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AUGUST DONATION UPDATE

This year we have estimated we will need \$25,000 to cover various Neighborhood Watch expenses which include, but are not limited to, postage, returned newsletters, labels, and many other miscellaneous supplies. We also have a crew of from 35 to 90 volunteers that meet each month to help assemble the newsletters for distribution. At the end of June we had received **\$6,670--we have \$18,330 to go.** For the past 29 years, we have been able to raise this money through generous donations from you and our advertisers. We know rising costs have affected everyone, however, we hope that with your support, we can continue to provide this service in 2008. A \$6 donation pays for each subscriber's postage; a \$10 donation helps with postage and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 donation accomplishes the above, puts your name in the newsletter, plus you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a small token of appreciation. Remember, since we are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.

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If you would like to volunteer to assist with our newsletter assembly, please call the Community Relations Department at (714) 536-5933.

**The Huntington Beach Police
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STAY ALERT AND BE AWARE

Crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch is everyone's business. Police staff, a few citizens and merchants cannot do it alone. Did you know the **safest neighborhoods** are where neighbors know one another?

- **Where neighbors** keep each other informed about things happening in the neighborhood; especially their block.
- **Where neighbors** do not hesitate to call the police department to report a suspicious vehicle or person.
- **Where neighbors** take a vested interest in each other and their community.
- **Where neighbors** take the time to get together with police personnel to discuss what is occurring in their neighborhood.
- **Where neighbors** implement safety procedures to harden the target and discourage criminal activity.

We need you to be part of our team and be an extra set of eyes and ears for us in the community. By working together, we will make it harder for criminals and criminal activity to exist in Huntington Beach.

For more information, please call the Community Relations Department at (714) 536-5933.



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HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING

**THERE WILL BE NO BOARD
MEETING IN AUGUST**

Safety Tips Provided By Kids in Cars

Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not even to run a quick errand. Kids in Cars offers parents the following tips to help keep their children safe:

- Plan ahead to use drive-through services where available, such as at pharmacies and banks. More and more services are adding drive-through convenience; dry cleaners, restaurants (beyond fast food), libraries, grocery stores, and even dog grooming. A quick search on the Internet will help you find convenient drive-through services in your area.
- Call dry cleaners and other businesses to schedule pick-up and drop-off services at your vehicle. Most businesses will bring service curbside if you call ahead.
- Make advance arrangements for your child-care provider to meet you at your vehicle. Alternatively, plan extra time into your pick-up/drop-off routine to bring all children inside with you.
- Use your debit or credit card at the gas pump.
- Ask grocery store clerks to load your bags into your vehicle and return the grocery cart.
- If possible, leave your children with a responsible adult. Arrange a baby-sitting co-op with your neighbor to give you an hour to run errands.

Accidents can happen right in your own garage or driveway. Kids in Cars offer parents the following tips to help prevent accidents in and around vehicles:

- Keep vehicles locked at all times—even in the garage or driveway.
- Never leave keys within reach of children.
- Teach children to never play in or around vehicles.
- Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/ or a backup detection device on your vehicle.
- Make sure all young passengers have left your car after it is parked.
- When a child is missing, check vehicles and trunks immediately.
- If a child is locked in a vehicle, get them out as quickly as possible. If they are hot or appear sick, call 911 or your local emergency number.



OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THEIVES - AGAIN!

In June this newsletter had an article regarding an interview with a suspect who admitted to over 100 vehicle burglaries throughout Orange County during a 6 month period.

Guess what? We just received a memo stating a suspect was arrested in Huntington Beach that admitted to committing over 20 vehicle burglaries in one night. That is correct, in one night. When asked where the burglaries occurred, he took the Officers to each location where the crime was committed. Interestingly, he seemed to pick his targets the same way as the burglar that committed over 100 vehicle burglaries earlier. He looks for:

- Open or unlocked vehicles, or vehicles with a hide-a-key
- Vehicles with windows left down
- Vehicles with items left in clear sight; computers, I-pods, purses, wallet, etc.
- GPS holders (he knew he would find the GPS device in a glove compartment or console)

You can lessen your chances of being a victim by following a few helpful reminders:

