

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Neighborhood Watch Report Newsletter Debut

In an effort to continuously improve communication between the Covina Police Department and the community we serve, we are introducing the Neighborhood Watch Monthly Report Newsletter. We hope to use the newsletter as a means to communicate crime prevention tips, introduce available services, and inform the community about crime trends, as well as efforts underway to address the issues that impact our community, as well as those around us.

Our initial distribution of the newsletter will be to our established Neighborhood Watch groups, but we will also post each issue on the police department website. We encourage you to share information presented in the



newsletter with others in our community, and we invite feedback as we strive to produce a newsletter with information useful to you.

We hope this newsletter will also encourage you to participate with the Covina Police in our enforcement and Crime Prevention efforts. For example, you can read below about the recently

completed 29th Annual National Night Out.

We are in the planning stages for the next Citizen's Academy, a program now in its 15th year, and one designed to be fun and educational. Soon we will set the dates for the fall 2012 class.

Let's work together to ensure our mutual desire to have a safer Covina.

29th Annual National Night Out was a success

Tuesday August 7, 2012, was the 29th Annual National Night Out. The event is designed in part to strengthen the police – community relationship, as well as neighborhood spirit, and send a message to criminals, letting them know

neighborhoods are organized and aware. This year 13 Covina neighborhoods participated, by hosting block parties, barbeques, and ice cream socials. Officers and City Officials spent time at all the events, allowing an

exchange of information in fun informal settings. We hope to increase participation in next year's event, and encourage you to contact Crime Prevention for more information, or visit the department website.

We're on the Web!
<http://covinaca.gov/cpd>
Online reporting available today!
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Fallen Officer Memorial Planned for PD Facility

In 2006, Covina Police Department Sergeant Scott Hanson, who died in the line of duty, was honored on the Los Angeles County, California, and National Law Enforcement Memorial sites, where his name and legacy will be remembered forever. Now, after 6 years, members of the Covina Police Department are using National Police Week 2012 as the launching point for its fund raising campaign aimed at the construction of the Covina Police Department's Police Memorial. The memorial will be erected to the front of the Covina Police Department and it will serve as a reminder to all of the sacrifices made by Covina police officers. For more information, visit our website.

CPD Quick Tips – Don't be a Victim

Burglaries are on the rise throughout the state of California. The Covina Police Department is hard at work, but we need help from members of the community to reduce crime. We offer these tips to help you be a hard target.

Criminals often take the easy way to accomplish their crimes. Leaving valuables such as iPods,

cell phones, sunglasses, keys, purses and wallets in plain sight, invites criminals to open your door or smash your window to take these items. Your valuables are best kept on your person, in your home, or away from plain sight. Park your car in well-lit and populated areas or in view of surveillance cameras whenever possible. At home, secure all windows and doors,

including "doggie" doors.

Far too often we speak with neighbors of crime victims who tell us they noticed someone or something suspicious, but dismissed it or explained it away without notifying the police department. Nobody knows your neighborhoods better than you, so call in suspicious activity in your area and allow us the opportunity to investigate it.

“Be a hard target.”

Online Services Available

The Covina Police Department now offers a number of online services for added convenience to residents that prefer to use available technology from the comfort of their home or office. A web based police reporting service called Coplogic allows citizens to file specific types of police reports online. There are certain criteria that must be met in order to utilize the online service:

1. There can be no known suspect information
2. There can be no physical evidence in need of collection
3. There can be no solvability

If physical evidence or follow up suspect information exists, it's important to have a police officer respond to properly collect and preserve the evidence, as well as follow up any available suspect leads. Additional services provided online include:

- Requesting a copy of a collision report
- Paying a parking ticket
- Getting a parking permit
- Checking the Crime Map

Crime Statistics and Noteworthy Crimes and Arrests

		THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR TO DATE
ARREST	ADULT	234	1,624
	JUVENILE	14	238
STOLEN PROPERTY	AMOUNT STOLEN	\$201,736	\$1,906,440
	AMOUNT RECOVERED	\$42,337	\$548,491
TRAFFIC	PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	71	330
	INJURY ACCIDENTS	9	76



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.covina.ca.gov/crime-information/crimereportscom>

On July 7, 2012 Officers responded to the 1400 block of N. Citrus Ave. regarding a fight between 10 subjects, which started as tenants argued about the community pool and its rules. The primary suspect went inside his apartment and armed himself with a sword, and threatened to harm other residents. Covina officers arrested the suspect for criminal threats.

On July 8, 2012 Covina Police Officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of W. Industrial Park regarding vandalism in progress. Officers located a male matching the suspect description on the 1600 block of W. San Bernardino Rd. A witness positively identified the subject as having committed the vandalism, and he was arrested and charged.

On July 14, 2012 Officers took a vandalism report on the 500 block of E. Hurst when a woman reported her ex-boyfriend broke a window in her apartment with his hands. The suspect fled the scene but was located nearby bleeding from a laceration to his hand caused when he broke the window. The subject was cited for the vandalism offense and treated at a local hospital.

On July 21, 2012 an officer conducted a traffic stop near Lark Ellen and the railroad tracks. The driver was a previously identified gang member, and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and related items indicative of narcotics sales. He was arrested and booked on suspicion of selling and transporting narcotics.

On July 24, 2012 officers were dispatched to a “shots fired” call in the area of Second Street and Loma Vista. A witness reported seeing a male standing in the street in front of a vehicle in the 600 block of S. Second, pointing a handgun at a vehicle and firing multiple rounds before the vehicle sped off. The shooter was last seen running from the area through a nearby parking lot. Shell casings were recovered as evidence.

Anyone with information that might help Covina Police Officers solve this or any other crime, are encouraged to contact the department at (626) 384-5808.