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**COMING EVENTS:**

- POLICE COMMISSION MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014 AT 6:00PM
- NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
- DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

**INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER**

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THE BURBANK POLICE COMMISSION



**NEWS AROUND BURBANK**

SEPTEMBER 2014

**SPOTLIGHT!**

**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**



The Burbank Police Department, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Drug Take-Back Day, will be

collecting unused prescription medications on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. The event will be held in the rear parking lot of the Burbank Police and Fire Department located at 200 N. Third Street.

Since 2010, the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day initiative has collected a total of 4.1 million pounds (2,123 tons) of unneeded medications. Held twice each year, once in spring and once in the fall, the days offer safe and legal disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications, including prescription controlled substances.

Unused medications in homes create a public health and safety concern because they are highly susceptible to accidental ingestion, theft, misuse, and abuse. Almost twice as many Americans (6.8 million) currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, and inhalants *combined*, according to the *2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. In 2010 more Americans died from overdoses of prescription medications (22,134, including 16,651 from narcotic painkillers) than from motor vehicle accidents, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Surveys of users have found that the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

(Source: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/divisions/hq/2014/hq050814.shtml>)

# WEEKLY CRIME STATS - AUGUST 2014

CRIME:	July 27-Aug 2:	Aug 3-9:	Aug 10-16:	Aug 17-23:	Aug 24-30:	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
Robbery	1	1	0	0	1	32	40	-20%
Aggravated Assaults	2	1	1	1	3	42	70	-40%
Other Assaults	13	10	6	9	11	237	245	-3%
Burglary	6	4	9	5	7	204	208	-2%
Auto Theft	4	4	7	1	2	118	146	-19%
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>29,546</b>	<b>29,714</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>RESPONSE TIMES:</b>								
* Priority 1	3:00 mins	3:09 mins	2:36 mins	2:07 mins	4:34 mins	3:38 mins	4:22 mins	-17%
** Priority 2	13:59 mins	14:23 mins	13:58 mins	13:10 mins	13:29 mins	14:04 mins	14:55 mins	-2%

\* Life Threatening or violent crimes in progress

\*\* Average time for all other calls



## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer), but it can often be treated successfully. In fact, more than 2.5 million men in the US count themselves as prostate cancer survivors. Prostate cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer.

The American Cancer Society's estimates for prostate cancer in the United States for 2014 are:

- ◆ About 233,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed
- ◆ About 29,480 men will die of prostate cancer
- ◆ About 1 man in 7 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime.

The exact causes remain unknown, but medical professionals have identified several risk factors that can increase a man's chances of developing prostate cancer. About 6 cases in 10 are diagnosed in men aged 65 or older, and it is rare before age 40. The average age at the time of diagnosis is about 66. Prostate cancer can be a serious disease, but most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it.

Prostate cancer seems to run in some families, which suggests that in some cases there may be an inherited or genetic factor. Having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles a man's risk of developing this disease.

(Source: <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/prostatecancer/>)



I don't have an attitude problem.  
You have a problem with my attitude and that's not my problem.



## CALIFORNIA GREAT SHAKE-OUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL: OCTOBER 16, 2014



[www.dropcoverholdon.org](http://www.dropcoverholdon.org)

Federal, state, and local emergency management experts and other official preparedness organizations all agree that "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes. The ShakeOut is an opportunity to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes - following is an explanation of what to do, or what not to do:

### PROTECT YOURSELF. SPREAD THE WORD.

Official rescue teams who have been dispatched to the scene of earthquakes and other disasters around the world continue to advocate use of the internationally recognized "Drop, Cover and Hold On" protocol to protect lives during earthquakes:

- ⇒ **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!),
- ⇒ Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- ⇒ **HOLD ON** to it until the shaking stops.

If there is not a table or desk near you, drop to the ground in an inside corner of the building and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. Do not try to run to another room just to get under a table. These are general guidelines for most situations. Depending on where you are (in bed, driving, in a theater, etc.), you might take other actions, as described in *Recommended Earthquake Safety Actions*.

The main point is to not try to move but to **immediately** protect yourself as best as possible where you are. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you cannot run or crawl; you therefore will most likely be knocked to the ground where you happen to be. You will never know if the initial jolt will turn out to be the start of the big one. You should Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately!

In addition, studies of injuries and deaths caused by earthquakes in the U.S. over the last several decades indicate that you are much more likely to be injured by falling or flying objects (TVs, lamps, glass, bookcases, etc.) than to die in a collapsed building. *Drop, Cover, and Hold On* offers the best overall level of protection in most situations.

As with anything, practice makes perfect. To be ready to protect yourself immediately when the ground begins to shake, practice **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** as children do in school at least once each year.

### What NOT to do:

**DO NOT get in a doorway!** An early earthquake photo of a collapsed adobe home with the door frame as the only standing part. From this came our belief that a doorway is the safest place to be during an earthquake. In modern houses and buildings, doorways are no safer, and they do not protect you from flying or falling objects. Get under a table instead!

**DO NOT run outside!** Trying to run in an earthquake is dangerous, as the ground is moving and you can easily fall or be injured by debris or glass. Running outside is especially dangerous, as glass, bricks, or other building components may be falling. You are much safer to stay inside and get under a table.

**DO NOT believe the so-called "triangle of life"!** In recent years, an e-mail has circulated which has recommends potentially life threatening actions, and the source has been discredited by leading experts.

(Source: <http://www.shakeout.org/california/dropcoverholdon/>)

# FEATURE OF THE MONTH

## THE BURBANK POLICE COMMISSION



The Burbank Police Commission was established by the Burbank Municipal Code and initially had 5 members. In 2007, the Burbank City Council amended the Municipal Code increasing the commission by 2 members to its current level of 7 members. Members are appointed by the City Council and serve for a term of 4 years.

The Police Commission meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber in City Hall.

### Police Commissioners: Date of Appointment - Date Term Expires

William Pletcher, Chairperson:	05/21/2013 - 05/31/2017
Hagop Hergelian, Vice Chair:	05/17/2011 - 05/31/2015
Amy Vest, Secretary:	05/21/2013 - 05/31/2017
Richard W. Warmack:	05/17/2011 - 05/31/2015
Nathan W. Rubinfeld:	05/17/2011 - 05/31/2015
Robert L. Cohen:	05/21/2013 - 05/31/2017
Elise M. Stearns-Niesen:	05/21/2013 - 05/31/2017

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Police Commission, on behalf of the community of Burbank at the direction of the City Council, shall provide civilian oversight to advocate best law enforcement policies for the greater good of the Burbank community.

The Commission will monitor the Burbank Police Department to achieve and maintain a culture of respect and professionalism through accountability and transparency in all of its actions.

### CORE VALUES

#### INDEPENDENT:

- ◇ Civilian volunteers work in the best interests of Burbank's diverse community

#### OBJECTIVE:

- ◇ Serve as a liaison between the community and the Police Department in law enforcement matters

#### PROFESSIONALLY PREPARED

- ◇ Acquire the necessary knowledge and understanding of the policies, procedures, and practices of the Burbank Police Department

#### PERSONAL INTEGRITY

- ◇ At all times, a Commissioner's obligation is to maintain ethical behavior and keep the goals and objectives of the Commission above any self-interest

**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**