

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) suggests that the form and arrangements of buildings and of open spaces can either encourage or discourage crime. CPTED attempts to reduce crime and fear of crime by reducing criminal opportunity and fostering positive social interaction among users of space.

CPTED defined – The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear of crime and the incidence of crime, and to the improvement of the quality of life. The three elements of CPTED are Territoriality, Surveillance, and Access Control. When used together, these elements strengthen total premise security and personal safety.

Territoriality is a persons’ desire to protect territory that they feel is their own and have a certain respect for the territory of others. The extent to which someone will defend territory depends on their personal investment in or responsibility for that property.

Here are some economical steps you can take to increase the visibility of your business or residence:

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## Low Cost Vaccination/Microchip and Licensing Clinic for Dogs and Cats

Vaccines and microchips supplied by the Southern California Veterinary Vaccine Clinic (SCVVC). For participation requirements, prices, and other useful information visit [www.scvvc.com](http://www.scvvc.com). For licensing information, visit [www.animalcare.lacounty.gov](http://www.animalcare.lacounty.gov)

Date: May 29, 2014 Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Covina Park-Hockey Rink 301 N. Fourth Avenue Covina, CA

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### (CPTED continued)

- Clearly define your property through the use of natural or manmade borders
- Participate in business and community watch programs

Surveillance: Criminals do not want to be seen. To defend your property you must be able to see any illegal acts taking place. Placing physical features, activities, and people in ways that maximize the ability to see what's going on discourages crime.

The following tips can help you maximize the visibility to your business or residence:

- Improve indoor and outdoor lighting
- Clear windows of all clutter
- Trim and maintain all landscaping, utilize bushes with thorns to deter access to windows
- Involve the entire community in surveillance efforts

Access Control: Properly located entrances, exits, fencing, and lighting can direct both foot and automobile traffic in ways that discourage crime. Access Control denies or restricts access to a crime target, and it also increases the perceived risks of the offender by controlling or restricting their movement.

Listed are some ways to help you control access to your properties:

- Reduce the number of entrances and exits
- Have guests and visitors sign in
- Fence or rope off problem areas

The Covina Police Department encourages community members to do their part in establishing a safe and secure environment by incorporating these three basic elements into their security practices.

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## Strengthening Your Digital Security

Tip #1: Choose good passwords and PINS. Choose words and numbers that no one would be able to guess even if they were privy to other parts of your personal information.

Tip #2: Protect your computer. ID thieves use complex software such as spyware and keyloggers to obtain sensitive information such as passwords and login details without the user's knowledge. A strong and regularly updated firewall, anti-virus program, and anti-spyware program will provide most of the protection an individual needs.

Tip #3: Beware of phishing scams. Phishing involves seemingly harmless emails being sent to you asking you to verify certain things such as passwords, account numbers, or credit/social security details. Contact the service provider directly. Do not use a link or phone number provided within the questionable email.

Tip #4: Don't accidentally on-sell or give away your identity details. When you get rid of your computer, be sure to wipe out all of your personal information first. Restore it to the factory settings which are usually explained in the manual that came with the computer. If not sure, take it to a reputable retailer for assistance.

Tip #5: Take care when shopping online. Check the security symbols when using an online site for shopping. Look for the lock icon.

Tip #6: Never answer unsolicited or unwanted emails. Do not return the email, this verifies your existence to the would-be scammer.

National Night  
Out  
August 5, 2014

**National Night Out is just around the corner-Start your planning now!**

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, neighborhoods throughout Covina are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is designed to:

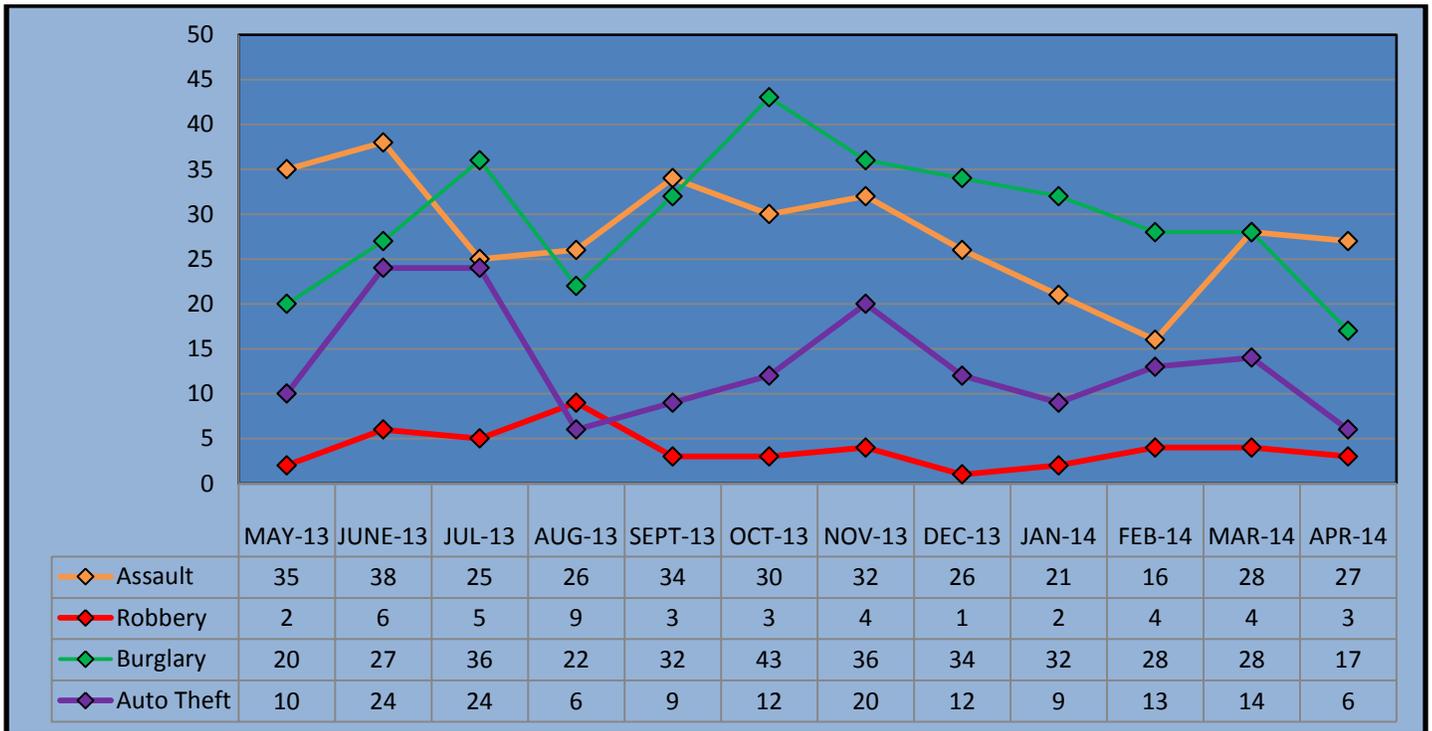
- Increase crime prevention
- Increase drug prevention
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit
- Increase police and community partnership

**A good night to get to know your neighbors!**

Plan your neighborhood's participation by organizing an activity. Show your support by turning on your front porch light from 6pm to 9pm. Members of the Covina Police Department, City Hall, and the City Council will visit registered neighborhoods.

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## Covina Police Crime Statistics - April 2014



Click the link below to see the crime map

<http://covinaca.gov/crime-information/crimereports.com>

Violent Crimes -5%

•Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -20%

•Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -3%



Percentages shown are increase or decrease from the previous year to date.