

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Pool Safety

The pool is a fun and relaxing place to spend time with family and friends. It's also a place to take extreme safety measures. Covina Municipal Code section 8.12.010 states in summary that those responsible for pools shall at all times maintain a fence or other solid structure with a self-closing and self-latching device designed to prevent access when not in actual use. Pool owners should review the entire section and adhere to all details.

The goal of course is accident prevention. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, every day about ten people die from unintentional drowning.



Drowning ranks as the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury death in the United States.

Pool Safety Tips

Never dive in shallow water.

Never allow kids to swim unsupervised.

No running around the

pool due to slippage.

Make sure there is always a lifesaving floatation device handy near the pool.

Never push others into the pool.

Never swim after drinking alcoholic beverages or taking medications.

Do Not Leave Your Running Car Unattended

Covina Police saw an increase in stolen vehicles in June 2013. One of them was the result of a resident starting their car at home and returning inside momentarily, leaving their car unattended. On

hot summer days and cold winter days, people are tempted to cool/warm their car before driving off. Many may believe in the practice of "Warming up the engine", which isn't necessary in today's cars and wastes gas.

When cars are stolen, valuable property inside the car is stolen with it. Expensive smart phones, purses, glasses, computers and personal documents are often included in the haul.

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Noise Complaints: Disturbing the Peace

The common belief of many residents is that they can host parties and make as much noise as they want until 10:00pm. The notion of a 10:00pm cutoff time is false.

Disturbing the Peace is covered by California Penal Code section 415.2, which states in part “Any person who maliciously and willfully disturbs another person by loud and unreasonable noise” is committing a misdemeanor. The time of day or night is irrelevant. Consider the fact that many of your neighbors may be employed as truck drivers, security or law enforcement officers, or any number of other jobs that require them to work a graveyard shift and perhaps weekend graveyard shifts. Your Sunday afternoon backyard party with a DJ or live band, or even yard work or a construction project, potentially takes place in the middle of their sleep cycle.

This doesn't mean you should call the police if your neighbor is making noise and disturbing your peace. The important phrase here is “loud and unreasonable”. If your neighbors don't know they are disturbing you and you haven't told them, they may not know any better. The Covina Police Department encourages polite honest conversation between neighbors, but we will certainly help if you need us. Be respectful to residents around you and remember, just because you're ok with a certain level of noise, doesn't mean others are too.

Do Not Leave Your Car Unattended (Continued)

Reasons Not to Leave Your Running Car Unattended:

Professional car thieves are out there, but some car thefts are crimes of opportunity. Stealing a car with the running engine and left unattended requires no skill and tempts even the most unsophisticated thief.

When your car is stolen you increase your odds of becoming an identity theft victim by losing personal documents.

Stolen cars are usually recovered, but not in the condition you kept it. Sometimes they are wrecked, stripped and/or burned.

Insurance claims and insurance premiums.

The thieves may now have your house keys, or keys to family members' homes, and possibly your smart phone address book which could lead to further crimes.

Other Tips to Avoid Becoming a Victim: Even if you take your keys you could fall victim to a professional car thief, to reduce the chances:

Park in well-lit highly traveled area – thieves like concealment

Lock your doors and remove anything of value from plain view

Look around – If you're about to enter a restaurant or movie theater, look for the person on a bicycle or on foot peeking into car windows or trying door handles, they're desperate and they're out there.

Citizens Academy

Planning for the next Citizen's Academy is underway and we are seeking Covina residents and business people to apply and participate in the program.

