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**POINTS OF
INTEREST**

- POLICE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 AT 6:00PM
- NOVEMBER 1, 2015: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
- OCTOBER IS: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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OCTOBER 2015

BPD'S PARTICIPATION IN MOTOR RODEO COMPETITION

On September 9, 2015, the BPD's motor squad competed in a 'Motor Rodeo' in the city of Huntington Beach, CA. A total of 285 motorcycle-riding police officers demonstrated their phenomenal skills, during the annual Orange County Traffic Officers' Association Police Motorcycle Training & Skills Competition. The annual event benefits officers injured or killed in the line of duty, and their families.

The competition consisted of difficult and challenging cone patterns in both the individual and team competition. During a day-long competition officers began by riding 6 tightly choreographed cone patterns such as 'El Diablo and Tiger's Den.' The Motor Rodeo concluded with a 'Top Gun' elimination challenge. The Motor Squad took a respectable 3rd place in the BMW team competition, and Officer Ryan Murphy placed 3rd in the 'Top Gun' category.

This type of riding, and particularly this form of competition, is extremely mentally and physically challenging, with the added pressure of being watched by dozens of your peers from neighboring agencies. The level of skill, commitment, and professionalism that goes into this kind of event is tremendous.



WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?



Domestic violence is described as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

- **Physical Abuse:** Hitting, slapping, shoving, grabbing, pinching, biting, hair pulling, etc are types of physical abuse. This type of abuse also includes denying a partner medical care or forcing alcohol and/or drug use upon him or her.
- **Sexual Abuse:** Coercing or attempting to coerce any sexual contact or behavior without consent. Sexual abuse includes, but is certainly not limited to, marital rape, attacks on sexual parts of the body, forcing sex after physical violence has occurred, or treating one in a sexually demeaning manner.
- **Emotional Abuse:** Undermining an individual's sense of self-worth and/or self-esteem is abusive. This may include, but is not limited to constant criticism, diminishing one's abilities, name-calling, or damaging one's relationship with his or her children.
- **Economic Abuse:** Is defined as making or attempting to make an individual financially dependent by maintaining total control over financial resources, withholding one's access to money, or forbidding one's attendance at school or employment.
- **Psychological Abuse:** Elements of psychological abuse include - but are not limited to - causing fear by intimidation; threatening physical harm to self, partner, children, or partner's family or friends; destruction of pets and property; and forcing isolation from family, friends, or school and/or work.



Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. Domestic violence occurs in both opposite-sex and same-sex relationships and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together, or dating.

Domestic violence not only affects those who are abused, but also has a substantial effect on family members, friends, co-workers, other witnesses, and the community at large. Children, who grow up witnessing domestic violence, are among those seriously affected by this crime. Frequent exposure to violence in the home not only predisposes children to numerous social and physical problems, but also teaches them that violence is a normal way of life - therefore, increasing their risk of becoming society's next generation of victims and abusers.

(Source: <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/domestic-violence>)

Weekly Crime Statistics: September 2015

CRIME:	Aug 30-Sept 5:	Sept 6-12:	Sept 13-19:	Sept 20-26:	Sept 27-Oct 3:	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Robbery	0	0	1	1	0	36	38	-5%
Aggravated Assaults	0	1	0	1	0	36	45	-20%
Other Assaults	7	5	4	9	2	254	278	-9%
Burglary	8	6	1	5	7	214	233	-8%
Auto Theft	3	6	6	2	3	164	134	22%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	897	868	912	892	873	34,219	33,891	1%
RESPONSE TIMES:								
* Priority 1	6:41 mins	2:57 mins	4:10 mins	3:07mins	3:56 mins	3:24 mins	3:38 mins	-6%
** Priority 2	13:37 mins	14:27 mins	13:34 mins	13:33 mins	14:08 mins	13:33 mins	13:57 mins	-3%

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

Beware of Fall Scams



For fraudsters, the fall season is filled with opportunities. Here are some to look out for:

Medicare Scams: Before and during open enrollment, which runs October 15 through December 7, identity thieves angle for your SSN by posing as Medicare employees. Claiming that new cards are being issued, agency records need updating or they can help with enrollment, they solicit Medicare numbers. Medicare will never call and ask for personal information, nor will they email or visit your home unannounced.

Cold Weather Capers: Telephone scammers pose as utility company employees and threaten to shut off your service because of supposedly unpaid bills. Utility companies do not dispatch employees to your home for payments.

Investment Fraud: The year's final quarter prompts many folks to tweak their investments portfolios or search for year-end tax breaks. Remember that free lunch seminars touted as 'educational' are really sales pitches for often unsuitable, if not bogus, investments. Common investment scams aimed at retirees may involve oil and gas, precious metals, promissory notes, life settlements and long-maturity annuities.

Charity Cons: With the approaching holidays (and deadlines for year-end tax deductions), the fall is prime time for heart-string tugging to get you to open your wallet. Unless you dialed, don't provide payment over the phone, don't click on internet links, and ask door-to-door solicitors to leave material with you.

For more information, check: <http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2015/fall-scams-and-cons.html>: written by Sid Kirchheimer, author of 'Scam-Proof Your Life' – he also writes 'Scam Alert' and covers consumer issues for the AARP Bulletin.

HUMOR





Trick or Treat Safety Tips



Preparing Ghosts and Goblins for Their Tricks and Treats:

- Make sure older kids go out with friends. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Together, map out a safe route so you know where they'll be. Remind them not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or playing fields.
- Remind kids not to enter a strange house or car.
- Try to get kids to trick-or-treat while it is still light out. If it is dark, make sure the children are carrying flashlights that work.

Pranks That Can Be a Little Tricky:

Halloween is notoriously a night of pranks - toilet papering a house or filling mailboxes with shaving cream are not unusual. Try to get a handle on your children's plans before they go out. Explain to them that while you want them to have a good time, some tricks could hurt other people or vandalize property. Emphasize that you disapprove of vandalism.

Eating the Treats:

- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or substantial snack beforehand.
- Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.

What to eat?

Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for a while. Consider This: Parents and kids can avoid trick-or-treating troubles entirely by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories, and much more. Make your Halloween party the place to be! Schools, fire stations, libraries, even malls in many communities organize "haunted houses" and other festivities for families.

Making Safe Costumes:

- Check that costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near candlelit jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Encourage kids to wear comfortable shoes.

Your House and Neighborhood:

- Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by turning on your exterior lights.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors.
- Ask your Neighborhood Watch or citizens' group to patrol the community.
- Involve students from a local college or university to be "witch's helpers." These students help trick-or-treaters cross busy streets and watch out for ghoulish behavior.
- Drive slowly all evening—you never know what creature may suddenly cross your path.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the Burbank Police Department (818) 238-3100.

(Source: <http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/halloween/playing-it-safe-on-halloween-pointers-for-parents.pdf>)



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