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Aggressive Driving and Road Rage

Aggressive driving can be defined as a combination of offenses, such as excessive speed, accompanied by following too closely and unsafe lane changes with no turn signals.

Road Rage is a more specific act, in which a motorist intentionally provokes, threatens or attacks another motorist.

How to avoid ROAD RAGE:

For starters, when other drivers make you angry or upset, remember that most of the time the act that leads to anger and frustration was simply an accident. Most people aren't looking for the extra attention from other motorists and police that comes with cutting someone off in traffic. Additionally, most



inconsiderate drivers are simply inconsiderate, and not necessarily looking for trouble. Consider the following tips to avoid becoming involved in a Road Rage situation:

Avoid cutting other drivers off in traffic.

Don't tailgate, allow three seconds space between cars.

Signal your intent to turn

before applying your brake to slow down, and well before changing lanes.

Avoid making any gestures or eye contact with other drivers.

Be courteous using high-beams. The benefit you receive is blinding to oncoming cars several hundred feet away.

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Coyotes in Covina: Website Information

If you wish to make notification about general sightings, such as a coyote running down your street, you can contact the Department of Agriculture at (626) 575-5462. The Covina

Police Department website offers links to additional information about coyotes by clicking "Community Information". Tips on how to safeguard homes and pets can be found by clicking

the links titled:

"[Preventing Coyote Conflicts](#)",

"[Coyote Hazing Guidelines](#)", and

"[Keep me Wild](#)". **[END]**

Covina Officers to be Recognized by MADD



The Covina Police Department is proud to announce that Covina Police Officers Jordan Corder and Frank Medina will be recognized on March 20th by the California Office of Traffic Safety, as well as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), for their proactive enforcement of state DUI laws.

During the 2013 calendar year, Officers Corder and Medina combined for approximately 150 DUI arrests.

Officer Corder joined the Covina Police Department in 2007, and Officer Medina began his career in 2008. Both officers are committed to doing all they can to improve the safety of Covina citizens by identifying and arresting intoxicated drivers.

Road Rage (Continued)

Use your horn sparingly. It's intended to warn others of a pending collision, and not intended as an instrument to express anger or frustration.

Obey the speed limit. Drive in the right or middle lane, pass on the left if you need to, and move right when you see a high speed vehicle approaching behind you while you're in the left lane. Remember, it's not your role to dictate the speed of other drivers, and you can always report reckless/dangerous driving on your mobile phone via 911.

Stop Signs: Stop at them, and remember, it isn't just full-stop and go at four way stops, it's full stop and go when it's your turn. Vehicles that stop at the intersection before you that came from other directions should be allowed to go through the intersection first. A tie goes to the vehicle on your right, and straight through has priority over left turning vehicles.

Don't block intersections when you are stopped at a red light. This commonly occurs in areas like Covina's crowded downtown or at railroad tracks. When approaching on a green, make sure you can make it all the way through the intersection on the green before you enter the intersection.

Finally, remember, if you get hit and it's not your fault, the other driver is likely already sufficiently traumatized also and doesn't need your wrath. Conversely, if you hit someone, and they appear violent, don't be victimized, call 911 if you're concerned for your safety. [END]

Citizen's Academy

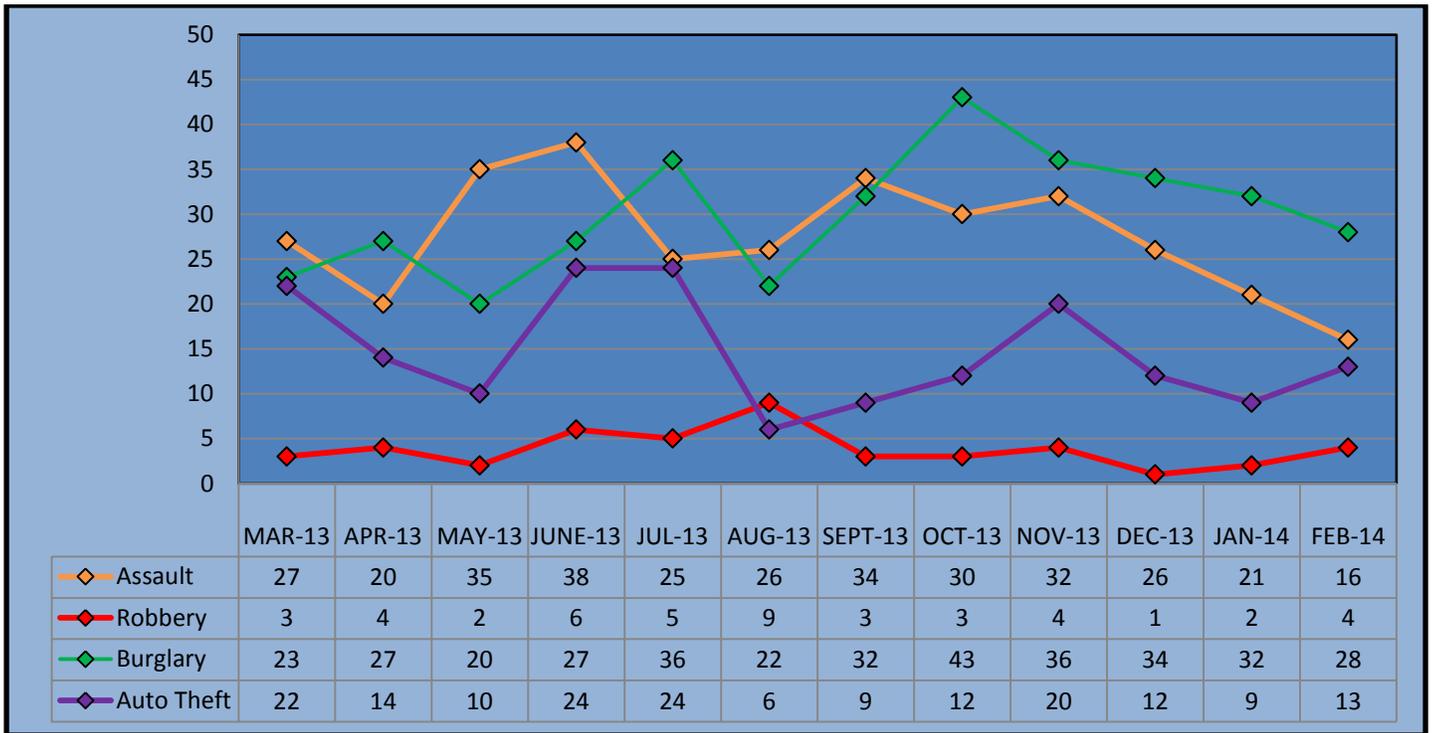
The Covina Police Department Citizen's Academy begins again on April 16, 2014. Limited space remains for this fun and educational seven week program, which will meet from 6pm to 9pm for seven consecutive Wednesdays.

The program is designed to give Covina residents an inside look at the department, its officers and its operations. Participants will shoot in our range, go on a patrol ride-along, and learn from Covina Police Officers and a Superior Court Judge on topics including, Identity Theft, Gangs and Narcotics, Patrol Procedures, Traffic, Criminal Law, Department Structure, the Legal System and more.

Covina residents and persons that work in the City are encouraged to email or call for more information, and/or to apply to participate. The Program Coordinator is Community Services Specialist Candace Bobkiewicz, (626) 384-5630 or cbobkiewicz@covinaca.gov.



Covina Police Crime Statistics – February 2014



Click the link below to see the crime map

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

Violent Crimes -19%

- Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -14%

- Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -0%



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