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**SEPTEMBER DONATION UPDATE**

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) **fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30 each year. We have estimated we will need approximately \$25,000 this year to cover the various HBNW program expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, etc. From the start of our fiscal year to now, we have received **\$4,762.95 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$20,237.05 to go** by June 30, 2012. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$6 donation pays for each subscriber's distribution costs; a \$10 donation helps with these costs and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 or more donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a HBNW sticker and a token of appreciation. Remember, HBNW is a non-profit organization; **donations are tax deductible.**

As a resident of the city, we encourage you to review the HBNW program budget and expenses.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either **electronically** or through the mail. The Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and crime statistics. Donations are not necessary to receive the Newsletter, but if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

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**EMERGENCY  
ALERT  
SYSTEM**



*(FEMA, FCC)*

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The nationwide test will occur on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 11 a.m. pacific standard time and may last up to three and a half minutes.

The EAS is a national alert and warning system established to enable the President of the United States to address the American public during emergencies. NOAA's National Weather Service, governors, state, and local emergency authorities also use parts of the system to issue more localized emergency alerts.

Similar to local EAS tests that are already conducted frequently, the nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline video service providers across all states and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

On November 9, the public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for both radio and television. Under the FCC's rules, broadcasters are required to receive and transmit presidential EAS messages to the public. A national test will help the federal partners and EAS participants determine the reliability of the system and its effectiveness in notifying the public of emergencies and potential dangers nationally and regionally.

As federal, state, tribal, territorial and local governments prepare for and test their capabilities, this event

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## **FTC (Federal Trade Commission)** **FACTS for Consumers**

*(continued from last month)*

### *Bouncing Back from Medical Identity Theft*

If you are a victim of medical identity theft, here are several steps to take immediately. Keep detailed records of your conversations and copies of your correspondence.

1. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission online at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov> or by phone at 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338); TTY: 1-866-653-4261
2. File a report with your local police, and send copies of the reports to your health plan's fraud department, your health care provider(s), and the three nationwide credit reporting companies. Information on how to file a police report is at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft/consumers/defend.html](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/consumers/defend.html).
3. Exercise your right under HIPAA to correct errors in your medical and billing records. Write to your health plan or provider detailing the information that seems inaccurate. Include copies (keep the originals) of any document that supports your position. In addition to providing your complete name and address, your letter should identify each item in your record that you dispute, state the facts and your reasons for disputing the information, and request that each error be corrected or deleted. You may want to enclose a copy of your medical record with the items in question circled. Send your letter by certified mail, and ask for a "return receipt," so you can document what the plan or provider received. Keep copies of your dispute letter and enclosures.

Generally, your health plan or medical provider must respond; the creator of the information is obligated to amend the inaccurate or incomplete information. It also should notify other parties, like labs or other health care providers, that may have received incorrect information. If any investigation doesn't resolve your dispute with your plan or provider, you can ask that a statement of the dispute be included in your record.

### *Other Steps to Consider*

A **fraud alert** can help prevent an identity thief from opening additional accounts in your name. Contact the toll-free fraud number of any one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies to place a fraud

alert on your credit report. Contact only one of the three companies to place an alert. The one you call is required to contact the others that, in turn, place an alert on their versions of your report, too.

- TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com); Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P. O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790
- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com); P. O. Box 740242, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
- Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742) [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com); P. O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013

A **security freeze**, also known as a credit freeze, is a warning sign to businesses or others who may use your credit file. It locks down your credit file and blocks access by potential creditors. In short, it makes it less likely that an identity thief can open new accounts. Most states have laws that allow consumers to place a credit freeze with credit reporting companies. In many of these states, any consumer can freeze their credit file; in others, only identity theft victims can freeze their files.

Placing a credit freeze does not affect your credit score, keep you from getting your free annual credit report, or keep you from buying your credit report or score. It doesn't prevent you from opening a new account, applying for a job, renting an apartment, or buying insurance, either. In these situations, the business usually needs to review your credit report. You can ask the credit reporting company to lift your credit freeze temporarily, or remove it altogether.

