

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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(626) 384-5599

Collisions and Hit and Run

Most traffic collisions are accidents, and not criminal in nature. Traffic accidents are unfortunate mishaps, and usually traumatic for all parties involved.

The act of Hit and Run is criminal, and particularly frustrating for those in the community who maintain proper insurance and try to do things within the law. A Hit and Run occurs when a party to an accident fails to provide their name and insurance information to the other involved parties. When police are able to identify Hit and Run drivers, we usually find that the Hit and Run driver was unlicensed, or wanted by police for an unrelated law violation. Sometimes inexperienced drivers just get scared and confused.



A Hit and Run collision involving significant injury is a felony.

If you're involved in a collision, you should pull out of traffic lanes if possible. Assess all parties for injuries and if there is any doubt call 911 for medical and police assistance. Police are not required for minor non-injury collisions, but if

any involved party desires a report, the Covina Police Department will assign personnel to document the collision.

Get as much identifying information as you can from the other involved party; specifically, name, driver's license number,

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Unlicensed Drivers and Vehicle Impounds

Drivers who are unlicensed, or whose license has been suspended, face having their vehicle impounded for 30 days when stopped by police. The intent of the California Legislature and the Covina Police

Department is to reduce the number of high-risk drivers on the road. Studies have found that 75% of drivers whose licenses are suspended or revoked, are 3.7 times more likely to be involved in a fatal collision. Since its inception, the law has

positively impacted hit and run and fatal crash statistics in areas where actively applied. Beware, if you loan your car to someone who isn't properly licensed, it could be your car that gets stored for 30 days.

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Vacation Season

Vacation Season is in full swing! If a vacation is on your to do list, be sure to follow some practical tips for home safety until you return.

Don't broadcast your vacation agenda. While it's tempting to post your upcoming plans on Twitter or Facebook, it's not worth the risk.

Have good locks on all doors and windows, and USE THEM! Never leave your house key hidden outside under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of a door. Make your house appear "lived in." Use timers for lights and radios. Have a neighbor or a friend pick up mail, packages and newspapers, and keep the lawns mowed and watered. Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends. Don't leave valuables, such as jewelry or important documents, at home while you are away on vacation. Put them in a safe deposit box and keep a record of all your valuable belongings.

The volunteers at the Covina Police Department perform free residential vacation checks. For additional information, on residential vacation checks, please contact Candace Bobkiewicz (626) 384-5630 or email her at cbobkiewicz@covina.gov

Collisions and Hit and Run continued...

home address, and telephone numbers. Also document the license plate number and description of the other involved vehicle. If the other driver flees the scene of your collision, if possible, try and complete the following without unnecessarily putting yourself in harm's way:

Obtain the license plate number of the Hit and Run vehicle.

Call 911 to report it. The Dispatcher will ask you for the suspect vehicle...

- Description (Make, Model, Color)
- Direction of Travel / Street Name
- Location and Severity of Damage

If you can't answer all the questions don't panic. It may be stressful and just do the best you can. If you locate a witness, ask them to standby for the police, or get their contact information so the responding officer can follow up with them.

Bullying

Bullying is a hot topic these days. Statistics show that one in four children who bully will have a criminal record before the age of 30. Bullies often cause serious problems that schools, families, and neighbors ignore. Teasing at bus stops, taking another child's lunch money, insults and threats, kicking or shoving - it's all fair game to a bully. Often dismissed as part of growing up, it seems many young people are poorly equipped to deal with bullying behavior. Fears and anxieties about bullies can cause some children to avoid school, carry a weapon for protection, or even commit more violent activity.

