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BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY

Neighborhood Watch Board members and RSVP's work with the police department to provide crime prevention and safety programs FREE of charge. We hope you will use these services to help keep you and your family safe.

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. The program is a separate entity from the police department and is made up of volunteers who serve as board members, block meeting speakers, and the newsletter assembly team. This newsletter is prepared through the generous donations of time from the HBNW board and the newsletter team, as well as generous financial donors. To arrange a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting please call 714-536-5245 or ask one of your Neighborhood Watch Board Members.

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 www.hbpd.org and click on "Vacation House Checks" to complete and submit the form. Please allow 5 to 7 working days to process your request.

HB NW Block Meetings



Earlier this spring, HB Neighborhood Watch and HBPD conducted Block Meetings in the Surfside, Gilbert Island, Seabreeze, and Springhurst communities. While each community had specific requests and issues, there are several ways that the Police Department and HB Neighborhood Watch can assist.

For example, the city has a Community Homeless Taskforce that can provide information on homeless resources. You can visit the City's website (<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov>) and search for Homeless Solutions. In the left column is information on resources, the outreach team, and how you can help.

Information presented at the meetings included recent residential burglaries in the area, homes where possible illegal activity may be occurring, and how to recognize possible illegal activity on your street or city park.

It is important to report information to the police department. Be a good witness, collect as much information as possible, and if it is not an emergency, call the numbers listed above. Do not leave tools, ladders, and other hardware outside your house where a thief could use it to break into your home. Remember to close your garage door when you are in your back yard.

To arrange a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting for your neighborhood, please call 714-536-5245 or ask one of your Neighborhood Watch Board Members.

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APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

(National Sexual Violence Resource Center)

Sexual violence happens in every community and affects people of all genders and ages. Sexual violence is any type of unwanted sexual contact. This includes words and actions of a sexual nature against a person's will and without their consent. A person may use force, threats, manipulation, or coercion to commit sexual violence.

Forms of sexual violence include:

- Rape or sexual assault
- Child sexual assault and incest
- Sexual assault by a person's spouse or partner
- Unwanted sexual contact/touching
- Sexual harassment
- Sexual exploitation and trafficking
- Exposing one's genitals or naked body to other(s) without consent
- Masturbating in public
- Watching someone engage in private acts without their knowledge or permission
- Nonconsensual image sharing

There is a social context that surrounds sexual violence. Social norms that condone violence, use power over others, traditional constructs of masculinity, the subjugation of women, and silence about violence and abuse contribute to the occurrence of sexual violence. Oppression in all of its forms is among the root causes of sexual violence. Sexual violence is preventable through collaborations of community members at multiple levels of society—in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, faith settings, workplaces, and other settings. We all play a role in preventing sexual violence and establishing norms of respect, safety, equality, and helping others.

Victims of sexual violence include people of all ages, races, genders, and religions — with and without disabilities.

- Nearly one in five women in the United States have experienced rape or attempted rape some time in their lives (Black et al., 2011).
- In the United States, one in 71 men have experienced rape or attempted rape (Black et al., 2011).
- An estimated 32.3% of multiracial women, 27.5% of American Indian/Alaska Native women, 21.2% of non-Hispanic black women, 20.5% of non-Hispanic white women, and 13.6% of Hispanic women were raped during their lifetimes (Black et al., 2011).

People who sexually abuse usually target someone they know.

Nearly three out of four adolescents (74%) who have been sexually assaulted were victimized by someone they knew well (Kilpatrick, Saunders, & Smith, 2003).

One-fifth (21.1%) were committed by a family member (Kilpatrick, Saunders, & Smith, 2003).

For more information or assistance call:

Waymakers Sexual Assault Victim Services

714-957-2737 24-hour crisis hotline

Or the [National Sexual Assault Hotline](#):

800-656-HOPE

Every 15 Minutes

The Every 15 Minutes Program is designed to instill in high school students the dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol, drugged, or texting while driving. This program also challenges students to discuss the responsibility of making mature decisions while in high school as well as the future.

On the first day, the “Grim Reaper” called out students that were pre-selected from the student body. One student was removed from class every 15 minutes and was followed with a reading of their obituary to their fellow students. At the same time, mock death notifications were made to the parents of the students that agreed to participate beforehand. Later on, there was a scheduled student and staff assembly.

A simulated collision as a result of a DUI took place on Springdale Street. The HBPD, HBFD, and CHP handled the DUI investigation, treated the injured, made an arrest and transported the dead. With the help of the Huntington Beach Hospital and their staff, the injured were treated at their facility. The student DUI driver was booked at the HBPD Jail.

The selected students were later exposed to real life DUI collisions by the HBPD Traffic Bureau as well as the prosecution and sentencing process through a presentation by the OCDA’S Office. Each year, the program rotates to a different high school in Huntington Beach.



2019 Community Events

We Built A Park!

