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- Burbank Mayor's Tree Lighting    December 7  
6:00 P.M.
- Heroes & Helpers (Shop With a Cop)    December 11  
5:00 P.M.
- Hanukkah Begins    December 22
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# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Newsletter | December 2019

### Fallen Police Officers Honored in Commemorative Wreath Ceremony

As an annual tribute and tradition, the Burbank Police Officers' Association places wreaths at *The Guardian* statue in front of the Burbank Police Department to commemorate the anniversaries of fallen Burbank Police Officers.

November 15, 2019 marked the 16th anniversary of the line of duty death of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka, who was tragically killed in a gun battle on the night of November 15, 2003.

Deputy Luther Colson was appointed as a City Marshal for the City of Burbank on February 21, 1914. Deputy City Marshal Colson was killed in the line of duty on the night of November 16, 1914, when he was ambushed by armed suspects while on foot patrol.

On the evening of November 15, two wreaths were presented by the Burbank Police Honor Guard in memory of Officer Pavelka and Deputy Luther Colson.





THE CITY OF BURBANK

ON THE FRONT STEPS OF CITY HALL 275 EAST OLIVE AVE, BURBANK

# Mayor's Tree Lighting

DECEMBER 7, 2019 from 6-6:30PM

*Join us in celebrating the holiday season at the Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. After the ceremony, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, write a letter to our US Troops, and enjoy holiday music.*



## FEATURING

*Burbank City Council, The Muses from John Burroughs High School, RC Dance Studio, Garri Dance Studio, Special Guests from Disneyland, Santa & Mrs. Claus*



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# Burbank Police Command Staff, Officers' Association Help B.T.A.C. to Provide Holiday Meals to Those Less-Fortunate

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Burbank Police Officers' Association and Burbank Police Department Command Staff joined efforts again this year in support of the Burbank Temporary Aid Center's (B.T.A.C.) mission to provide Thanksgiving and holiday meals to members of our community who are less-fortunate. As a showing of support, the B.P.O.A. and B.P.D. Command Staff presented B.T.A.C. with a check for \$2,000 in a short ceremony held on November 20, 2019.

Founded in 1974, B.T.A.C. has been providing individuals and families, the working poor, crime victims, senior citizens, and the homeless with the short-term emergency assistance they need to live with dignity. This donation will go towards helping individuals and families in-need share in the joys of the holidays this season.



*B.T.A.C. CEO Barbara Howell is presented with a donation check from the BPOA and Burbank Police Command Staff, which will help purchase meals for families in-need during the holidays.*

## Veteran Police Volunteer Retires

The Burbank Police Department is fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who work hard in a variety of assignments and provide help to both sworn and civilian employees. In 2018, Burbank Police Volunteers collectively donated nearly 4,000 hours to the Department.

Anne White has served as a Burbank Police Volunteer since 2006. She has worked in many capacities, including assignments in the Traffic Bureau and Records Bureau. Most notably, Anne has been the liaison between the Burbank Police and City of Burbank Volunteer Programs, tracking volunteer hours and time sheets to ensure every volunteer hour is accounted for.

After nearly 14 years, Anne has decided to retire as a Burbank Police Volunteer. The Burbank Police Department thanks Anne for her dedication and service to our organization and the community.



### CRIME STATS: October 2019

Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Petty Theft	Auto Theft
2	8	34	187	9

Total Calls for Service: **3,948**

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): **3:16**

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): **17:74**

Traffic Citations: **743** | Arrests: **332**

For a complete listing of FBI UCR crime reporting statistics, please visit [burbankpd.org](http://burbankpd.org) or <https://ucr.fbi.gov>.

## NOW HIRING





**Join Our Team.  
Wear Our Badge.**

The Burbank Police Department is Now Hiring

Apply at [www.BurbankPD.org/Recruitment](http://www.BurbankPD.org/Recruitment)





# Holiday Safety, Security & Shopping Tips



The Burbank Police would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We would also like to remind you that thieves love the holidays as much as everyone else, because it's an 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 thief giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips to help you 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.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with shopping bags and be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Carry your wallet inside of 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 delivery couriers, so be cautious when accepting packages.
- **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 actually 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 that you know and trust.
- If you're leaving, turn on house lights and a 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, or make arrangements to have someone gather it. 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, request a ride share service, or designate a sober 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 is less fortunate.

# Happy Holidays!

