits**
- ◆ **Frivolous Tax Arguments**

Additional information about tax scams is available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/irsvideos> and Tumblr <http://internalrevenueservice.tumblr.com>, where people can search "scam" to find all the scam-related posts.



On the heels of the widespread [IRS scam](#) comes the latest scam from Uncle Sham: emails and phone calls from fraudsters claiming to be from the Social Security Administration. Two schemes are in the works: One involves emails supposedly from the SSA or a third party working on behalf of the official government agency and claims that you are eligible for a new benefit and can apply by completing an online form. Click the link, and you're asked for ID-theft-worthy details; a phony confirmation page follows, claiming you'll be contacted

later with a status report.

In the other ruse, coming by email and telephone, you are told the agency needs an "update" of your information that's on file. Besides the success of the IRS scam, this ploy may have been specifically timed to coincide with Medicare open enrollment.

Both schemes aim for information to open a fraudulent ["my Social Security" account](#) on the SSA.gov website, and reroute direct-deposit benefits to scammer-controlled bank accounts. Real employees of federal agencies do not email or call unexpectedly to ask for information already on file. Official correspondence will come by U.S. mail. If you fell for either ploy, or receive word from the SSA about a "my Social Security" account that you didn't open, contact the agency at 800-772-1213. The TTY number is 800-325-0778.

(Source: Sid Kircheimer, *Scam-Proof Your Life*)

Weekly Crime Statistics: February 2015

CRIME:	Jan 25-31:	Feb 1-7:	Feb 8-14:	Feb 15-21:	Feb 22-28:	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Robbery	0	1	1	1	1	7	14	-50%
Aggravated Assaults	0	1	1	0	2	10	11	-9%
Other Assaults	4	7	6	4	4	57	59	-3%
Burglary	14	2	5	6	4	51	61	-16%
Auto Theft	5	1	1	4	4	34	23	48%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	838	849	893	800	822	7,013	6,781	3%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	2:43 mins	3:27 mins	3:50 mins	2:20 mins	3:51 mins	3:22 mins	3:49 mins	-12%
** Priority 2	14:02 mins	12:34 mins	12:43 mins	14:09 mins	13:12 mins	13:35 mins	14:56 mins	-9%

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



Rules of the Road for Emergency Vehicles:

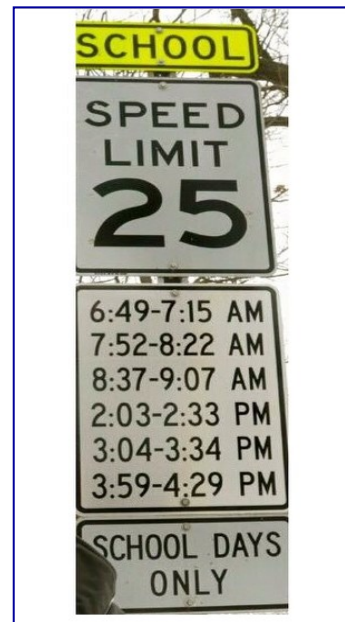
We all know that we must yield the right-of-way to any police vehicle, fire engine, ambulance, or other emergency vehicle using a siren or red lights. The correct procedure is to drive to the right edge of the road and stop until the emergency vehicle(s) have passed. However, **never stop in an intersection**. If you are in an intersection when you see an emergency vehicle, continue through the intersection, and then drive to the right as soon as it is safe, and stop.

You must obey any traffic direction, order, or signal given by a traffic or police officer, or a firefighter even if it conflicts with existing signs, signals, or laws.

It is against the law to follow within 300 feet behind any emergency vehicle with a siren or flashing lights (CVS 21706).

(Source: www.dmv.ca.gov)

HUMOR



Burbank Police Foundation's Awards Luncheon



L-R: Tim Conway Jr., Police Chief Scott LaChasse;
Foundation President Michael Hastings

On Thursday, February 26, 2015, the first annual Burbank Police Foundation Awards Luncheon was held at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel. The event was established to honor and recognize police officers and civilians who have shown exemplary efforts in serving the Burbank community. The event was emceed by KFI Radio personality Tim Conway Jr., and hosted by former Burbank Mayor Michael Hastings, who serves as the foundation's president.

Burbank Police Chief Scott LaChasse awarded medals and certificates to a total of 32 recipients within 7 categories:

- * 4 Police Stars awarded for bravery and heroism in the line of duty
- * 6 Police Medals awarded to officers who displayed exceptional tactics and judgment in the line of duty in response to stressful or hazardous situations
- * 9 Professional Esteem Awards given to officers and employees for extraordinary efforts that earned the esteem of fellow co-workers and the public
- * 10 Citizen Awards presented to individuals who took the extra step to safeguard their neighborhoods
- * Officer of the Year
- * Civilian of the Year



L-R: Police Chief Scott LaChasse, Tim Conway Jr., Deputy Chief Tom Angel



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