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**NOVEMBER 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 \$24,300 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 **\$9,051.99 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$15,248.01 to go by June 30, 2014.** The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. An \$8 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**

Send to: **HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
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HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648**

For more information please call (714) 536-5933.



**“Spark of Love”  
Campaign**



The Spark of Love Campaign began in 1993 in cooperation with ABC/7 and local firefighters from Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. Various agencies work together as the Orange County Toy Collaborative to distribute toys to underprivileged children who may otherwise go without during the holiday season. There are many worthwhile toy drives, but the Spark of Love Campaign is the only one created and operated by firefighters.

Huntington Beach Fire Stations, the Civic Center lobby, and the Police Department lobby will serve as drop-off sites for the public to bring new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment. Through the “Spark of Love” Toy Drive, the holiday spirit will be felt throughout our communities as well as in the hearts of less fortunate children. Boxes will be set up starting November 19 through December 24, 2013.

For additional information, please contact Tim Andre, Deputy Fire Marshal/Training, at (714) 536-5418.



On behalf of your HB Neighborhood Watch Board, we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry, Safe, and Healthy Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, and a Blessed and Happy New Year.



## HYPD ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



On November 16, 2013 it was our honor to host the Annual Volunteer Holiday and Recognition Luncheon for Huntington Beach Police Volunteers. The luncheon was held at Don the Beachcomber, located at 16278 S. Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach.

There are three volunteer groups that each performs different tasks for the Police Department. The three groups are the HB Neighborhood Watch Program, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), and the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services) program. Collectively, our dedicated HYPD volunteers have donated over 16,614 hours, and using the guidelines of OneOC, we estimate the service they provide has saved the City over \$350,000.

Some of the duties they perform or assist with include collating and preparing over 13,000 Neighborhood Watch newsletters monthly to be mailed or distributed throughout the community, staff Police sub-stations, assist at the Police Department front counter, and give Police Department tours to scout troops, school groups, etc. They also conduct Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings, assist in the Detective Bureau, Crime Lab, Gang/Narcotics Unit, Community Liaison Unit, Records Department, and assist with Curb Crime (an anti-vehicle theft program). Numerous other assignments include Officer Friendly presentations, Vacation House Checks, removal of illegally posted signs and other community events including our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

We'd like to thank the P D Administrative staff and our sponsors that helped us with the luncheon, Don the Beachcomber, and the MEA (Miscellaneous Employees Association).

Unfortunately not all our volunteers were able to attend the luncheon but the next time you see one of them around town or here at the station *please be sure to tell them thank you for their service.*



**HYPD Retired Senior Volunteer Program**



**HB Neighborhood Watch Program and Board Members**



**HYPD Volunteers in Police Services Program**



## Safe Shopping Tips for the Holidays



Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.

If possible, shop before dark. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to be out late.

Park in a well-lighted area. **Don't walk to your car alone if it's parked in a dark area.** You can always ask a store associate to have someone walk with you.

Lock your car and close the windows, even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes. Lock your packages in the trunk (out of sight). Have your key in hand when you return.

Wait for public transportation or rides from friends in busy, well lighted areas.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk (tell them the clerk is the person behind the cash register) and ask for help if you become separated while shopping. Tell your children never to go into the parking lot alone or with a stranger.

**Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't carry it all in one place.** Pay for your purchases with a check or credit card when possible and be sure you've put it away before you leave the register.

Try not to carry so many packages that your visibility is limited.

When returning to your vehicle be sure to look around and inside before entering. Try not to be distracted by your cell phone or any other wireless device.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse tightly under your arm and **don't leave it unattended even for a minute.** Men should not carry wallets in their back pockets. Try using an inside or front pocket when possible.

Help keep the holidays happy for everyone. Get together with your co-workers and their families to go caroling in a children's hospital. Teenagers can wrap packages for elderly neighbors or help decorate their homes, etc.

**Don't be a distracted driver** – it is illegal to text or talk on a handheld cell phone and drive. If you must talk while driving you must use a hands free device.

**Don't drink** and drive. The life you save may be your own or a loved one.

Keep your home well lit and make it look lived in by turning lights on and off with timers.

**Don't place gifts in plain sight by a window.**

You should always keep your front door light on either with dusk to dawn sensors or motion sensor lighting.

Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con-artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!**

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

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-9. 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 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13**

**43 reported 09/16/13 - 10/15/13**

Twelve of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Nine of these burglaries were committed during the day; seven were committed at night, and twelve at an unknown time.