There are two key differences between security freezes and fraud alerts:

- The credit reporting companies are not required to share a request for a security freeze as they are with a fraud alert. If you want to freeze all your credit files completely, you will have to contact each company with your request.
- The credit reporting companies may charge you a fee to place a freeze or to lift it. The fees and lead times to freeze or "thaw" your credit file vary among states, so it's wise to check with your state authorities or with a credit reporting company in advance if possible. In many states, security freezes are free for identity theft victims; in others, consumers must pay a fee - typically \$10. It's also important to know that each credit reporting company charges a fee for this. More information is at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft).

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## Preventing Car & Home Burglaries

Sal W. Hanna, MS/AJS



Securing your property can be easier than you think. Every day in residences throughout the city, vehicles and homes are burglarized. Most criminals seek weak points that leave easy opportunities for them to vandalize, steal or commit other acts of crime. There are simple steps that you can take to prevent, deter and reduce crime in your neighborhood.

### Patio & Driveway Lights

- Highly visible areas with clear paths increase the possibilities of criminals being caught. This use of lights directly decreases the amount of burglary attempts.

- Motion detector lights save electrical costs and also alert residents and neighbors to movement.

- Dusk to Dawn sensors installed on lighting are a simple way of automatically turning your lights on at night and off during the day.

- Halogen lighting offers low cost, energy efficient bright lighting.

- By maintaining a well-lit neighborhood it creates a feeling of alertness in the community. Community members have a tendency to pro-actively monitor parking, walking and residence areas.

- According to Wilson, James Q., and George Welling, 1982, "*The Police and Neighborhood Safety*": Broken windows and neighborhood disorder leads to an increase in crime; a well maintained community decreases crime. Utilizing this methodology of increasing lighted areas will increase the fear of being caught while committing a crime, thereby reducing the amount of crime.

Remember to turn on your porch, driveway and walkway lights.



## Emergency Alert System

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serves as a reminder that everyone should establish an [emergency preparedness kit](#) and [emergency plan](#) for themselves, their families, communities, and businesses. Anyone can visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) for more information about how to prepare for and stay informed about what to do in the event of an actual emergency.



## FTC (Federal Trade Commission) FACTS for Consumers

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If you have a valid police or other investigative report about the theft, you usually can place or lift a freeze for free.

If you believe you are a victim of medical identity theft and are concerned that your identity could be compromised further—say, by credit accounts being opened in your name—you may want to consider a freeze as an additional layer of protection.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



- When possible consider having a party at home.
- If you go out trick or treating, go with adults or in a group.
- Wear light colored costumes and *Do Not* wear a mask.
- Wear reflective tape and/or carry a flashlight.
- Never eat any of your candies until your parents have inspected them.
- Only cross a street at the appropriate intersection, and be sure to look for cars before crossing.
- Never enter anyone's house even someone you know without checking with your parents.



## RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23-31<sup>st</sup>, 2011



Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs to keep our country and children safe.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a tool for communities and individuals to take up the fight against the use of illegal drugs and the illegal use of legal drugs. Through drug prevention programs and education we can help ensure future generations will live **drug free lives**. It should be everyone's duty to carry on the work that Special Agent Kiki Camarena gave his life for along with all the other men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our nations' struggle against drug trafficking and abuse.

Show your support by wearing a **RED RIBBON** and help us spread the word - "**Just say NO to Drugs**"

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address mailing label.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**

28 entries 08/16/11 – 09/15/11

45 entries 07/16/11 – 08/15/11

Eight of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Six of these burglaries were committed during the day; six were committed at night, and sixteen at an unknown time.

There were four garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

47 reported 08/16/11 – 09/15/11

54 reported 07/16/11 – 08/15/11

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

28 reported 08/16/11 – 09/15/11

14 reported 07/16/11 – 08/15/11

**BEAT 2**

1 Residential Burglary  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 466-1

Street: Bay Crest Cir.