What You Can Do

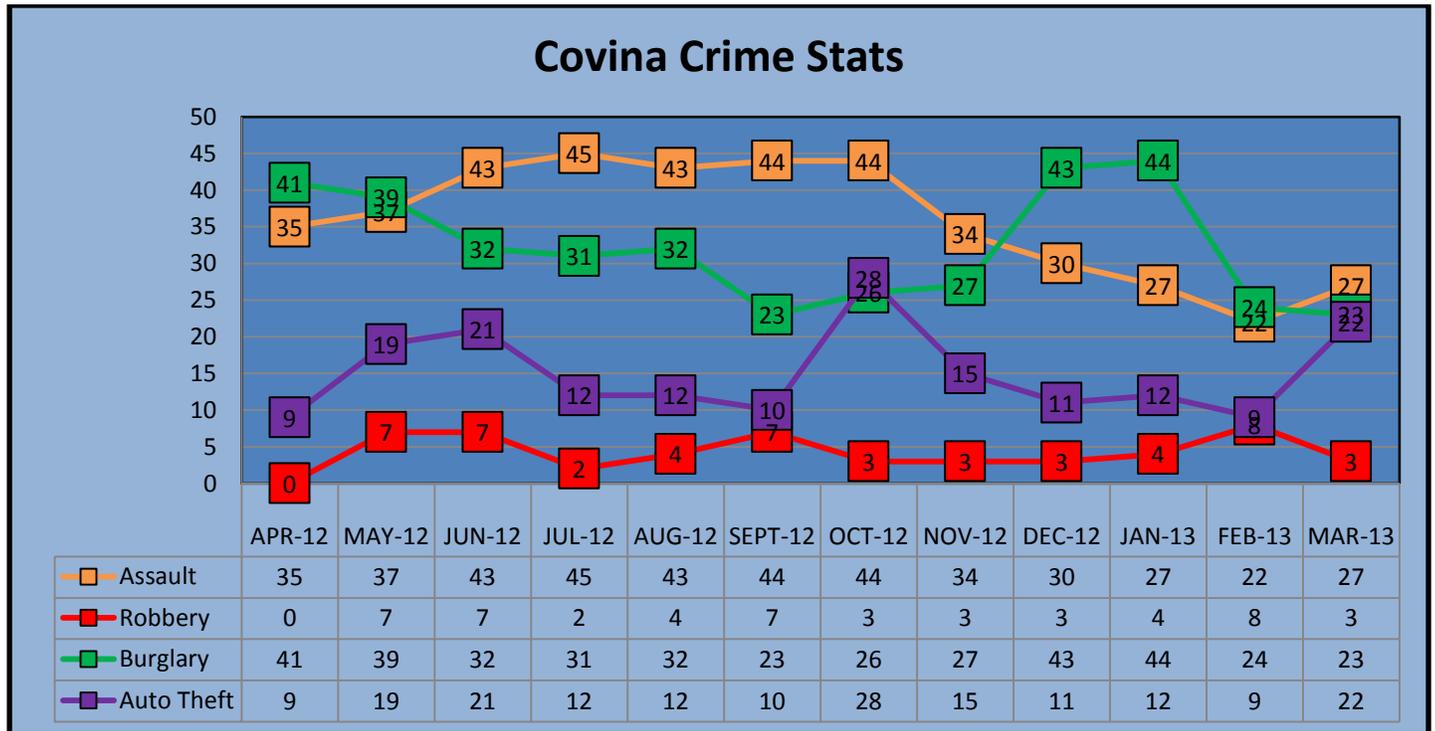
Listen to children. Take children's complaints of bullying seriously. Watch for symptoms that children may be bullying victims, such as withdrawal, a drop in grades, torn clothes, or needing extra money or supplies. Tell the school or organization immediately if you think that your children are being bullied. Work with other parents to ensure that the children in your neighborhood are supervised closely on their way to and from school.

Bullying has been further complicated by the increased use of Social Media. Monitor the internet activity of your children. Set the ground rules and enforce the rules.

Teach children ways to resolve arguments without violent words or actions. Teach children they control their own self-esteem. Their self-worth must not be determined by others' opinions of them.

Provide opportunities for children to talk about bullying, listen carefully, and help them identify solutions to their problems. Recognize that bullies may be acting out feelings of insecurity, anger, or loneliness. If your child is a bully or victim of bullying, help get to the root of the problem. Seek out specific strategies you can use at home from a teacher, school counselor, or child psychologist.

Covina Police Crime Statistics – March 2013



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<http://covinaca.gov/crime-information/crimereportscom>

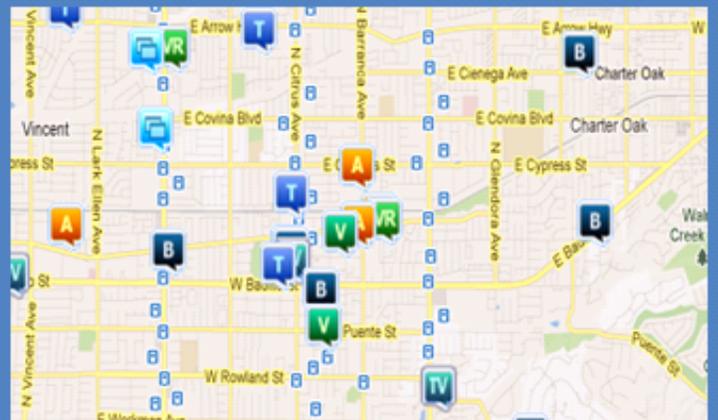
Violent Crimes -39%

- Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -18%

- Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -7%



Percentages shown are increase or decrease from year-to-date.