There were eight garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were five attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

**44 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13**

**42 reported 09/16/13 – 10/15/13**

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**24 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13**

**33 reported 09/16/13 – 10/15/13**

**BEAT 2**

**4 Residential Burglaries**

**5 Vehicle Burglaries**

**3 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 462-1 RD 463-1**

**RD 476-1 RD 485-1**

Streets: Southwind Cir., Doncaster Dr., Clearbrook Dr., and Folkstone Cir.

In RD 463, Doncaster Dr., it appears an unknown suspect entered the unlocked garage, stole two prescription bottles that were left on a workbench and fled in an unknown direction.

In RD 476, Clearbrook Dr., suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage entry

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 453-1 RD 455-1**

**RD 462-2 RD 476-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 452-1 RD 465-1**

**RD 475-1**

**BEAT 3**

**3 Residential Burglaries**

**6 Vehicle Burglaries**

**1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 423-1 RD 425-1**

**RD 426-1**

Streets: Newhaven Ln., Brabham Dr., and Flounder Dr.

In RD 425, Brabham Dr., it appears the suspect(s) entered through the slider left open for the dog to go in and out.

In RD 426, Flounder Dr., it appears the suspect(s) entered the residence by climbing through the unlocked bathroom sliding window.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 423-1 RD 424-1**

**RD 433-1 RD 442-1**

**RD 443-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 427-1**

**BEAT 4**

**2 Residential Burglaries**

**7 Vehicle Burglaries**

**2 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 349-1 RD 451-1**

Streets: 17<sup>th</sup> St., and Orange Ave.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 451-6 RD 461-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 339-1 RD 461-1**

**BEAT 5**

**9 Residential Burglaries**

**4 Vehicle Burglaries**

**4 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 412-5 RD 413-1**

**RD 421-2 RD 422-1**

Streets: Rapids Dr., Palin Cir., Ellis Ave., Kithira Cir., Racquet Ln., Libra Cir., Clay Ave., and Owen Dr.

In RD 412, Rapids Dr., it appears an unknown suspect(s) entered the open garage and stole a bike.

In RD 412, Palin Cir., it appears the unknown suspect(s) entered two

garages that were adjacent to each other and stole items from within.

In RD 412, Ellis Ave., an unknown suspect(s) cut the lock off the victim's carport storage unit during the night. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

In RD 421, Clay Ave., suspect is in custody.

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In RD 422, Owen Dr., suspect described as: male, white, blonde hair, height approximately 6'0", weight 180 lbs., approximately 20 to 30 years of age, wearing a gray type Pendleton with blue sweat shorts.

There were four garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were two attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 412-2 RD 413-1**

**RD 422-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 293-1 RD 412-1**

**RD 422-2**

**BEAT 6**

**0 Residential Burglaries**

**7 Vehicle Burglaries**

**4 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**None reported**

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 263-1 RD 264-2**

**RD 272-2 RD 283-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 263-1 RD 264-1**

**RD 272-1 RD 273-1**

**BEAT 7**

**7 Residential Burglaries**

**6 Vehicle Burglaries**

**4 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 158-1 RD 169-1**

**RD 179-1 RD 188-2**

**RD 252-1 RD 262-1**

Streets: Angler Ave., Marilyn Dr., Capstone Dr., Balmoral Dr., Alhambra Dr., and View Point Ln.

In RD 158, Angler Ave., it appears there were two suspects. The suspects walked through the south gate and entered into the backyard. The suspect(s) then pried on the

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

sliding screen and glass doors. Suspects flee when they hear the garage door open.

In RD 179, Capstone Dr., it appears suspect(s) entered when an open house was being conducted. Suspects stole items from within and flee.

In RD 188, Balmoral Dr., it appears the suspect(s) pushed the rear sliding portion of the doggie door. The suspects then gained entry to the residence through the rear slider.

In RD 188, Balmoral Dr., the unknown suspect(s) pried off the kitchen screen with a sharp unknown type object. The window had special tabs that only allowed it to open approximately three to four inches. The suspect(s) attempted to pull the window open but were not successful. Suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

There was one garage entry.

There were three attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 159-1 RD 253-4  
RD 261-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 252-1 RD 253-1  
RD 261-1 RD 262-1**

**BEAT 8**

**2 Residential Burglaries  
1 Vehicle Burglary  
0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 175-1 RD 186-1**

Streets: James Cir., and Rainglen Ln.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 155-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**None reported**

**BEAT 9**

**1 Residential Burglary  
8 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 139-1**

Streets: Sorento Cir.

In RD 139, Sorento Cir., it appears the unknown suspect(s) pried open

the door leading into the garage from the east side of the residence. Once in the garage the suspect(s) accessed the house through the unlocked door separating the garage from the residence.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 117-1 RD 128-1  
RD 148-1 RD 241-1  
RD 242-4**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 136-2 RD 139-1  
RD 146-1 RD 147-1  
RD 241-1**

The HBPD Facebook page has information on recent community events, law enforcement outreach, safety education, directed enforcement programs, crime fighting initiatives, and much more.

