

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Traffic Division

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Detective Bureau

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Graffiti Hotline

(626) 384-5599

Air Support – F.A.S.T. Program

The presence of a police helicopter above the family home makes some curious and annoys others, but air support is a valuable tool for law enforcement. Pilots and Observers are able to provide ground officers with increased perspective of ground activities, such as vehicle and foot pursuits, suspect containments, and yard searches for fleeing suspects. Their assistance improves the safety of the officers on the ground and the citizens we serve.

The Covina Police Department is partnered with other police agencies as part of the Foothill Air Support Team (F.A.S.T.). There are currently nine San Gabriel Valley cities



participating in F.A.S.T., which is coordinated by the Pasadena Police Department. Along with coordinating the program, Pasadena PD provides the helicopters and pilots. The trained Observers who accompany the pilots and perform the role of monitoring all the police frequencies as well as coordinating with

ground units, are from other agencies participating in the program. F.A.S.T. is designed to provide helicopter support during the weekend and evening hours.

It's important to note that a law enforcement helicopter overhead is an

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Upcoming Community Event: Thunderfest

The 18th annual Thunderfest event takes over the streets of Downtown Covina on Saturday October 19, 2013. The event includes Classic Street Rods and NHRA Dragsters, as well as live music performed



at multiple indoor and outdoor venues. There will be a Gourmet Food Truck Court, Business and Vendor Expo, Art Walk, and Beer and Wine Garden.

<http://covina.com/covina-thunderfest/expo/> [\[end\]](#)

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indicator that officers on the ground nearby may be conducting a high-risk operation, looking for a felony suspect, or other activities which may pose a danger to you. The Covina Police Department suggests that during these times you secure yourself comfortably in your home or business and consider the following tips:

What not to do when the helicopter is above:

DO NOT - Try and pinpoint the target location and go to that area to see what's happening.

DO NOT – Try and locate the actual suspect and detain him/her.

DO NOT - Call dispatch and ask what is occurring. Doing this takes crucial time away from dispatchers attempting to help the officers.

DO NOT - Shine any type of light or laser device toward the helicopter. It's dangerous to the pilot, and violates Penal Code section 247.5, which can be prosecuted as a felony.

What to do when the helicopter is above:

DO – Immediately ensure your doors and windows are locked, making your home inaccessible to fleeing suspects.

DO – Report suspicious activity on your property that you feel may be related to the police activity; such as, seeing trespassers in your yard, or out of the ordinary actions of yours or neighbor's outdoor dogs.

Recruiting for Law Enforcement Jobs

Hiring for law enforcement jobs is a unique and lengthy process. Law enforcement jobs require candidates to pass three phases of interviews in addition to written tests, physical agility tests (officers), psychological testing and an invasive background investigation.

The most underestimated required skill for law enforcement jobs is the ability to produce top-notch written work. Most police employees write constantly in the course of their duties. While Dispatchers write less, theirs is the position most difficult to find qualified candidates for as a result of the fast paced multi-tasking necessary for success.

If you or anyone you know is considering a career in the law enforcement field, consider the following tips based on frequently asked questions:

- College isn't required, but college coursework will likely improve writing skills
- Creative writing isn't required, accurate spelling, syntax, and punctuation is
- Don't limit yourself to Criminal Justice if there are other degree options that interest you

Background Investigations

- Be law abiding
- Admit mistakes, because attempts to cover them up is an integrity issue
- Credit History matters – be responsible

Town Hall Meeting

The final Public Safety Town Hall Meeting is set for Wednesday, October 16th, at Northview High School. Covina Mayor Walter Allen III, and personnel from the Covina Police Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department will discuss several topics; including AB 109 Prisoner Realignment, School Safety, Social Media, Neighborhood Watch, and Disaster Preparedness.

The first meeting took place on Thursday September 12, 2013 and was attended by approximately 100 residents.

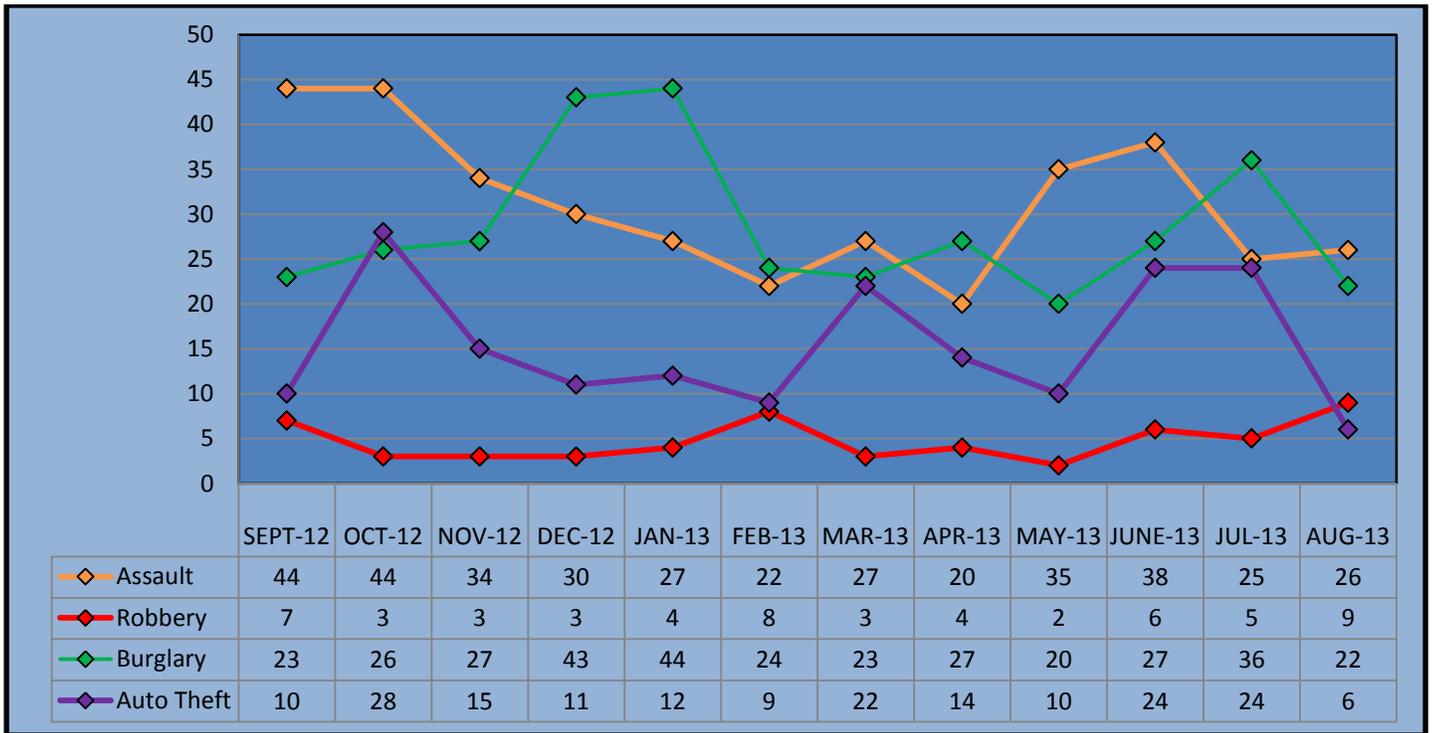


The Shakey-Quakey School House earthquake simulator (*pictured above*) will be on hand for families.



(LT. John Curley presents School Safety Information)

Covina Police Crime Statistics – August 2013



Click the link below to see the crime map

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

Violent Crimes -26%

- Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -25%

- Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -4%



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