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NOVEMBER DONATIONS 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 **\$7,800.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$16,500.00 to go by June 30, 2018.** 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
PO BOX 5667
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Or: HB POLICE DEPARTMENT
Attn: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
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HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

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



HOLIDAY AND NEW YEARS' TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS



- Be sure your home appears "lived-in" when you are away. Use timers for lights inside and out, and be sure to lock all doors and windows.
- Have a trusted friend or neighbor pick up all your mail and/or throw away papers. You can also use our Vacation House Check service (for free). Call 714-374-1507 and leave a message. (We do request 2 weeks advance notice)
- If you have cameras or an alarm system, please check them to be sure they are operating properly.
- Have your car checked by a mechanic to avoid problems on the road.
- When traveling by car, lock your doors even when driving.
- When parking your car, lock valuables out of sight in the trunk (prior to reaching your destination).
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Fill the gas tank before dark, lock your car doors, and roll up all your windows. Keep the car locked even when you pump gas.
- Try to avoid stopping along roadsides.
- Use all hotel locks and other security devices, even when inside your room.
- Don't prop open your door or open it to strangers. Use the peep hole in the door.
- Guard your room keys.

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Your Attention Please!!!

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Survey



The Huntington Beach Police Department and the HB Neighborhood Watch Program are always looking for ways to improve on the information provided to those who work and live in this great city. Technology and the way the police department tracks criminal activity is one of those areas which is continually evolving.

The Police Department has a desire to move the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter to a more interactive, electronic online format. This will improve on the accuracy of the information provided to the citizens and provide direct access to crime trends in your neighborhood.

For the past 45 years, the newsletter has served the community as the main source of information by either US Mail or local pick up locations. The total cost of this newsletter is approximately \$31,000 annually between printing and postage. We currently print 9,000 copies and mail approximately 7,500 newsletters to households throughout HB. Your HB Neighborhood Watch Program has always paid the postage and other expenses with the money collected from your most generous donations. If you would like to receive your Newsletter on-line, send a request via e-mail to nberndt@hbpd.org. Be sure to include the following: If you presently receive the newsletter by mail, your name and address as it appears on your mailing label (so you can be deleted from that list). If this is a new subscription, include the e-mail address where you want it sent and write "New Subscription".

We are asking our readers to complete the survey below so we can better evaluate how the newsletter will be distributed in the future. You may call in your survey to (714) 536-5933; if you reach a recording, please leave your answers via voicemail.

Please circle the following questions and return to:

HB Neighborhood Watch Board

P O Box 5667

Huntington Beach, CA 92615

- 1) I would like to continue receiving the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter via U.S. mail. Yes No
- 2) I would like to be able to continue picking up the newsletter at my local market. Yes No

HOLIDAY AND NEW YEARS' TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

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- Store valuables in the room safe or the facility's main safe.
- Try to avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Take only the cash you need in your purse or wallet. Leave the rest in your safe or use credit cards. Avoid using debit cards.
- Women should keep purses tightly against their bodies; use shoulder straps.
- Men should keep their wallets in a front pants pocket or coat pocket.
- Avoid using alcohol and other drugs. Impaired judgment can put you in potentially dangerous situations.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Leave travel plans with a family member, trusted friend or neighbor.
- Don't hesitate to call the local police if you feel you are in danger. Dial 9-1-1 if you feel you are in immediate danger – you should plan on giving the dispatcher your location when using a cell phone.
- Always Remember: "If you See Something, Say Something"



Protecting Your Privacy on Social Media

(from Consumer Action) (www.consumer-action.org)



YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter---these and other social media names are instantly recognizable to most “connected” consumers. In fact, using social media is one of the favorite pastimes of teens and many adults alike.

Sharing can be fun and rewarding, but there can be consequences if you aren’t careful about what you reveal and to whom. Fortunately, there are many ways for social media users to limit what they share and protect their personal information. By exercising caution and being proactive, you can enjoy social media while maintaining as much privacy as you want.

The importance of privacy:

People share all sorts of things on social media. Some—say a video of your pet doing something silly---could be shared with the whole world with no negative consequences. Others, like an announcement that you’ve won the lottery, can be risky. The first step in protecting yourself is being able to recognize the difference.