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RSVP's ("Retired Senior Volunteer Program") and Neighborhood Watch Board members work together with the police department to provide many crime prevention and safety programs FREE of charge. We hope you will use these services to help keep you and your family safe.

**RSVP's *Provide Vacation House Checks*** by checking your home when you're away.

To use this service, please go to our web site at **hbpd.org** and click on "Vacation House Checks". Complete and submit the form or you may also call the RSVP office at 714-374-1507. Please allow 7 to 10 working days to process your request.

H.B. Neighborhood Watch Board members provide speakers and materials for **Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings**. This is a great way to get together with your neighbors, learn crime prevention and safety tips, find out what crimes are occurring in your neighborhood, what to look out for, and the best way to report crimes to the police department. To arrange a meeting please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist, at (714)-536-5933.

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- Before you invest, do your homework, because you can lose money even on legitimate investments.
- Get the details of all deals in writing.
- ***If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.***

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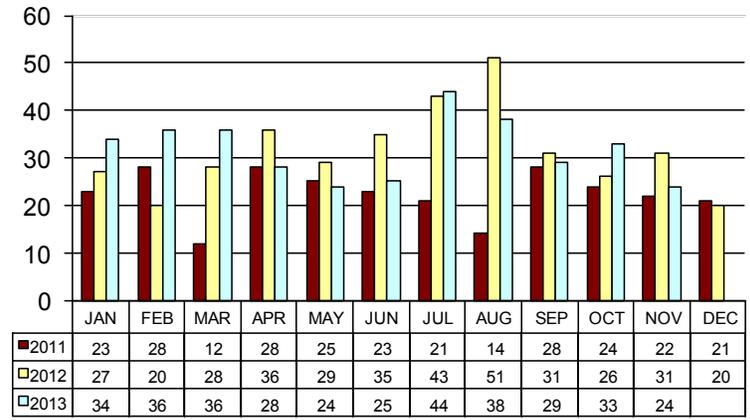
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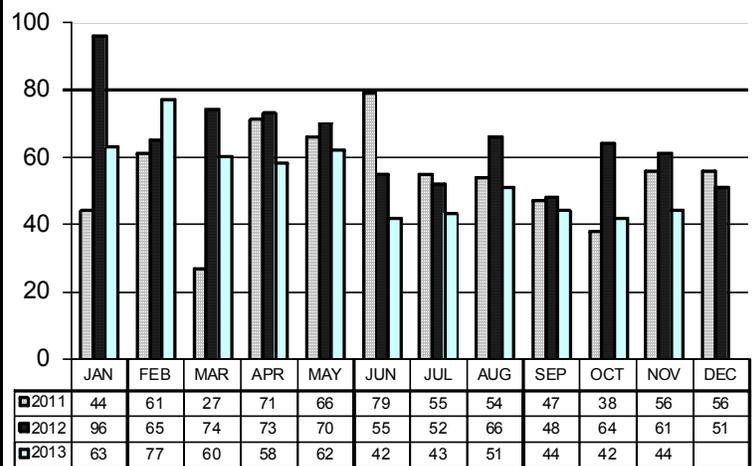
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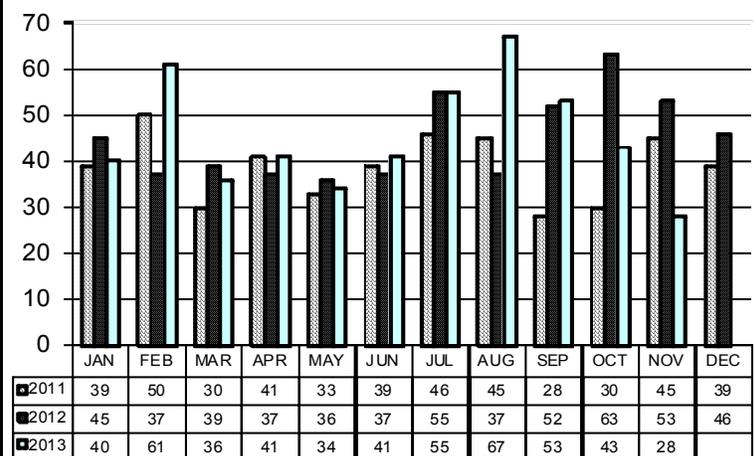
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City of Huntington Beach

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Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

**Example:**

If you live in Beat 3 and RD 445, you will have 3-445 on your address label.



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