

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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EMERGENCY CALL 911

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Teaching Children to Call - 911

Occasionally TV news celebrates a young child who dials 9-1-1 and saves the life of a family member. How do young children learn how and when to make the call? Simple; they are taught.

Teaching children the difference between emergency and non-emergency situations is the first step in helping them learn about using 9-1-1 for help. Developing simple concepts and role playing often helps them understand what an emergency is and it helps them develop the skills needed to take action if a situation occurs.

Discuss the types and roles of emergency workers such as police, paramedics, ambulance drivers, firefighters and doctors. Explain that by dialing 9-1-1, they will be asking for emergency



workers to come and help. Show them how to dial 9-1-1 on the phone and incorporate it into the role playing.

Help them memorize their home address and telephone number. Role play the questions that the 9-1-1 operator will ask them and stress to them the importance of not hanging up the phone until help arrives.

Explain to them that everyone gets a little scared during emergency situations and that it is normal to feel frightened, but that they still need to answer the questions that are asked by the 9-1-1 operators.

It is important for children to understand that calling 9-1-1 in non-emergency situations or for fun is unacceptable.

Driving Under the Influence - Misperceptions

Over the years, "DWI and 502" are among the many labels used to describe the act of "Drunk Driving". This past holiday season there was a statewide "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" campaign, which by its title begins to

address the confusion in the minds of many. The law more accurately describes the act of driving with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .08 or more as Driving Under the Influence". For many, the word "Drunk" raises

images of those who are falling down drunk. In reality, in most people a BAC of .08 doesn't result in obvious indicators of impairment, particularly to others that are

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Quick Tip – When to call 911

Medical emergencies and unfolding incidents of violence clearly necessitate the need to call 9-1-1. Many calls for police service are not so obvious. One rule of thumb to help decide if 9-1-1 is appropriate, is to ask yourself if this is a crime or incident in progress. For example, a person “tagging” a street sign, smashing a window, or a traffic collision with injuries or traffic obstruction, will certainly necessitate an immediate police response and is worthy of a 9-1-1 call. Crimes discovered after the fact, such as returning to your car and finding your property stolen from inside with no suspect around, is not an emergency situation. A non-emergent police response is appropriate.

Firearms – Real or Replica?



Can you tell which of the officers pictured is holding the real gun? One of the firearms is a Beretta 9mm and the other is a replica pellet gun. It's very difficult to tell them apart in print, and it's not much easier in person.

Advances have been made in the design and manufacture of replica firearms in recent years that make it increasingly difficult to differentiate between real and replica. When a person points any weapon, real or replica, at a police officer, the results can be tragic. Many replica weapons are marketed to children and young people as toys.

[The gun on the right is the replica]

Driving Under the Influence [continued]

drinking, but at .08 perception and reaction times are significantly slowed, making driving very dangerous. The past several years, the recreational use of marijuana, prescription medications and other mind altering substances have trended up, further confusing the definition of influence for many people, and increasing highway danger.

There are simple strategies to employ for those who wish to partake, that will help ensure their good time out doesn't result in needless tragedy.

1. Plan ahead; be sure to designate a sober driver before the party begins. If you will be drinking, do not plan on driving. Even one drink too many increases the risk of a crash while driving a motor vehicle. If you are impaired, find another way home. Use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.
2. Be responsible. If someone you know is drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel.
3. If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement. Your actions may save someone's life, and inaction could cost a life.

