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**COMING
EVENTS:**

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THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 27,
2014**

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NEWS AROUND BURBANK

NOVEMBER 2014

SPOTLIGHT!

COFFEE WITH A COP



The most recent 'Coffee with a Cop' event was held on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at Romancing the Bean located at 3413 W. Magnolia Blvd. Along with sworn police officers, cadets, and volunteers, a total of 75 community members popped in to say 'hi' and enjoyed a cup of coffee and a casual chat on any topic of interest.

We hope to see you at the next event once the venue has been determined - stay tuned!



WEEKLY CRIME STATS - OCTOBER 2014

CRIME:	Sept 28-Oct 4:	Oct 5-11:	Oct 12-18:	Oct 19-25:	Oct 26-Nov 1:	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	2	0	0	0	2	42	45	-7%
Aggravated Assaults	0	1	1	2	1	50	84	-40%
Other Assaults	9	10	9	11	7	318	303	5%
Burglary	13	3	2	7	5	253	244	4%
Auto Theft	3	4	4	2	3	147	187	-21%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	888	950	855	870	937	37,622	37,627	0%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	4:01 mins	4:39 mins	4:39 mins	3:29 mins	2:43 mins	3:40 mins	4:27 mins	-18%
** Priority 2	13:06 mins	13:54 mins	12:36 mins	13:45 mins	13:33 mins	13:53 mins	14:53 mins	-7%

* Life threatening or violent crimes in progress

** Average time for all other calls

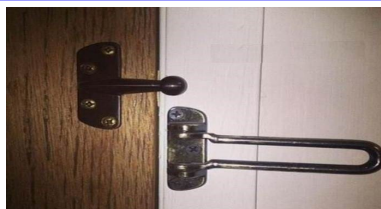


You Need A Personal Safety Plan For Black Friday

This year many shoppers will be out early looking for big bargains on Black Friday or online for Cyber Monday, but the criminals will be out too. Here are 10 great tips to help you shop safely while getting those great holiday bargains throughout the shopping season:

1. Do not buy more than you can carry. Take a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
2. Shop online with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you are not familiar with it.
3. Save all receipts, print and save all confirmations from online purchases to help you verify credit card or bank statements as you receive them.
4. Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, e.g. onetime or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.
5. Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. Thieves would love to "shoulder surf" to get your account information.
6. Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
7. Have your keys in hand when approaching your car; check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
8. Do not leave packages visible through your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.
9. Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package.
10. If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

(Source: <http://www.ncpc.org/about/news>)



Keep Your Information Safe When You Move



Planning a move? Look out - you're going to face an elevated risk of having your sensitive data stolen. "Moving is prime time for identity theft because personal information is constantly shuffled from one home to the next, leaving it accessible to dumpster divers, rogue movers, nosy home buyers and sketchy contractors," says Steve Schwartz, president of Identity Guard, an identity-theft protection service.

Here's how to protect yourself:



Before the move:

- Notify the post office at least 7 to 10 business days before your move. A change-of-address form to reroute mail is available for free at post offices or online for \$1.05 at moversguide.usps.com. Also notify your bank, credit card companies, retirement fund managers, insurance companies (including Medicare), health care providers and utilities.



- Expect a letter at your old address from the U.S. Postal Service, as well as from many credit card companies, asking whether your move is valid. These help foil scammers who fraudulently file address-change requests in your name to intercept your mail. Filling out [IRS Change Request Form 8822](#) will assure that tax correspondence doesn't go astray.



- Shred all of your sensitive documents. Moving often means getting rid of old paperwork. If tossed into the trash, it may attract dumpster divers. So shred anything that contains your Social Security number, account numbers or other sensitive information.



- Rein in identity theft opportunity during open houses. Sensitive documents - birth certificates, passports, wills, tax returns, financial statements, health insurance and medical records (along with jewelry and other valuables, of course) - should be removed from a home being shown, or at least kept in a locked cabinet. The same applies when you bring in contractors for a spruce-up.



- Do your homework on moving companies. You are safest with those that are registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and have a USDOT number assigned by the U.S. Department of Transportation.



During the move:

Supervise everything. Your presence can deter sticky fingers. If you can't be there, designate a trusted person to be your eyes and ears. Personally transport the sensitive stuff. Put your important papers and valuables into a locked box and take it with you. Move your computer yourself, too, or at least [give it a strong password](#).

After you arrive:

Within 30 days of your move, verify that all mail is coming to the new residence. Ensure that old utility, cable or other accounts have been closed. Three months after the move, get a free copy of your credit report online at annualcreditreport.com to ensure that no fraudulent accounts have been opened in your name.

(Source: Sid Kirchheimer, author of 'Scam-Proof Your Life')

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

The BPD's Community Academy



The Burbank Police Department's Community Academy, Class #28, graduated Thursday, November 13, 2014. The academy ran for 9 weeks, which commenced on September 18 and ran through November 6, culminating with the graduation ceremony. There was a total of 58 community members in attendance. Each Thursday evening, from 6:30pm-9:00pm, a speaker from various divisions within the police department (e.g. gangs and narcotics, forensics, communications, traffic, and many more) would make a presentation about their assignment.



The Community Academy is designed to give individuals an opportunity to see how police officers work, as well as gain a better understanding of

departmental operations. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age and live or work in the City of Burbank. Graduates of the Community Academy are eligible to apply to become Burbank Police Department volunteers and assist police personnel in the station. The academy is held twice yearly; the next one will be held in either February or March 2015. Information will be posted on the BPD's website www.burbankpd.org/community-outreach. We hope you will join us!



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 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