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## OCTOBER 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 **\$6,815.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$17,485.00 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  
2000 MAIN ST.  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

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

## THE HOLIDAYS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING: ARE YOU CRIME PREVENTION PREPARED?



With the holidays upon us, most people are in a happy and generous mood. Criminals know this and will try to take advantage by targeting your home and your good will.

You can do a lot to help deter this type of behavior; remember, most criminals are looking for that easy target. By hardening the target, staying alert and aware, and reporting all suspicious activity to your local police, you can help keep your family, friends, and yourself safe.

Below are some crime prevention and safety tips you should try to follow year round and especially during the holidays:

### **When stepping out for the evening:**

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it will appear that someone is home. Use timers.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Keep curtains or shutters closed if you have gifts under your tree or in a place that can be seen from outside.

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### **In loving memory: Irv Gilman**

Last month, we accidentally omitted part of Irv Gilman's biography: Irv was a member of the Neighborhood Watch Board for approximately 6 years and served two years on the Executive Committee as Vice President.

Thank you for your service.



## HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Assembly Assistance Needed

HB Neighborhood Watch needs volunteers to assist in assembling and preparing 9,000 monthly HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletters for mailing and distribution.

We are looking for a few good people to join us **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. We meet at the Rodgers Community Center, 1706 Orange Ave, in Huntington Beach (corner of 17<sup>th</sup> St and Orange).** We start setup at 7:00 a.m. and finish by noon. Join us for good fellowship, coffee, donuts, and fresh fruit. If you need more information please call Nilda Patino de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933. We'll be waiting for your call or better yet, just show up! Park in the rear and enter the door to your right (with the ramp).



### **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](mailto: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**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |



## Are you Crime Prevention Prepared?

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- Always use motion sensors or dusk to dawn lighting outside, even when you're home.
- Secure your garage door with a cane bolt, pad, or hasp lock.

### If you are shopping:

- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to close and lock all doors and windows. Place shopping bags, gifts, etc, in the trunk, out of sight.
- Stay alert and aware of everything around you.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash, and only carry the credit cards you plan to use. Pay with check or credit card when possible and be sure to keep all receipts. Remember to protect your personal information (check and credit card numbers).
- When shopping with children, teach them where to go if you should become separated or need assistance. They could find a store employee or cashier. Never have them go back to your vehicle alone.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages; be extra careful with purses and wallets. Purses should be carried close to our body, not dangling by a thin strap. Men, place your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

### Protecting your Vehicle:

- If you leave packages in your car, move your vehicle to a new location (thieves may be watching).
- Close all windows, lock your vehicle, and use anti-theft devices.
- Never leave your car's engine running while you run into your home or a store, even for a minute.
- When you stop to purchase gas, turn your engine off, remove your keys, and lock your doors. Pay attention to your surroundings while pumping gas.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle

These are just a few safety tips that may help you stay safe over the holidays and throughout the year. Show you care and share this information with family and friends. Consider hosting a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting!

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## Remember: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

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## We're Looking for Dedicated, Kind, Supportive, and Creative People who want to make HB a Safer Place to Live

The goal of the Neighborhood Watch Program is to help educate the community about crime prevention activities everyone can be involved in. Your Neighborhood Watch Board members are the roots of the Neighborhood Watch Program; you, its members, are the branches.

Board members help to teach the importance of knowing your neighbors, how to report suspicious activity, and keeping you and your family safe. The Neighborhood Watch Board may consist of up to 12 members. The Executive Board is made up of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary; the other members are all referred to as members at large.

To become a board member, you must attend at least 3 Neighborhood Watch Board meetings, be willing to have your fingerprints taken, and to have a local background and driver's license check. If you are selected, we would like at least a one year commitment.

The Board meets once monthly, usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month; but on occasion we may move it to another day. We meet at either at Rodgers Community Center or at the Police Department. The Board does not meet in July, August, and December; however, there may still be community events planned.

If you would like to learn more or to attend a meeting, please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Huntington Beach Police Department Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933.

