

Police Officer Robert Martinez (selected as Officer of the Year)

Officer Martinez joined the Burbank Police Department in March 2018 as a Police Recruit. He completed the Academy and promoted to a Police Officer in September 2018. After a few years in the Patrol Division and training new officers as a Field Training Officer, Officer Martinez joined the Investigation Division / Gang Detail in June 2022.

During the last year, Officer Martinez has personally authored dozens of search warrants. His efforts have led to the Gang Unit's arrest of 126 suspects and recovery of 40 firearms from the City of Burbank and surrounding areas. All the arrests have been gang members from Burbank and surrounding San Fernando Valley cities. This is an incredible number of arrests and firearms seized by Officer Martinez and his partner.

In further dedication to his profession, Officer Martinez gathers intelligence during work and off-hours from social media to put together complex gang-related cases that have led to the recovery of narcotics and firearms from various gang members, resulting in lengthy prison sentences.

Officer Martinez comes to work every day with a positive attitude and determination to effectively serve the community. As a Field Training Officer, he has offered his guidance to younger officers, mentoring, and teaching them the proper techniques they need to succeed in the field. As a member of the BPD's Swat Team, Officer Martinez's training and commitment to the team has assisted him in various operations and tactical maneuvers utilized by the Gang Unit during the arrest of dangerous criminals. His statistics in the Gang Unit are impressive and demonstrate his determination to keep the community safe and free from the negative impacts associated with gang activity.