Privacy dos and don’ts

There are other important ways –in addition to limiting your audience—to protect yourself and your privacy online. Here are 16 effective dos and don’ts:

- **Don’t** feel like you have to fill in every field when creating your profile---it’s all optional.
- **Don’t** post information or photos –your new sports car, the interior of your home, etc. or share travel plans that might make you more attractive to scam artists or thieves.
- **Don’t** respond to quizzes, games, coupon offers or other enticements that require you to enter personal information. Doing so opens you up to nuisance marketing efforts and even scams.
- **Don’t** click on unknown links, which could be designed to infect your computer with a virus or data-stealing spyware.
- **Do** set your computer and mobile devices to require a login password or PIN to start up or wake up.
- **Do** create strong account passwords (a mix of at least eight numbers, letters and symbols) and change them regularly.
- **Don’t** use the same password for all your accounts or use your pet’s or child’s name if you share those details on social media. When given the option to choose security questions choose ones that no one else is likely to know the answers to.
- **Do** be sure to log out if you use a public computer to access your accounts. It’s a good idea to log out even on your own personal computer and devices.
- **Don’t** let your browser save login information if prompted with that option, or check/uncheck the appropriate boxes in the Security Passwords, Sync, or AutoFill tabs of the browser’s settings or Preferences.
- **Do** enable and update your security software (encryption, firewalls, antivirus/antispyware programs, etc).
- **Do** check the company’s privacy policy before opening an account to find out how your personal information and/or the data on your device could be used.
- **Don’t** download an app unless it comes from a trusted source and you have checked user reviews and read the privacy policy.
- **Do** read all notices from your social networks and apps so that you don’t miss any policy changes. If you’re unhappy with a change, cancel your account and/or uninstall the app.
- **Don’t** allow apps to announce your location.
- **Do** talk to your kids about how to be safe and responsible online (including warning them about “sexting”), and do set strong privacy preferences on their accounts. Take advantage of “parental controls” and routinely monitor your child’s communications.
- **Do** comply with your employer’s social media policy if it has one.

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY
SEASON AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

from your HB Neighborhood Watch Board

ATTENTION: NEW CRIME STATISTICS FORMAT

Crime period: October 1, 2017 to October 30, 2017

In order to have HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter crime statistics match what is reported by the HBPD crime analysis team to the Department of Justice, our crime statistic page formats have changed. Although it may look a little different, residential burglaries will still be reported as well as a small narrative of how the crimes may have occurred. Vehicle burglaries are in another chart broken down by Beat and RD, and Grand Theft Auto can be found in the large chart broken down by Beat. You will also find other crime statistics on the chart, such as rape, robbery, thefts from vehicles, etc. To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on page 7.

We would like you to provide us with your feedback. If you send back the survey on page 2, please include a few comments about pages 4 and 5 of the newsletter. You may also call the Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933; if you get a recording, please leave a message.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

| Beat | RD | Date | Location | Crime | Entry |
|------|-----|-------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2 | 452 | 10/8 | 200 BALTIMORE AV | Residence | Attempt force |
| 2 | 463 | 10/30 | 8000 PAWTUCKET DR | Residence | Force to window |
| 2 | 464 | 10/19 | 21000 SEAFORTH LN | Residence | Remote used |
| 3 | 423 | 10/27 | 19000 QUEENSPORT LN | Residence | Unknown force |
| 3 | 425 | 10/19 | 9000 GRAND DR | Residence | Unknown force |
| 3 | 427 | 10/22 | 10000 KUKUI DR | Residence | No force |
| 3 | 442 | 10/2 | 1000 ALABAMA ST | Garage | Remote used |
| 3 | 444 | 10/27 | 8000 AFTON CI | Residence | Unknown force |
| 4 | 349 | 10/28 | 300 20TH ST | Residence | Attempt force |
| 4 | 349 | 10/18 | 400 22ND ST | Residence | No force |
| 4 | 441 | 10/23 | 900 PALM AV | Residence | Attempt force |
| 5 | 293 | 10/6 | 18000 HARTLUND LN | Residence | Smashed rear slider |
| 5 | 293 | 10/6 | 18000 HARTLUND LN | Residence | Smashed rear slider |
| 5 | 411 | 10/13 | 7000 PINNACLE CI | Residence | Unknown force |
| 7 | 168 | 10/21 | 6000 WARNER AV | Residence | Unknown force |
| 7 | 188 | 10/14 | 6000 BALMORAL DR | Residence | Force to garage door |
| 7 | 262 | 10/5 | 16000 VIEWPOINT LN | Garage | Pried keypad |
| 8 | 187 | 10/26 | 17000 MISTY LN | Residence | Forced garage door |
| 9 | 117 | 10/15 | 14000 SPA DR | Residence | No force |
| 9 | 138 | 10/26 | 6000 SYDNEY DR | Residence | Attempt force |
| 9 | 148 | 10/2 | 15000 AULNAY LN | Residence | No force |