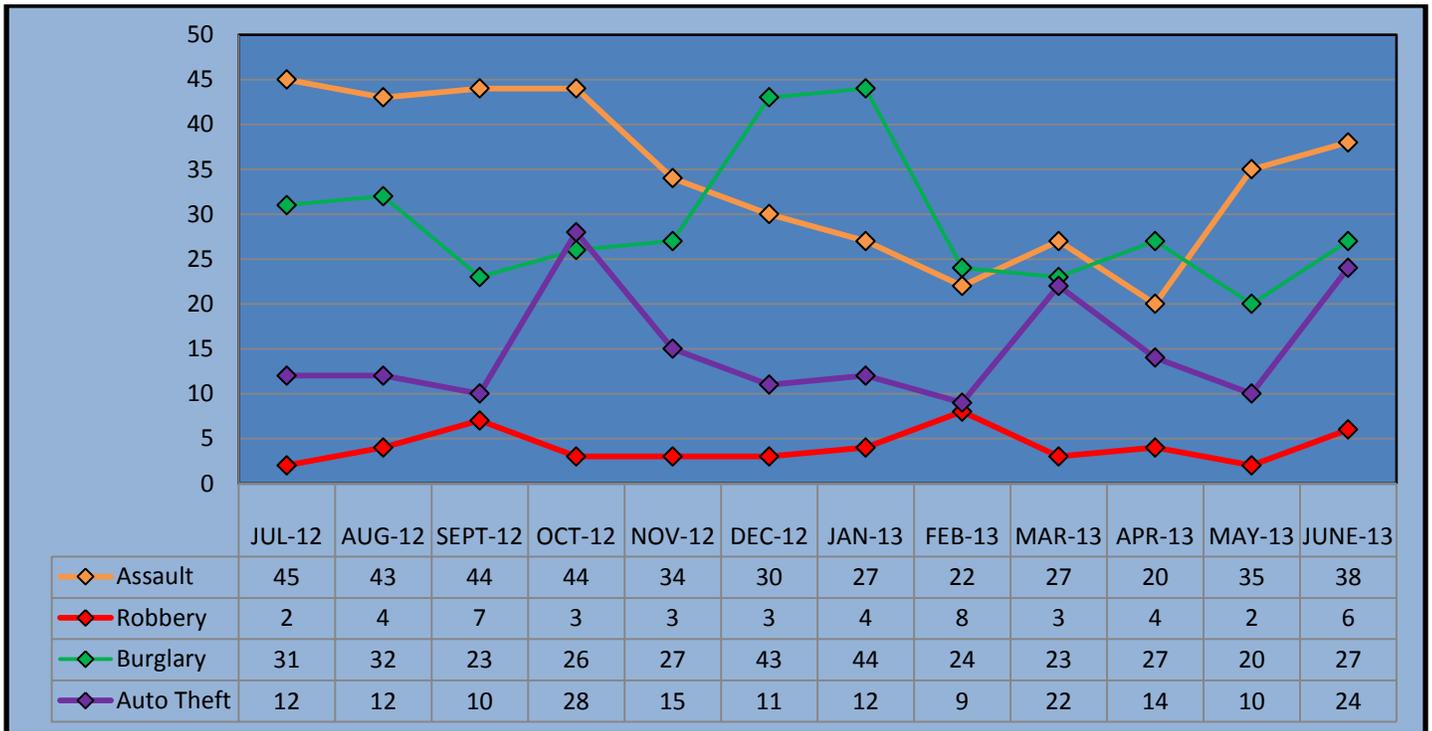
The Citizen's Academy is a seven week program that offers a unique opportunity to get to know and build relationships between the community and the officers working in your area.

Highlights of the program include instruction on a number of topics including Criminal Law, Powers of Arrest, Identity Theft/Fraud, Use of Force, Patrol Tactics, SWAT and Gangs/Narcotics.

Subject matter experts present information in a comfortable setting that encourages interaction and questions from students. A Los Angeles County judge will present information about the court system. Students will be able to ride-along with a patrol officer and Range Staff will instruct students on firearms safety and allow them to shoot department issued handguns in our department range.

For more information or to apply to participate, we invite you to contact Community Services Specialist Candace Bobkiewicz at 626-384-5630 or by email at cbobkiewicz@covinaca.gov

Covina Police Crime Statistics – June 2013



Click the link below to see the crime map

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

Violent Crimes -32%

•Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -23%

•Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -5%



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