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# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Newsletter | January 2023

### Children Enjoy Holiday Shopping Spree

On December 14, 2022, the Burbank Police Department teamed up with Walmart, the Burbank Police Officers' Association (BPOA), the Burbank Police Foundation (BPF), and the Kiwanis Club of Burbank (Kiwanis) to help local youth in need purchase holiday gifts for themselves and their families during an annual shopping spree.

This philanthropic holiday shopping event was first launched in December 1990. Since then, the Burbank Police Department has proudly participated each year in its commitment to the community and helping those less fortunate. This year, the Burbank Police Department welcomed 30 children to take part in the event. The children were selected based on their family's financial income and needs.

Each child was presented with a \$150 gift card, sponsored by Walmart, the BPOA, the BPF, and Kiwanis. The children were accompanied by police officers as they shopped for holiday gifts for themselves and their families. After the shopping event, children and their families were given a gift certificate for two family holiday dinners at Tequilas Cantina & Grill, a collaborative effort by BPF, BPOA, Kiwanis, and Tequilas Cantina & Grill.

The Burbank Police Department would like to recognize and thank Walmart, Burbank Housing Corporation, Kiwanis Club of Burbank, Burbank Police Foundation, Burbank Police Officers' Association and Tequilas.



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# Holiday Shopping Event



# Traffic Enforcement & Education

The Burbank Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of the citizens in our community. Impairment, speeding, street racing, and other dangerous driving behaviors jeopardize the safety of other people on the road. We continue to enforce traffic laws with the goal of reducing collisions, educating the citizens in our community, and keeping our community safe. This is achieved through the establishment of preventative patrols to manage specific categories of unlawful driving behavior.



Traffic enforcement strategies are based on collision data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. Several methods contribute to our overall goal:

arrests, citations, warnings, and education. Through these methods and efforts, we strive to educate our community on the importance of safe driving and we aim to keep our community safe.

## Traffic Enforcement Stats: December 2022

DUI Arrests

30

Citations

533

Documented Collisions

73



## Police Captain Celebrates Retirement

Captain Travis Irving has retired following over 24 years of dedicated service in law enforcement. Captain Irving began his career with the Burbank Police Department in 1998 and has worked various assignments, including Patrol, Air Support, Investigations, Media Relations, Community Outreach and Personnel Services, and Support Services. He has held the ranks of officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain.

Captain Irving has made invaluable contributions to the operational effectiveness of the Department in its continuing quest for excellence. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to the Department and the community. We wish him well as he moves on to new adventures.

# Gun Buyback Event Results

On December 10, 2022, the Burbank Police Department held an Anonymous Gun Buyback Event in the rear parking lot of the Police/Fire Headquarters, which resulted in the relinquishment of 58 weapons.

The drive-through event provided City of Burbank residents with an opportunity to anonymously relinquish their unwanted guns without having to show any identification and with “no questions asked” in exchange for gift cards. The goal of the event was to reduce the availability of unwanted firearms in the community by providing an opportunity for the safe and anonymous disposal of guns.

Participants received a \$100 pre-paid gift card to Walmart for each handgun, rifle, or shotgun, and a \$200 gift card for each assault weapon, as classified in the State of California.

The event yielded the following:

Handguns – 29  
Rifles – 17  
Shotguns – 11  
Assault Weapons – 1

Total: 58

All weapons collected were verified to determine if they had been reported as lost or stolen, which none of them were. All other firearms will be destroyed in compliance with California state law.

The Burbank Police Department would like to thank all who attended for making this a successful event.



# DUI Checkpoint Results

The Burbank Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI and driver's license checkpoint on December 17, 2022. The checkpoint was held on Buena Vista Street and Verdugo Avenue, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:15 a.m.



Locations for DUI checkpoints are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of these checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving while impaired.

According to Lieutenant John Pfrommer of the Burbank Police Traffic Bureau, over 500 vehicles were screened. The average travel time for vehicles passing through the checkpoint was about 20 seconds. Of the vehicles screened, the following are the results of the checkpoint:

- Eight citations were issued for driving without a valid license
- Three citations were issued for traffic violations
- Field sobriety tests were administered to two drivers

No arrests were made for driving under the influence, which suggests that drivers are making responsible choices by not consuming alcohol or using drugs that cause impairment before driving, or that they are planning for transportation using designated drivers or ride-sharing services.

The goal of a DUI checkpoint is not to make arrests, but rather to deter impaired driving with high-visibility enforcement and well-publicized DUI operations. The Burbank Police Department will continue to deploy DUI saturation patrols over the next several months. Funding for these operations is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



# Theft of Catalytic Converters

A catalytic converter turns engine pollutants into less-harmful emissions before leaving a vehicle's exhaust system. They are critical in keeping our air clean and reducing smog, but also a target for thieves who steal catalytic converters for the precious metals they contain – platinum, palladium, and rhodium.

A thief can get under a car and steal a catalytic converter in minutes, leaving a vehicle owner with a steep bill for a replacement. Catalytic converter thefts can cost victims thousands of dollars in repair work, while thieves cash them in at scrap yards for an easy payout.

During the month of December, the Burbank Police Department saw an increase in thefts of catalytic converters. In many of the cases, thieves targeted hybrid vehicles, specifically the Toyota Prius. The Burbank Police Department is committed to combating this rise in theft and arrested 11 people during the month of December for suspicion of stealing catalytic converters. During those investigations, eight catalytic converters suspected of being stolen were recovered.

The Burbank Police Department would like to provide the community with the following tips to help deter and prevent thefts of catalytic converters:

- Park in a garage or well-lit area
- Consider installing motion sensor lights and surveillance cameras
- Etch the vehicle identification number (VIN) or license plate number on your catalytic converter for identification should it be stolen and recovered
- Be mindful and observant of anyone under a vehicle, especially late at night
- Keep an eye out for people loitering near vehicles that might be carrying tools or other items without a reasonable explanation

The Burbank Police Department would also like to remind residents of the “Etch and Catch” Catalytic Converter Anti-Theft Program. To deter would-be thieves and track stolen catalytic converters, the Burbank Police Department has teamed up with several local auto repair shops to have Burbank residents' license plate numbers etched onto their catalytic converters.

As a community, we need to work together to prevent crime. If you see a crime in progress or anything that appears to be suspicious, report it IMMEDIATELY to the Burbank Police Department. Our 24-hour, non-emergency number is (818) 238-3000. For emergencies only, dial 9-1-1.

# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING



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### BENEFITS

- Medical, Dental and Vision insurance
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- Monthly education pay for Associate, Bachelor, and Master Degrees
- Bilingual pay of \$1,200 annually
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- Annual uniform allowance
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- 3/12 patrol schedule
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### OPPORTUNITIES

#### SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Field Training Officer
- Air Support
- S.W.A.T.
- K-9 Unit
- Investigations
- Traffic/Motors
- Community Resource Officer
- School Resource Officer
- Gang Enforcement
- Bicycle Patrol
- Mental Health Evaluation Team

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- > 10 paid holidays per year, plus two additional "floating" holidays earned annually.
- > PEPRCA CalPERS retirement pension of 2% at 62.
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# We Are Hiring!

**Position Available:**

**JAILER**

**SALARY: \$49,707 - \$68,522**

- Operate Live Scan machine and ensure entry of inmate
- Conduct security checks of the facility and maintain order
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- Perform searches of inmates
- Organize inmates meals
- Monitor and supervise visits
- 3/12 work schedule

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