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

BEAT 2

RD 453-1 RD 455-1
 RD 462-2 RD 463-1
 RD 467-1 RD 472-3
 RD 474-1

BEAT 3

RD 423-2 RD 424-1
 RD 436-1 RD 442-2
 RD 444-1

BEAT 4

RD 326-1 RD 348-1
 RD 349-1 RD 461-2

BEAT 5

RD 199-2 RD 412-2
 RD 413-1 RD 432-1

BEAT 6

RD 272-1 RD 273-2
 RD 281-1 RD 282-1
 RD 283-1

BEAT 7

RD 159-1 RD 169-3
 RD 198-1 RD 252-4
 RD 253-1 RD 261-1

BEAT 8

RD 156-1 RD 164-2
 RD 165-1 RD 166-1
 RD 167-1 RD 171-1
 RD 177-2 RD 187-1

BEAT 9

RD 146-1 RD 149-1
 RD 241-2 RD 242-10

OCTOBER CRIMES REPORTED BY BEAT

| | <i>Beat 2</i> | <i>Beat 3</i> | <i>Beat 4</i> | <i>Beat 5</i> | <i>Beat 6</i> | <i>Beat 7</i> | <i>Beat 8</i> | <i>Beat 9</i> |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Robbery | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Aggravated Assaults | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Burglary | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| <i>Commercial</i> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Garage</i> | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Residential</i> | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Larcenies | 41 | 31 | 35 | 46 | 20 | 35 | 46 | 50 |
| <i>Theft from Vehicle</i> | 18 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 18 | 18 | 24 |
| <i>From Building</i> | 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 2 | 11 | 6 | 20 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 11 |
| <i>Vending</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>All Other / Bike</i> | 13 | 5 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 14 |
| Auto Theft | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 |

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 call the RSVP office at 714-374-1507. Please allow 5 to 7 working days to process your request.

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Here's a Big Reason to Complain About Unwanted Calls

By Amy Hebert, Consumer Education Specialist,
Federal Trade Commission

Tired of getting unwanted calls like illegal robocalls? We don't even need to ask, right? Maybe you've wondered if [filing a complaint](#) actually makes a difference?

Your complaints are vital to the work we do (more on that in a minute). [But today we've got another great reason](#) to keep those complaints coming.

Now, when you report illegal calls, we will take the phone numbers you complain about and release them each business day. This helps telecommunications carriers and other industry partners that are working on [call blocking solutions](#).

Here's why that matters: many call blocking tools rely on blacklists. They are databases of phone numbers that have been reported as the source of illegal calls. In addition to the number, the data the FTC releases will include the date and time a person got the unwanted call, the general subject matter (debt reduction, warranties, home security, etc.), and whether it was a robocall. Companies will be able to use this information to help identify which calls should be blocked or flagged. Even if a scammer fakes caller ID information — so the number you see isn't the scammer's real number — reporting it can make a difference. Call blocking technologies also can help prevent this kind of [spoofed traffic](#).

This is just one of many steps the FTC is taking to stop [illegal robocalls](#) and other scam calls. The FTC [will continue to go after](#) the scammers behind illegal calls. Your complaints help us and other law enforcement agencies do that.

The data is posted every weekday, with Monday postings including weekend data, and can be found [here](#) on the FTC's website.

