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# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Newsletter | March 2022

### Children Enjoy Holiday Shopping Spree

On December 16, 2021, the Burbank Police Department teamed-up with Walmart and the Burbank Housing Corporation to help local youth in-need purchase holiday gifts for their families during an annual shopping spree.

This philanthropic holiday shopping event was first launched in December of 1990. Since then, the Burbank Police Department has proudly participated each year as part of its commitment to the community and helping those who are less fortunate. This year, the Burbank Housing Corporation selected 45 children to take part in the event. The children were selected based on their family's financial income and need.

Each child was presented with a \$100 gift card, sponsored by Walmart and the Burbank Police Foundation, and sent on a one hour shopping spree while accompanied by a uniformed member of the Burbank Police Department. Once the children completed their purchases, they joined family members and were presented with holiday food baskets, sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Burbank, Costco and Noon Rotary Club of Burbank. The Burbank Police Officers' Association also contributed and provided each family with a holiday dinner, sponsored by Handy Market.

The Burbank Police Department would like to recognize and thank Walmart, Burbank Housing Corporation, Kiwanis Club of Burbank, Noon Rotary Club of Burbank, Handy Market, and the Burbank Police Foundation.



Respect    ◆    Integrity    ◆    Excellence



# Michael Albanese Named Police Chief

On December 29, 2021, Michael Albanese was selected by City Manager Justin Hess to be the next Chief of Police for the City of Burbank after serving briefly as interim Police Chief following Chief Scott LaChasse's retirement.

Chief Albanese is a tenured law enforcement professional with over 50 years of law enforcement experience. Chief Albanese began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), where he worked for 37 years. During his tenure at the LAPD, he was assigned to the LAPD's Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (SWAT), as a Police Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant, and was the Cadre Leader of the Crisis Negotiation

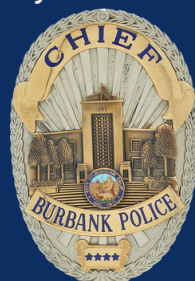


Team (CNT) for over eight years. Chief Albanese began working for the Burbank Police Department in 2010 as the Patrol Captain. In that assignment, Chief Albanese provided managerial oversight of all the Department's uniformed operations and the delivery of police services. In July of 2015, Chief Albanese was appointed as the Department's Deputy Chief. As the Deputy Chief, Chief Albanese was instrumental in developing and implementing the Department's Mental Health Evaluation Team, acquisition of the Body Worn and In-Car Camera systems, the Department's Strategic Plan, and other various and ongoing critical Departmental operations and community outreach programs.

Since working at the Burbank Police Department, Chief Albanese has immersed himself into the Department and community, developing best practices in law enforcement and enhancing community engagement and relationships. Chief Albanese can regularly be seen at many functions and outreach programs connecting with the community. Additionally, Chief Albanese has been a member of the Burbank Family Service Agency's Board of Directors for the past eight years and is currently the President of the Board of Directors.

In addition to participating in law enforcement seminars throughout the United States and Canada related to SWAT callouts and crisis negotiation tactics, he has authored numerous articles that encompass both the SWAT and CNT disciplines.

Chief Albanese attended California State University at Los Angeles where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration. He earned his Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California.





# 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 deal with 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 Bureau Stats: February 2022

DUI Arrests

23

Citations

914

Documented Collisions

77

## 2021 Community Study Results

The Burbank Police Department conducted a community study between the months of October and November of 2021. To read the final report, [click here](#).



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## CRIME STATS: January 2022

Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Petty Theft	Auto Theft
8	21	30	217	29

Total Calls for Service: **3,199**

Avg. Response Times (Emergency Calls): **2:41**

Avg. Response Times (All Calls): **16:36**

Arrests: **299**

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



# Spotlight: Coffee With A Cop

The Burbank Police Department is committed to working in partnership with the community and ensuring professional police services are provided. We strive to build a partnership with the community we serve and one way of building that connection is through community events and engagement.



Coffee with a Cop is an event the Burbank Police Department hosts to break down barriers between police officers and the citizens we serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know each other. In doing so, we hope to improve trust within the community and foster positive working relationships.

We encourage everyone to join us at one of our many events, ask questions, engage in conversation, and get to know the men and women of the Burbank Police Department. Our next Coffee with a Cop event is scheduled for March 10, 2022 from 8am to 10am at Ballers & Brew (407 Irving Dr.)



# DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK THIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY

If you plan to have a few cheers for St. Patrick's Day, don't rely on luck to get you home safely. Remember to plan ahead and have a designated, sober driver take you home.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations contribute to one of the biggest drinking nights of the year, which makes it all the more important to have someone who has not been drinking get you home safely. Last year, 327 people lost their lives on this holiday as a result of alcohol-related crashes.