In RD 466, Bay Crest Cir., Suspect(s) entered the garage through an unlocked side door and stole an unsecured bicycle.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 466-1 RD 476-1  
RD 485-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 476-1

**BEAT 3**

2 Residential Burglaries  
2 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 444-1 RD 456-1

Streets: Tranquil Ln., and Reef Ln.

In RD 444, Tranquil Ln., It appears the unknown suspect(s) may have used the homeowners garden tools to burglarize the home but was not successful.

In RD 456, Reef Ln., Suspect is possibly known.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 446-2

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 446-1

**BEAT 4**

2 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 442-1 RD 462-1

Streets: Delaware St. and Huntington St.

In RD 442, Delaware St., it appears suspect(s) possibly entered through an unlocked door. Suspect in custody.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 442-1 RD 452-1  
RD 463-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 452-2

**BEAT 5**

6 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 426-1 RD 427-1  
RD 434-1 RD 436-1  
RD 437-2

Streets: Flounder Dr., Sunday Dr., Felcliff Ln., Adams Av., and Piccadilly Ln.

In RD 426, Flounder Dr., it appears suspect entered through an unlocked rear sliding door. Suspect in custody.

In RD 427, Sunday Dr., Suspect(s) may have entered the residence through a sliding door leading into the garage.

In RD 437, Piccadilly Ln, There were two incidents at the same location.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 435-1 RD 436-2

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 435-1

**BEAT 6**

2 Residential Burglaries  
12 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 451-2

Streets: 9<sup>th</sup> St., Lake St.

In RD 451, 9<sup>th</sup> St., Suspect in custody

In RD 451, Lake St., Suspect is described as a male, possibly Hispanic, age unknown, height approximately 6 feet, large build, dark hair and wearing a light colored shirt and pants.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 326-1 RD 338-1  
RD 348-2 RD 359-4  
RD 431-2 RD 451-2

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 348-1 RD 349-1  
RD 359-1 RD 431-1  
RD 441-1 RD 451-1

**BEAT 7**

2 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 412-1 RD 421-1

Streets: Florida St., and Shoreline Ln.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 411-1 RD 412-3  
RD 423-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 421-1

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**

**BEAT 8**  
**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**0 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**  
**RD 178-1 RD 198-1**

Streets: Warner Av., and Fieldbury Ln.

In RD 198, Fieldbury Ln., Suspect is possibly known.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
**None reported**

**Grand Theft Auto**  
**None reported**

**BEAT 9**  
**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**7 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**  
**RD 263-2**

Streets: Montclair Ln., and Tamaru Dr.

In RD 263, Montclair Ln., Suspect is possibly known. Suspect may have entered through a sliding glass door left open for cat access.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
**RD 263-1 RD 272-5**  
**RD 283-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**  
**RD 272-4**

**BEAT 10**  
**1 Residential Burglary**  
**1 Vehicle Burglary**  
**2 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**  
**RD 155**

Street: Edinger Av.

In RD 155, Edinger Av., Suspect may have entered through a rear sliding glass door left open/unlocked for cats.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
**RD 164-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**  
**RD 174-1 RD 175-1**

**BEAT 11**  
**1 Residential Burglary**  
**0 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**  
**RD 157-1**

Street: Mangrum Dr.

In RD 157, Mangrum Dr., Suspect is possibly known.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
**None reported**

**Grand Theft Auto**  
**RD 156-1**

**BEAT 12**  
**1 Residential Burglary**  
**3 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**  
**RD 128-1**

Street: Larchwood Dr.

In RD 128, Larchwood Dr., Suspect(s) may have used the homeowners' garden shears to pry window open and gain access to the residence.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
**RD 136-1 RD 139-1**  
**RD 146-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**  
**RD 117-1 RD 136-1**  
**RD 137-1 RD 139-1**

In RD 136, and RD 139 there were two grand theft autos with recoveries.

**BEAT 13**  
**6 Residential Burglaries**  
**8 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**5 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**  
**RD 242-1 RD 252-1**  
**RD 253-2 RD 262-2**

Streets: Center Av., Stark Dr., Villa Yorba Ln., and Warner Av.