On February 27, 2019, the Oak View Community had the pleasure of welcoming over 200 volunteers to build a new children's park. This event was a partnership between Kaboom, the City of Huntington Beach, Children's Bureau of Orange County, and was sponsored by Yokohama tires. Kaboom is a national nonprofit organization that focuses on building parks for underserved communities. They focus on providing an environment where children can have a safe place to play.

Oak View is home to over 10,000 residents, with the majority of the residents being low-income. When they received the opportunity to build a new park, the residents organized themselves to contribute to the project as well by soliciting donations and volunteering their day to build the park in under 6 hours! Despite the adversities the Oak View Community faces, such as gangs, violence, and drugs, the residents are hopeful that by building this new park it will create a positive presence and as a result deter crime. With the help of the over 100 Yokohama employees, Oak View community members, and volunteers all over the city, children in Oak View and beyond can now enjoy an eco-friendly park!



TOTAL 2018 CRIMES REPORTED BY AREA

| | <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> | <i>Unk</i> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 6 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 10 |
| Robbery | 5 | 19 | 21 | 11 | 21 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 2 |
| Aggravated Assaults | 25 | 19 | 41 | 29 | 38 | 36 | 26 | 23 | 2 |
| Burglary | 34 | 59 | 37 | 47 | 99 | 80 | 71 | 98 | 0 |
| <i>Commercial</i> | 11 | 16 | 11 | 20 | 82 | 38 | 21 | 61 | 0 |
| <i>Garage</i> | 6 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 14 | 6 | 0 |
| <i>Residential</i> | 17 | 33 | 20 | 19 | 11 | 26 | 36 | 31 | 0 |
| Larcenies | 371 | 407 | 522 | 376 | 235 | 395 | 397 | 455 | 0 |
| <i>Brg / Theft from Vehicle</i> | 158 | 187 | 235 | 132 | 96 | 192 | 207 | 193 | 0 |
| <i>From Building</i> | 60 | 38 | 55 | 46 | 24 | 40 | 51 | 65 | 0 |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 39 | 93 | 51 | 91 | 53 | 94 | 37 | 111 | 0 |
| <i>Vending</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>All Other / Bike/ Pckpct</i> | 114 | 89 | 181 | 106 | 62 | 68 | 100 | 85 | 0 |
| Auto Theft | 27 | 39 | 41 | 39 | 47 | 49 | 30 | 37 | 1 |
| Total | 468 | 552 | 670 | 515 | 450 | 586 | 535 | 631 | 15 |

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|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Robbery | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Aggravated Assaults | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 5 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 0 |
| <i>Commercial</i> | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| <i>Garage</i> | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Residential</i> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| Larcenies | 41 | 58 | 46 | 67 | 39 | 72 | 46 | 90 | 0 |
| <i>Brg / Theft from Vehicle</i> | 10 | 22 | 23 | 18 | 18 | 43 | 28 | 42 | 0 |
| <i>From Building</i> | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 5 | 17 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 20 | 0 |
| <i>Vending</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>All Other / Bike/ Pckpct</i> | 21 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 3 | 14 | 6 | 16 | 0 |
| Auto Theft | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| Total | 54 | 70 | 58 | 84 | 72 | 102 | 68 | 112 | 3 |

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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 \$10,000 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. We have received \$3,184.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$6,816 to go by June 30, 2019. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations.

Remember, HBNW is a non-profit organization; donations are tax deductible. 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:

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For more information please call (714) 536-5245.

Newsletter Delivery Changes

Effective April 2018, this newsletter will be printed and published electronically in January, April, July, and October. The next newsletter will be published in July 2019. If you wish to have your newsletter mailed out to you, you may contact (714) 536-5245 and we will add you to the mailing list.

