

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Thunderfest and Halloween Events

The 17th Annual Downtown Covina **Thunderfest & Music Festival** takes place on Saturday October 13th from 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm in Downtown Covina. The event will feature vintage street rods and NHRA drag racing vehicles, some of which will be competing in Pomona in November 2012. Attendees can also enjoy several live bands at multiple venues within the event. There will also be a wine and beer garden sponsored by Covina Sunrise Rotary.

Dia de Los Muertos is an event sponsored by the Covina Cultural Arts Advisory Commission and the Covina Parks and Recreation Department. It takes place Saturday October



27th from 5pm to 10pm at City Park. The event focuses on gatherings of family and friends to remember loved ones who have died. Traditionally celebrated in Mexico, this celebration is growing in popularity in the United States as well. The event features food and craft vendors, children's crafts and face painting, as well as live

music and dancing.

The Covina Lions Breakfast Club is sponsoring a **Halloween Carnival** at Covina Park on Halloween night. Bring your carved or painted pumpkin to the Pumpkin Contest Booth. There are also costume contests, children's games where all children are winners, and other safe and family friendly fun activities.

Railroad Tracks and Pedestrian Danger

Pedestrians walking along railroad tracks are trespassing on railroad property, in violation of CA Penal Code 369i(a). Many people underestimate the dangers passing trains pose to pedestrians. In

1996, a police detective was killed while searching for evidence alongside the tracks. The detective was close enough to the passing train that he was sucked into the side of the lead locomotive by air

pressure from the passing train. If you see pedestrians on the tracks we encourage you to report this activity to the Covina Police Department. Your call may help prevent a needless tragedy.

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California Great Shake Out

California has many fault lines capable of generating large scale earthquakes. In an effort to prepare, Californians across the state will be participating in the California Great Shake out on October, 18th at 10:18 a.m. The Great Shake out is a statewide earthquake drill for citizens and first responders.

In the event of a major earthquake, the Covina Police Department and LA County Fire Department will execute a plan that has been agreed upon by both agencies. Leaders from the city and both departments will assemble in the Emergency Operations Center at the Covina Police Department and coordinate their efforts to help the citizens of Covina.

Covina Police Officers will conduct damage assessment patrols and report their findings. Based upon the findings, police and fire will formulate and execute an action plan, deploying resources to the areas of most significant catastrophe. The city's resources will be stretched thin in such an event.

Experience tells us police and fire lines of communication will be jammed due to a high volume of calls. Citizens are encouraged to prepare for natural disasters, and to be prepared to survive up to three days or more without any outside assistance. The following steps may prove helpful. Know the resources and hazards in your area. The American Red Cross and the LA County Fire Department websites are great resources of information to help get a citizen prepared. There are links and information detailing plans and packing lists of what to put in your emergency kit at work, in the car, and at home, as well as survival tips. CPR/First Aid certification classes are held on a regular basis and are a great way to receive knowledge and skills to survive.

<http://www.shakeout.org/california/>

<http://www.fire.lacounty.gov>

CPD Quick Tips – Safe Halloween

With Halloween fast approaching, the Covina Police Department offers these quick tips for a safe Halloween for kids and adults:

Trick-or-treat when there is still light outside.

Wear a costume that makes it easy to walk, see and be seen.

Use reflective tape or a glow stick on your costume or treat bag for greater visibility.

Carry a flashlight to light the way and make you visible to others.

Trick-or- Treat with a group and have a parent or older sibling along.

Look left, right and left again; look and listen for traffic before crossing the street.

Cross only at corners. Never cross between parked cars or mid-block.

Never go into a stranger's house for treats.



Covina Police Crime Statistics – September 2012

		THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR TO DATE
ARRESTS	ADULT	261	2,099
	JUVENILE	17	278
BURGLARY	RESIDENTIAL	9	121
	COMMERCIAL	14	143
TRAFFIC	PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	55	439
	INJURY ACCIDENTS	9	99



The Covina Police Department website offers an updated snapshot of where crimes are being reported within our city and surrounding areas. You can choose the types of crimes you want to view by checking and un-checking available boxes.

To view our interactive Crime Map click on the link or copy it into your web browser

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

Citizens Wanted! New Citizens' Academy begins October 18th

The Citizens' Academy is a seven week program designed to educate Covina residents and business people about the inner-workings of the Covina Police Department. Students meet at the police department on Thursday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and are provided instruction on a variety of topics by Covina Police Department Personnel. Topics of instruction include Criminal Law, Narcotics and Gangs, Recruiting and Training, and Internal Affairs among others. Students will participate in a patrol ride along, and range staff will instruct them on firearms safety and allow them to complete a range session using a department issued firearm.

The dates for this Citizens' Academy are:

- Thursday October 18th
- Thursday October 25th
- Thursday November 1st
- Thursday November 8th
- Thursday November 15th
- Thursday November 29th
- Thursday December 6th

***** OFF Thursday November 22nd for the Thanksgiving Holiday*****

Space remains for this upcoming class, so for more information or to apply, contact Community Services Specialist Candace Bobkiewicz (626)384-5630, or by email at cbobkiewicz@covinaca.gov