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## "HAPPY THANKSGIVING" from HB Neighborhood Watch

# ATTENTION: NEW CRIME STATISTICS FORMAT

**Crime period: September 1, 2017 to September 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	09/22	200 FRANKFORT AV	Residence	No force
2	455	09/04	9000 WOODCREST LN	Garage	Unknown
2	457	09/01	10000 CLIFF DR	Residence	Attempted Force
2	485	09/23	20000 HARWICH LN	Residence	Force
3	423	09/14	19000 WEYMOUTH LN	Residence	No Force
3	434	09/26	8000 MOSSFORD DR	Residence	Unknown
3	436	09/12	9000 BICKLEY DR	Residence	No force
3	442	09/11	1000 ALABAMA ST	Residence	No force
3	444	09/03	20000 SWANSEA LN	Residence	No force
3	445	09/17	9000 CANDLEWOOD DR	Residence	No force
4	359	09/19	1000 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Residence	Attempted Force
4	431	09/30	1000 LAKE ST	Garage	Unknown
4	441	09/04	400 12TH ST	Residence	Attempted Force
6	272	09/19	17000 QUEENS LN	Residence	Attempted Force
6	273	09/02	8000 BLAYLOCK DR	Garage	No force
7	158	09/20	16000 SPRINGDALE ST	Garage	No force
7	178	09/02	17000 TREEHAVEN LN	Residence	Attempted Force
7	252	09/27	7000 STARK DR	Residence	Force
7	262	09/22	16000 LAKEFRONT CI	Garage	Force
7	262	09/24	16000 LAKEFRONT CI	Garage	Punched door lock
8	152	09/26	3000 TEMPE DR	Garage	Unknown
8	155	09/10	16000 CALLE CASTOR CI	Garage	Unknown
8	165	09/26	16000 LYNN LN	Residence	No Force
8	167	09/26	16000 LARK LN	Residence	Attempted Force
8	171	09/10	16000 N PACIFIC AV	Garage	Attempted Force
8	173	09/19	17000 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Garage	Force to Latch
9	127	09/05	5000 SPA DR	Residence	Fumigation
9	138	09/07	6000 ATLAS DR	Residence	Unknown
9	242	09/08	7000 CENTER AV	Residence	No Force

## VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**BEAT 2**

RD 453-1    RD 456-1  
RD 466-1

**BEAT 3**

RD 424-1    RD 425-1  
RD 435-2    RD 436-1  
RD 443-1

**BEAT 4**

RD 195-1    RD 326-1  
RD 339-2    RD 348-1  
RD 349-1    RD 461-1

**BEAT 5**

RD 292-1    RD 319-1  
RD 411-2    RD 413-1

**BEAT 6**

RD 271-2

**BEAT 7**

RD 168-1    RD 189-3  
RD 252-4    RD 253-1  
RD 261-1

**BEAT 8**

RD 153-1    RD 165-1  
RD 166-1    RD 167-1  
RD 175-2    RD 177-1  
RD 186-1

**BEAT 9**

RD 137-1    RD 139-2  
RD 149-1    RD 242-3

## SEPTEMBER 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>
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assaults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Commercial</i>	3	0	0	2	9	3	0	5
<i>Garage</i>	1	0	1	0	1	3	4	0
<i>Residential</i>	3	6	2	0	1	2	2	3
<b>Larcenies</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	13	13	24	9	12	18	13	9
<i>From Building</i>	6	5	8	6	2	2	4	4
<i>Shoplifting</i>	1	6	5	6	2	3	2	8
<i>Vending</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>All Other / Bike</i>	12	10	12	6	4	9	17	6
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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## **You Need a Personal Safety Plan for Black Friday**

Arlington, VA –The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), home of McGruff the Crime Dog, says you need a personal safety and security plan to keep criminals at bay and you from seeing red. This year many shoppers will be out early to find those big bargains on Black Friday or online for Cyber Monday, but the criminals will be out too. NCPC has 10 great tips to help you shop safely while getting those great holiday bargains throughout the shopping season.

1. Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
2. Shop online with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you are not familiar with it. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.
3. Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
4. Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as onetime or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.
5. Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.
6. Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
7. Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
8. Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.
9. Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.
10. If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated. Select a central meeting place and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

More useful shopping tips and personal safety information are on the National Crime Prevention Council's [website](http://www.ncpc.org).

