

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Crime Prevention
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Non-Emergency Dispatch
626-384-5808

Records Division
(626) 384-5656

Covina Jail
(626) 384-5638

Property / Evidence
(626) 384-5645

Traffic Division
(626) 384-5674

Detective Bureau
(626) 384-5628

Graffiti Hotline
(626) 384-5599



Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch program is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.

Neighborhood Watch can trace its roots back to the days of colonial settlements, when night watchmen patrolled the streets. The modern version of Neighborhood Watch was developed in response to requests from law enforcement looking for a crime prevention program that would involve citizens to address crime problems.

Neighborhood Watch counts on citizens to organize themselves and work with law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities. Neighborhood Watch works because it reduces opportunities for crime to occur; it does not rely on altering or changing the criminal's behavior or motivation.

Tips

Work with your police department to increase Watch group's credibility.

Hold regular meetings to help residents get to know each other and recruit new members.

Consider linking with an existing organization, such as a community development office, tenants' association, or HOA. They may be able to provide an existing infrastructure you can use.

Ask people who seldom leave their homes to be "window watchers," looking out for children and reporting any unusual activities in the neighborhood.

Physical conditions like abandoned cars or overgrown vacant lots contribute to crime. Encourage cleanups, encourage residents to beautify the area, and ask them to turn on outdoor lights at night.

Emphasize that Neighborhood Watch groups are not vigilantes and should not assume the role of the police. Their duty is to ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police.

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UPDATED ALARM ORDINANCE

In an effort to reduce false alarms within the City of Covina, in January 2013, the Covina City Council approved and enacted a new alarm ordinance. This ordinance was designed to better educate alarm users on how to properly maintain and operate their alarm systems plus require alarm companies to install reliable systems. To assist the city with implementing and administering the ordinance, in April 2013, the city contracted with PMAM Corporation. PMAM will be handling the processing of all alarm permits, permit renewals, and false alarm billing associated with this ordinance. An alarm customer and their alarm company must register their alarm system with PMAM at:

Tel.: (877) 624-4997 MON-FRI 8:30 AM TO 5:30 PM Central Standard Time

Online registration is also available at: <http://www.pmam.com>

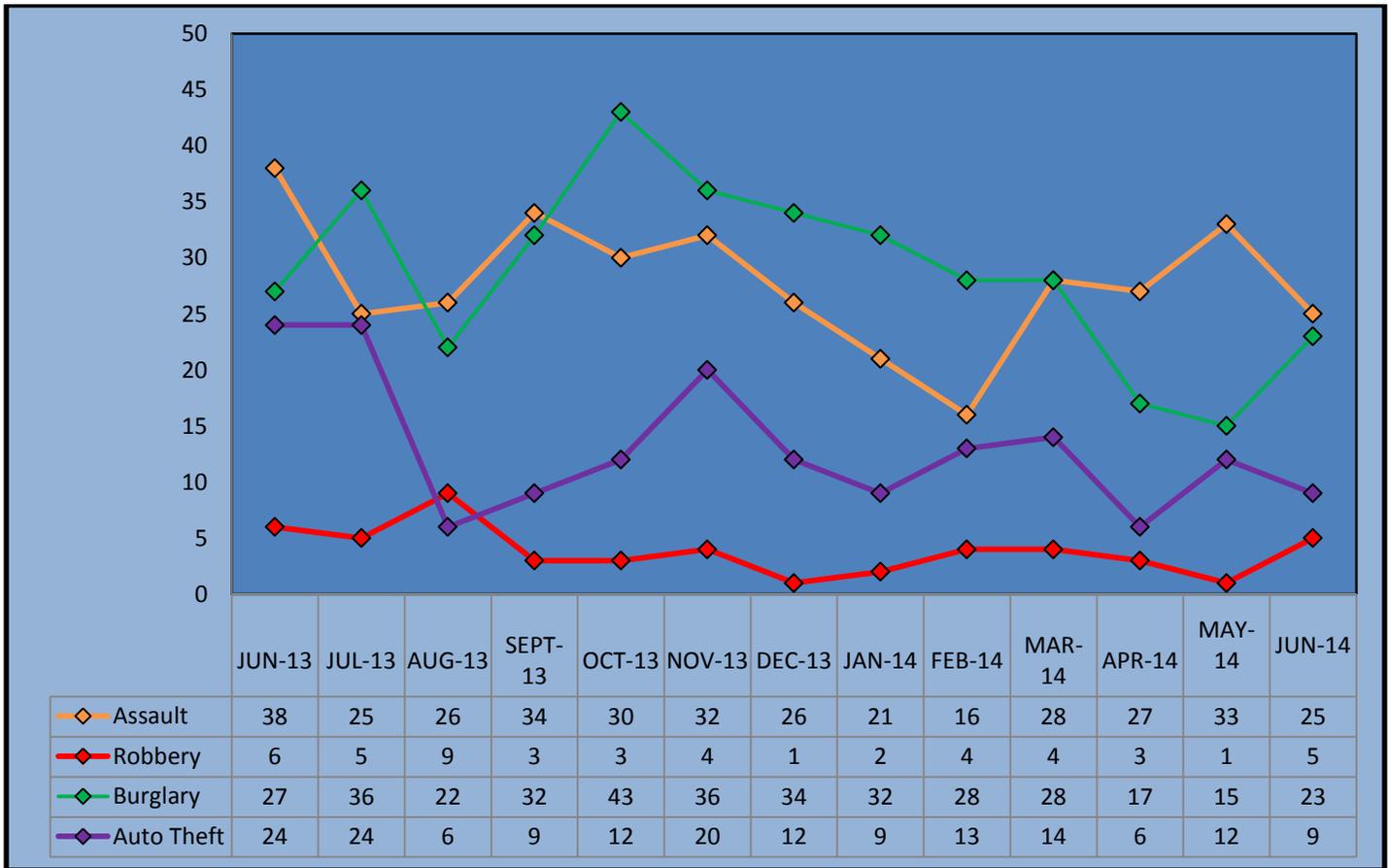
Or through the Covina Police Department page at:
<http://www.covinaca.gov/services/alarm-permits>

Any questions, concerns, comments or complaints please contact our [Alarms Liaison](#) – Jody Collins at (626) 384-5627 or via email at jcollins@covinaca.gov

Keeping Your Home Safe While on Vacation

1. Install added security features
2. Unplug certain electronic devices such as computers and put lights on timers
3. Do not “project” your plans on social media sites
4. Lock doors and windows
5. Keep landscaping trimmed
6. Make your home look lived-in
7. Keep “eyes” on your home and property
8. Stop newspaper delivery
9. Stop mail delivery
10. Consider hiring a house or pet-sitter

Covina Police Crime Statistics – June 2014



[CRIME REPORTS MAP FOR COVINA](#)