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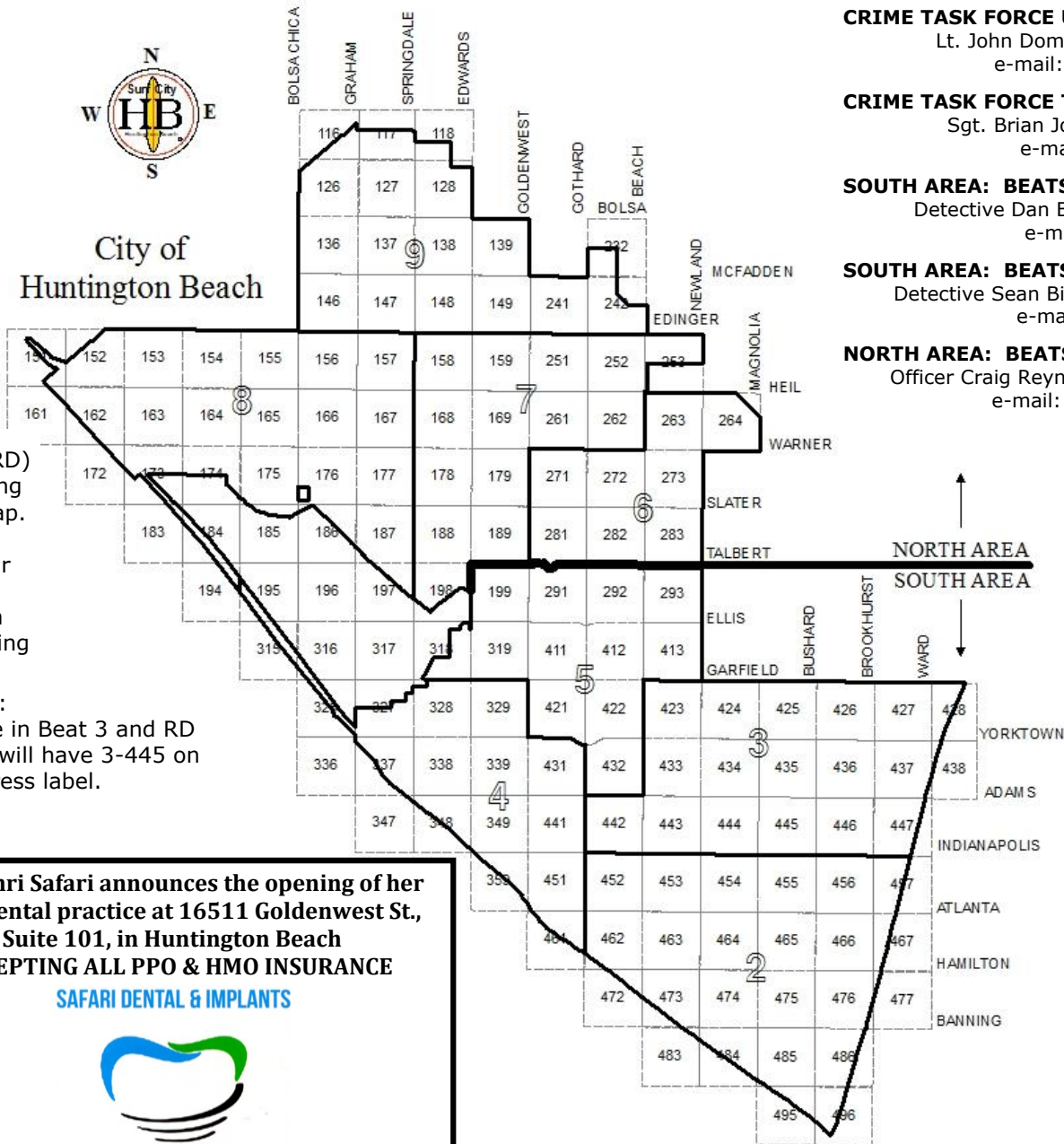
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Note:

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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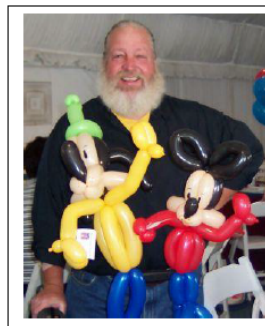


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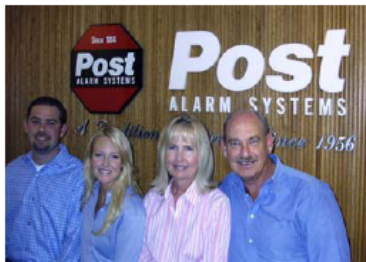
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