In RD 242, Center Av., Suspect(s) entered a gym locker room and removed a secured dial combination lock from a locker. The suspect(s) then stole the victim's wallet and car keys. When the victim went out to

the parking lot he discovered his vehicle had been stolen also.

In RD 252, Stark Dr., Suspect is described as white male, age 19-20, height 6'1" to 6'2", weight 140-150 pounds and wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with dark pants. Suspect is possibly known.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
**RD 242-4 RD 251-1**  
**RD 253-1 RD 262-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**  
**RD 242-2 RD 251-1**  
**RD 253-1 RD 262-1**

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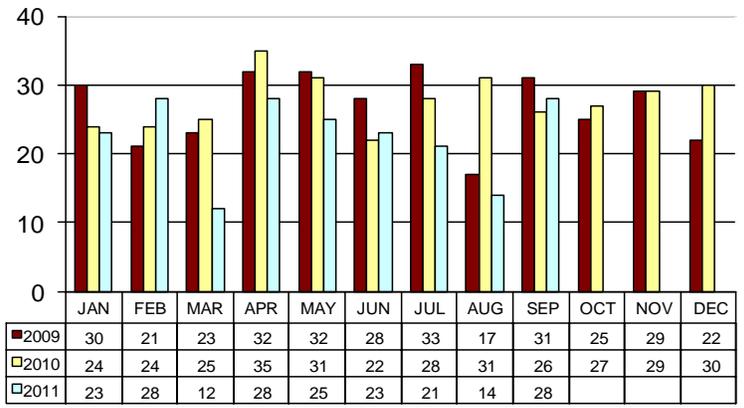
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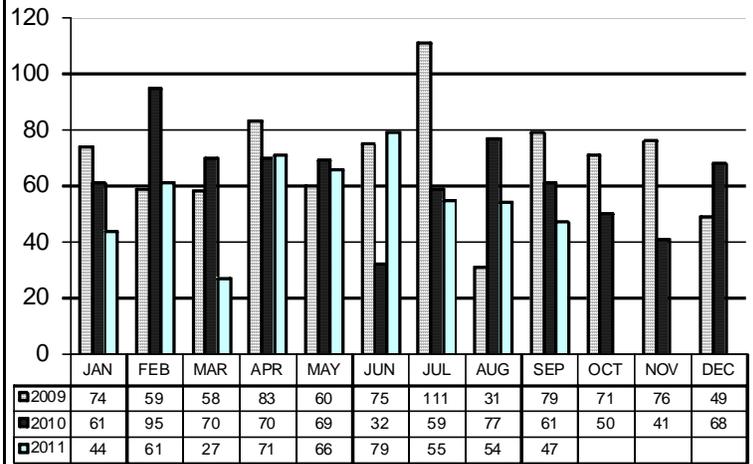
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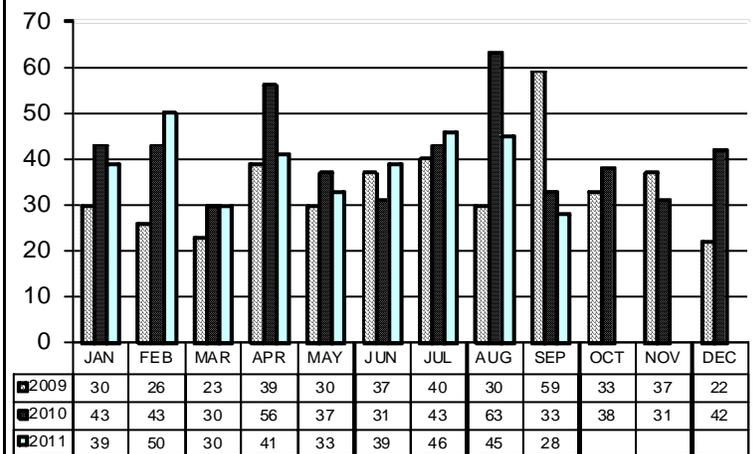
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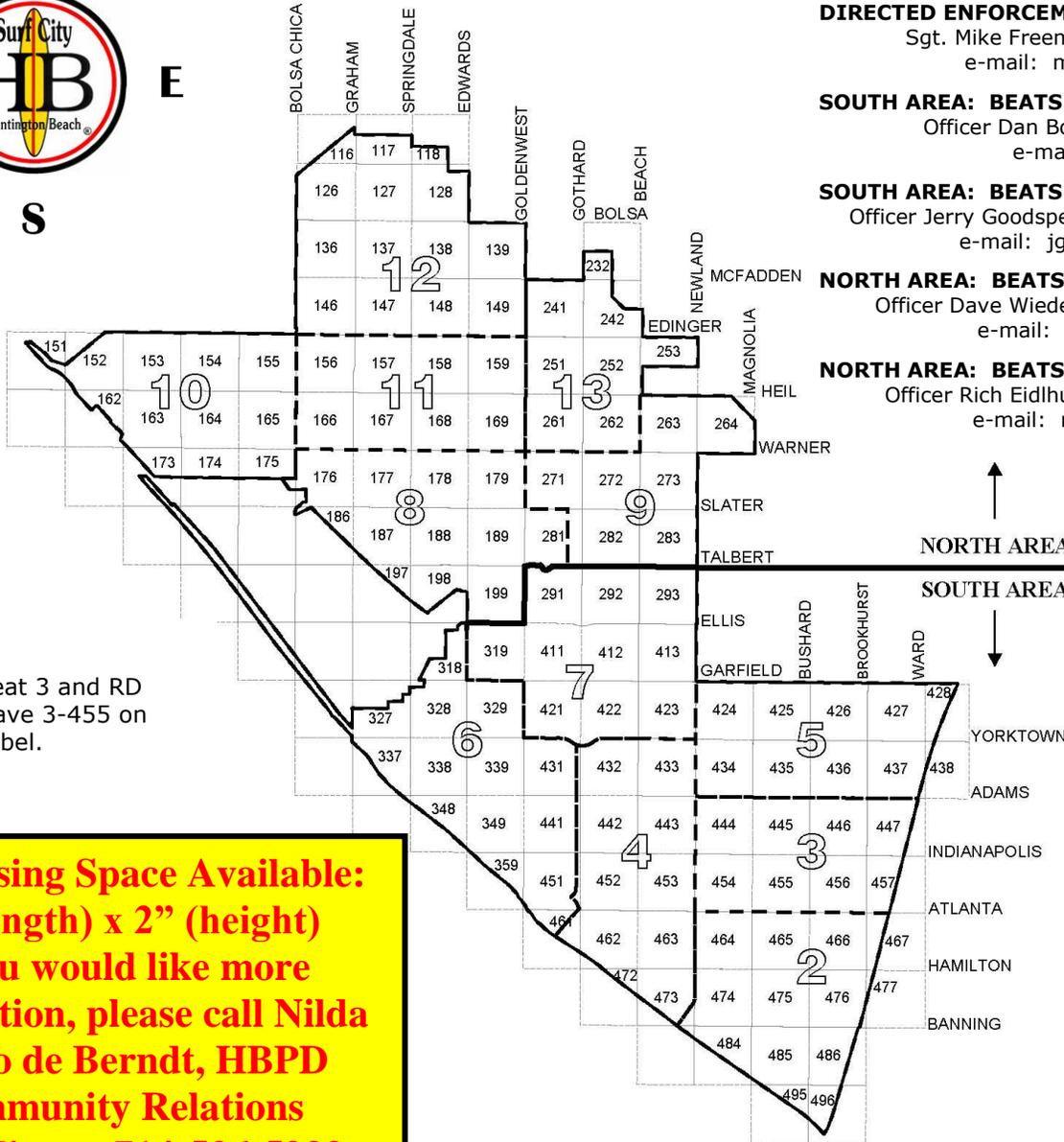
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**Note:**

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**Example:**

If you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.



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