To help keep the public safe, the Burbank Police Department will have extra police officers on patrol this St. Patrick's Day (March 17, 2022), between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., who will be looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

If you plan on drinking alcohol, designate a sober driver, or use a ride-share service or public transportation to get around. If you're hosting a party, offer non-alcoholic beverages, monitor those who drink alcohol, and help make arrangements to get people home safely.

If you ever see a suspected drunk driver on the road, call 9-1-1. Funding for St. Patrick's Day DUI enforcement is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.





# Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) Informational Bulletin

BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MHET in a Minute



Mental Health  
Evaluation Team (MHET)

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### “10 Ways To Navigate Your Mental Health Insurance”

On **February 8th**, attorneys Elizabeth Green and Cari Schwartz will share their expertise to educate patients and their families about health insurance policies and ways to get insurance benefits paid for mental health treatment. **Topics include:** Types of health insurance coverage, in-network and out-of-network benefits, levels of care for mental health treatment, and much more!

For extra details and registration, click the following link: [NAMI Glendale](#)

Save  
the  
Date!

### Tips for Talking With Your Health Care Provider

Don't wait for your health care provider to ask about your mental health! Start the conversation.

- **Prepare ahead of your visit.** Make a list of your questions or [concerns](#); bring a list of your [medication](#) and [family mental health history](#)
- **Address your mental health concerns.** Mental health is an integral part of health; mental disorders can be at risk for other medical conditions (heart disease, diabetes, e.g.)
- **Consider bringing a friend or relative.** It can be difficult to absorb the information your health care provider shares, especially if you are not feeling well
- **Be honest.** Share any major stresses or recent life changes that could be triggering symptoms
- **Ask questions.** If your provider suggests a treatment you're not comfortable or familiar with, express your concerns and ask if there are other options

Source: [National Institute of Mental Health](#), [National Institute on Aging](#)

### Eating Disorders Awareness Week

**(2/28/22-3/5/22)**

- Eating disorders are often associated with pre-occupations with food, weight or shape or with anxiety about eating or the consequences of eating certain foods
- Common eating disorders include: anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge-eating disorder, avoidant restrictive food intake disorder
- Affect up to **5%** of the population: most often develop in adolescence and young adulthood, including women between the **ages of 12 and 35**

Source: [National Institute of Mental Health](#), [American Psychiatric Association](#), [Mayo Clinic](#)

## 2022 Homeless Count (2.22.22)



Greater  
Los Angeles  
Homeless  
Count

Interested in Volunteering?

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[Family Service Agency of Burbank \(FSA\)](#), (818) 845-7671, 2721 W. Burbank Blvd., Burbank: Provides crisis intervention, clinical counseling, and violence prevention services and education for youth, teens, adults, and families.

[National Eating Disorders Association \(NEDA\) Helpline](#), (800) 931-2237: Provides support, resources and treatment options for yourself or a loved one who is struggling with an eating disorder. If you are in crisis and need help immediately, text “NEDA” to 741741 to be connected with a trained volunteer



**BEWARE:**

# TAX SEASON SCAMS



As we all prepare for tax time, the Burbank Police Department would like to remind our community about scammers claiming to be from the I.R.S. demanding money from you.

## Common phone, text message & e-mail scams:

- Individuals aggressively target taxpayers and may use threats of arrest or seizure of your property and assets. Some calls have even threatened a “lawsuit” against the taxpayer.
- Perpetrators will claim to be employees of the I.R.S., but they are not.
- They may use false names and fake I.R.S. ID or badge numbers to deceive you, and might mask or “spoof” their phone number, making the call appear authentic.
- Victims are often told they owe money to the I.R.S., which must be paid immediately through a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer.
- Victims might even be told they have a refund due in order to persuade them into providing personal and/or financial account information.

## Remember, the I.R.S. will NEVER:

- Call you by phone and demand immediate payment. You will always receive an official written correspondence from the I.R.S.
- Have you utilize a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer for payment.
- Ask you for a debit or credit card number, or any other personal or financial information over the phone.
- Threaten you with incarceration or other law enforcement action.

If you receive these calls, text messages or emails, do not respond and call the I.R.S. directly at (800) 829-1040. If you have fallen victim to one of these scams, go to [www.tigta.gov](http://www.tigta.gov) and click the "Report a Crime" tab. You should also report the incoming phone number on the Federal Trade Commission “Do Not Call” registry complaint website: [complaints.donotcall.gov](http://complaints.donotcall.gov).

For more information, visit: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>.



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