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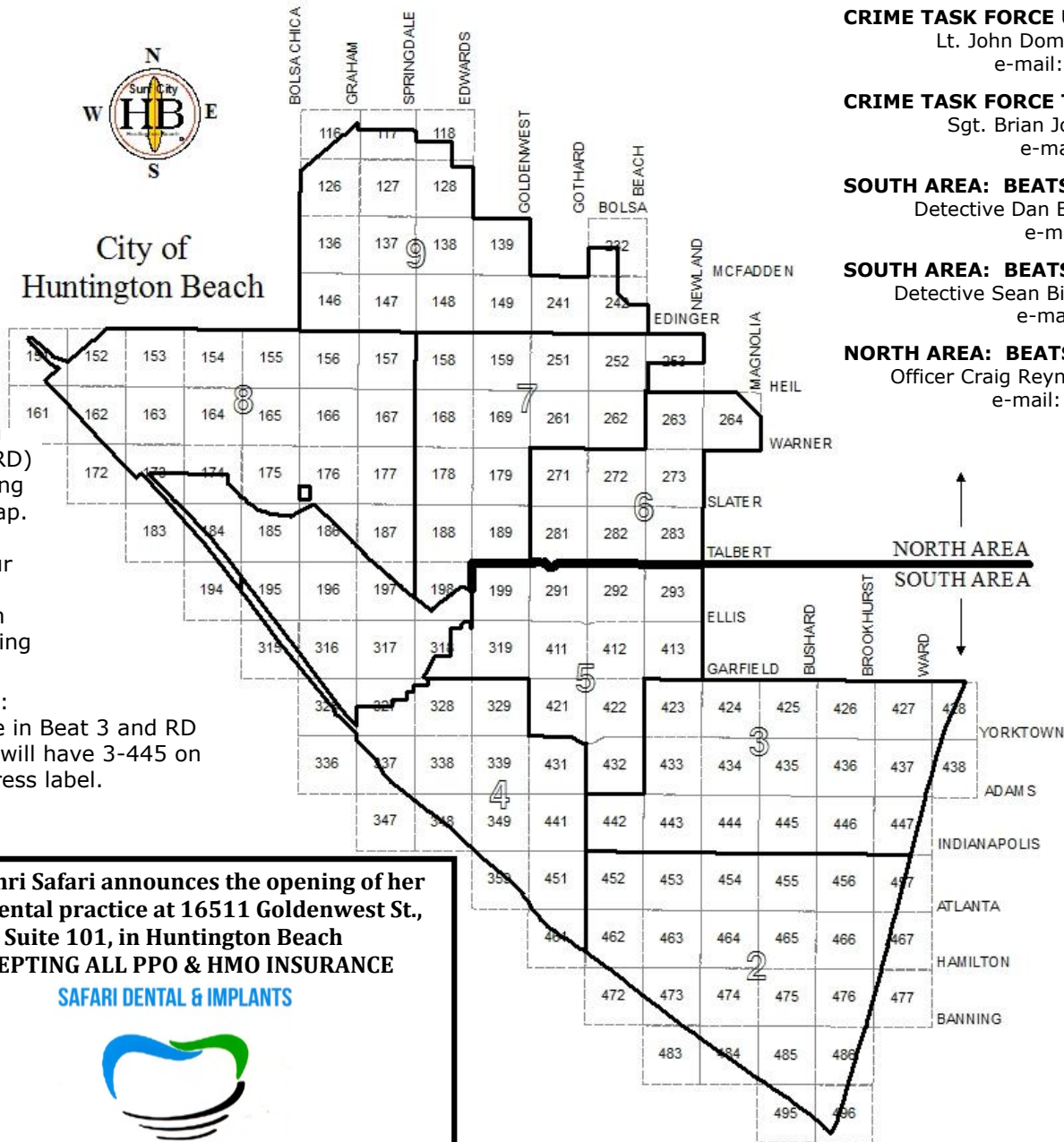
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### Note:

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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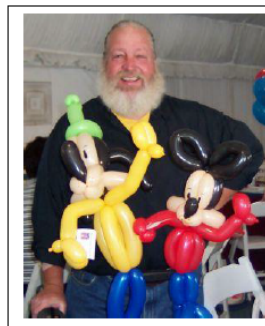
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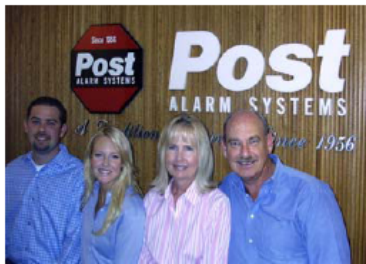
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