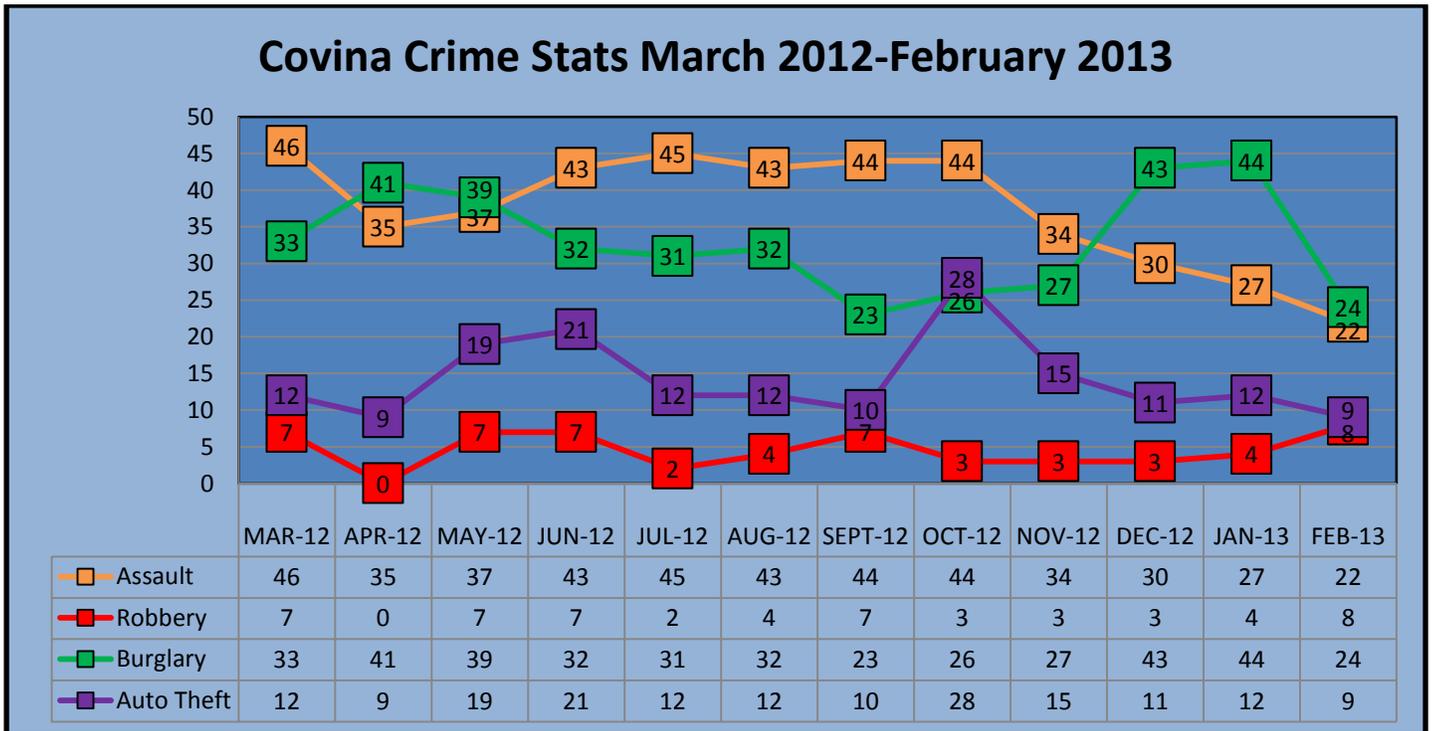
Citizens Academy

The Covina Police Department Crime Prevention Unit is in the process of planning the next Citizen's Academy, likely to take place in May or June 2013.

Interested persons who live or work in the jurisdiction of the Covina Police Department are encouraged to apply. Guest Speakers include a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge, in addition to a number of subject matter experts within the police department. Topics covered include criminal law, narcotics, gangs / graffiti, and identity theft among others. Students receive firearm training and shoot in the department shooting range under the supervision of our range staff. Students also participate in practical application exercises designed to mimic common patrol scenarios Covina Police Officers face regularly in the course of their daily duties.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more, or wish to apply and participate, please contact Community Services Specialist Candace Bobkiewicz at 626-384-5630 or by email, cbobkiewicz@covinaca.gov

Covina Police Crime Statistics – February 2013



Click the link below to see the crime map

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Violent Crimes -21%

- Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -16%

- Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -8%

- 6,676 Calls for Service This Year to Date



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