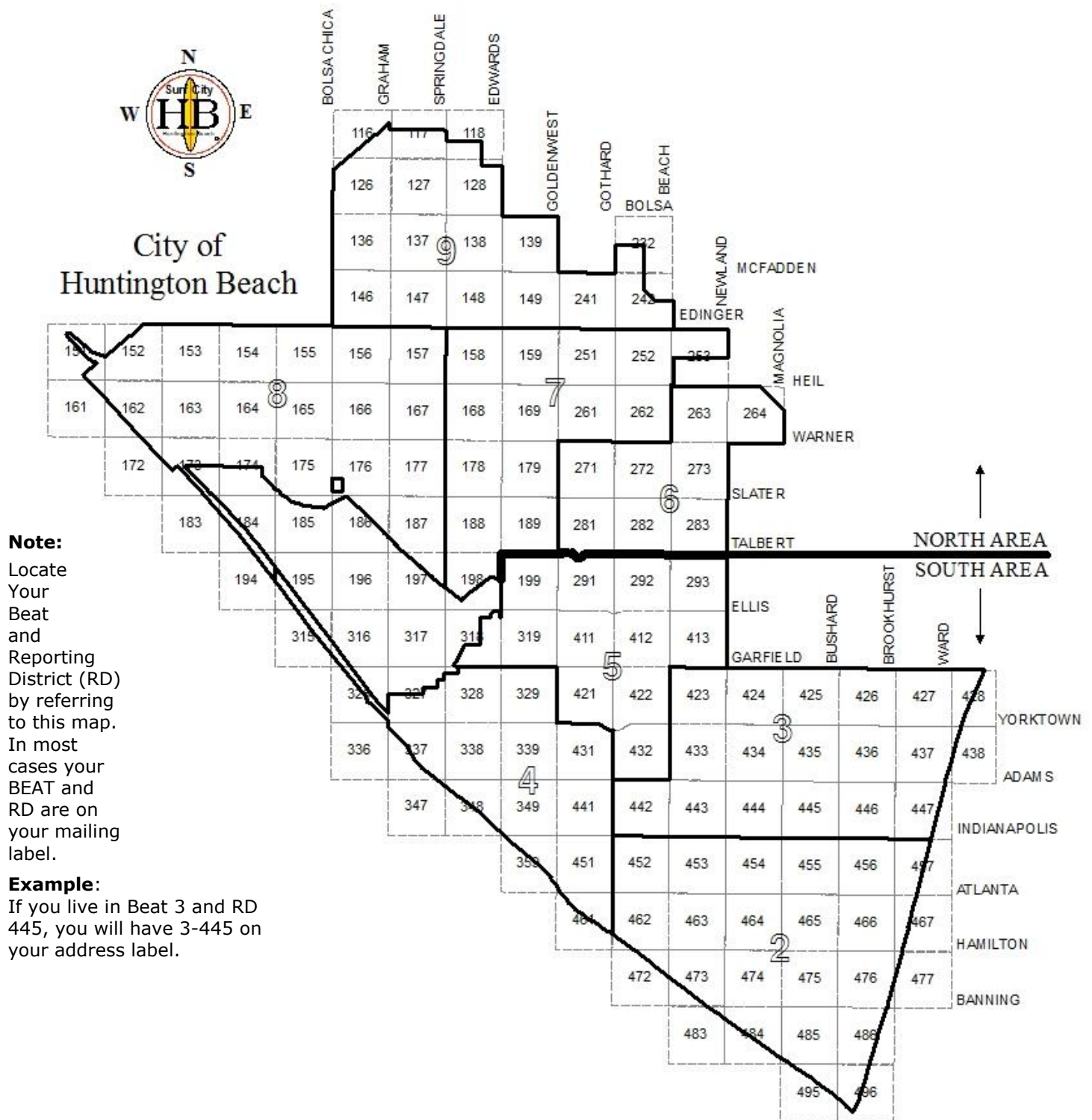
Protect Your Car from a Relay Attack

Relay car theft, or 'relay attack', is when criminals use the keyless entry system of a car against itself by tricking the car into thinking the wireless remote is right next to it. It works on cars where you can enter and start the car without using a key. More and more cars use these wireless systems because it removes the bulky lock barrel from the steering column that is a risk for knee injuries in a crash. It's also more convenient for drivers.

None of the perpetrators have been caught, and the gadgetry they are using remains mysterious. But some electronic security experts believe that the criminals may be exploiting the convenience of keyless-entry systems, which are designed to detect and authenticate the smart key inside a car owner's pocket as he or she pulls on the door handle. They say that if the thieves can amplify the car's signal (a "**relay attack**," in electronics lingo) it can be fooled into using the owner's key to open the doors, even if that key actually is on a nightstand or the kitchen table inside the house.

For relay car theft to work, your key must be able to be accessed via a wireless transmission. Always-on key fobs present a serious weakness in your car's security, because as long as your keys are in range, anyone can open the car and the system will think it's you. That's why newer car models won't unlock until the key fob is within a foot. This means you need to put it in a place where it can't receive a wireless transmission. Therefore, you won't want to be leaving your key in the hallway overnight as the key fob's always on transmitter signals will pass through walls, doors and windows.

There are a few easy ways to block key fob attacks. One of the easiest solutions is by using a car key fob case that prevents the key's signal from being transmitted further than the case. Examples of this are the The Faraday Cage Key Signal Blocker or RFID signal-blocking pouch, the Faraday Sleeve, that can hold your key and blocks its transmission.



Coyote Incident Reporter

The City of Huntington Beach has adopted a Coyote Management Plan. The goal of the plan is to support coexistence with urban coyotes using education, behavior modification, and development of a tiered response to aggressive coyote behavior. The City requests everyone complete the on-line form to report the sighting of and/or actions of coyotes. The City will use this information to take the appropriate public safety response according to the Management Plan.

The on-line Coyote Incident Reporter reporting form can be accessed via the City's website (<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov>) by going to the "I Want To" link followed by the "Report" link and then the "Coyote Issue" link.

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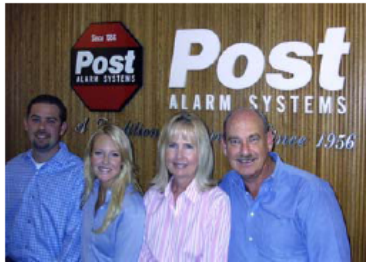
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