

**TOWN OF DANVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Crime Statistics

In 2014, the Town has experienced a 2% increase in property crime over the first 8 months. Within the overall increase of 2%, residential burglaries are of particular concern with a projected increase of 10%. Conversely, petty theft is projected for a 5% decrease for 2014.

Although 2014's projected total for property crime is higher than 2013, it is still 5% lower than 2012. The Police Department continues to look for innovative ways to catch property thieves and to educate residents in regard to keeping their property safe.



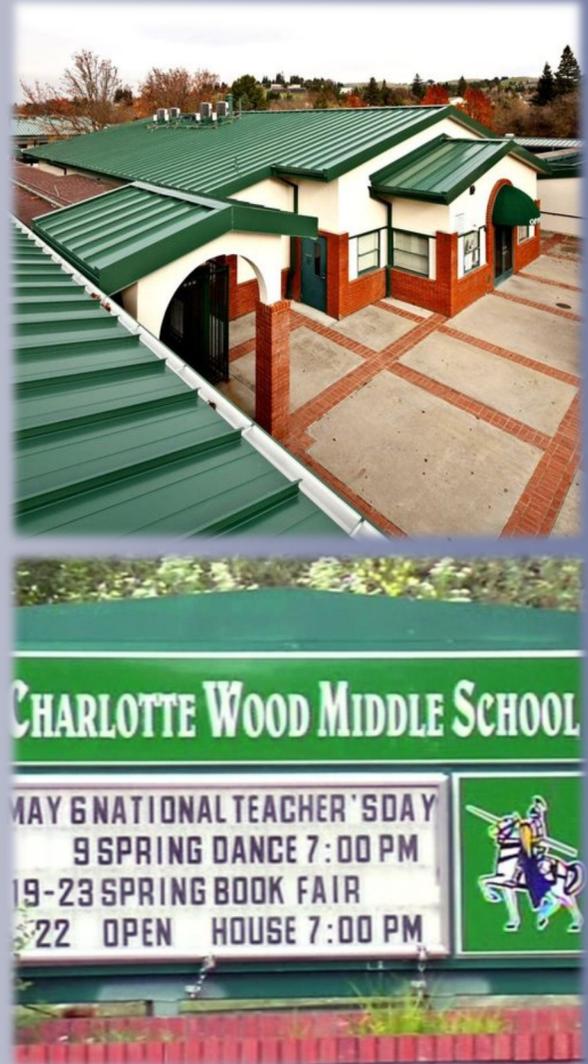
Traffic Statistics

A review of the traffic collisions reported during the first eight months of 2014 shows some encouraging data. Should current trends continue through the remainder of the year, the Town is on track to have a substantial decrease (18%) in traffic collisions. The total number of traffic collisions reported to the Police Department in 2013 was 337. The projected traffic collision total for 2014 is the lowest in over a decade, and could possibly end below the 300 mark.

The Town's Transportation Department, Street Smarts Program and the Police Department have all been working hard together to make the streets safer. While the total number of collisions for 2014 is still just a projected number, the trend is clear—The Town's combined mission to increase traffic safety is working.

School Vandalism

In May, the Danville Police Department investigated an incident of graffiti under the bridge near Charlotte Wood Middle School. The graffiti depicted the intent of an unknown suspect to kill 12 people on May 8th. After the initial discovery, a second message was discovered at John Baldwin Elementary School. In the days leading up to the May 8 date, the Police Department coordinated with the San Ramon Valley School District to provide a significantly increased presence at Danville schools. The School District and the Police Department worked to keep parents up-to-date with the latest information about the graffiti. During the investigation a copy-cat graffiti artist was caught and arrested. The Police Department provided frequent patrols and walk-throughs of the schools to keep the children of Danville safe. This coordinated response from the School District and the Police Department provided a sense of security and relief for the community during a tense situation.



Retail Safety Seminar

In April, the Police Department partnered with the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and held a retail safety seminar at the Danville Veteran's Hall for local businesses. This seminar was designed to assist the local merchants and their employees to reduce and deter crime. The two-hour seminar included presentations on shoplifting and loss prevention, detecting counterfeit currency and credit cards by the United States Secret Service, local crime trends and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). After the seminar, the presenters facilitated a question and answer session with the attendees. The seminar was well received and the Police Department is working to make the Retail Safety Seminar a regular event for the businesses community.



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