- Always lock and secure your vehicle doors and windows (even when parked in front of your own home)
- Remember to keep valuable out of sight or remove them from your vehicle
- If possible, lock and secure your vehicle in your garage
- When you go out at night, try to park in well lit areas
- Remember to remove personal information from your vehicle whenever possible.
- When leaving a key with a valet or at a car wash, give them only the car key, remove any other key you may have from the key ring (especially your house key)



**HUNTINGTON BEACH
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

This Huntington Beach Police Department Citizen Police Academy is designed to increase the public's understanding of the police department. Students will learn from experts in the areas of patrol, traffic operations, community oriented policing, narcotics, vice, gangs, SWAT, K-9, Aero operations, and much more.

Whether you are a community leader, a long term resident, a new resident, or live outside the city, but work in the City of Huntington Beach your attendance is welcome. The only additional requirements are that you must be at least eighteen years of age, have no outstanding warrants for your arrest, and no pending criminal cases.

Classes will begin in September and will run 12 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. You can pick up an application at the Huntington Beach Police Department or call 714-374-1664 for more information.

**SAFETY/ SECURITY TIPS
FOR YOUR HOME**

1. **Get to know your neighbors.**
(If you have not had a Neighborhood Watch Block Meeting within the past two years, consider hosting one.)
2. Watchful neighbors are committed to keeping themselves and the neighborhood safe.
3. Take time to get to know all your neighbors, and/or people in your complex.
4. Familiarize yourself with what's normal for your vicinity. (Report all suspicious activity. It is always better to be safe than sorry.)
5. **THE BEST DEFENSE YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS HAVE ARE ONE ANOTHER.**
6. Residence doors should be equipped with dead-bolt locks with a minimum of 1 1/2" bolt.
7. Front doors should be equipped with 180 degree viewfinder.
8. All windows, especially those on ground level, should be secured with locks.
9. **LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS WHEN LEAVING YOUR RESIDENCE,** even if it's just for a short time.
10. Trim bushes and/or trees that hide doors or windows.

11. Record serial numbers for all electronic equipment and/or valuables, including photographs of jewelry and other valuables; store these items in a safe deposit box and/ or a location other than your home. You can also take a video of all your valuables and store the DVD with your list.
12. When you have strangers or workers in your home providing any service be sure to secure all valuables and take them out of plain view (harden the target and remove temptation).
13. Set timers on at least two inside lights and/or a radio or TV to give the appearance of occupancy.
14. When leaving town for any length of time, cancel your newspaper or arrange to have a neighbor collect it, along with your mail.
15. Advise a trusted neighbor of your return date along with an emergency telephone number to contact in case of an emergency.
16. You can also go on line to Huntington Beach Police Department; e-mail services, fill out the *Vacation House Check form* and e-mail it back. You may also call our RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Office at 714-374-1507.

For more information or to arrange a meeting please call the Huntington Beach Community Relations Department at 714-536-5933.



**CHAT ROOM AND PHONE
TEXTING ABBREVIATIONS**

- | | |
|---------|-------------|
| 1) WYRN | 6 L8R |
| 2) BFN | 7 LD |
| 3) U-R | 8) LMK |
| 4) J/C | 9) NAZ |
| 5) KOTL | 10) N-A-Y-L |

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

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

37 entries in July
27 entries in June

Twenty-three of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Ten of these burglaries were committed during the day; eleven were committed at night and sixteen at an unknown time.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

68 reported in July
67 reported in June

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

30 reported in July
43 reported in June

BEAT 2

2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglary
RD 472-2

Street: Brookhurst

One suspect is in custody

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 486-2 RD 487-1

Grand Theft Autos

None reported

BEAT 3

6 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 444-1 RD 445-2
RD 454-2 RD 455-1

Streets: Gallant Dr., Browning Dr., Mooncrest Cir., Coral Springs and Beachwood.

One entry was possibly made by using a key.
There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 444-1 RD 446-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 445-2

BEAT 4

8 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 432-1 RD 442-2
RD 443-1 RD 452-1
RD 463-2 RD 473-1

Streets: California, Huntington, Amber, Bluffside Cir., Alabama St. and Newland.

Two entries were possibly made using a key.
There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432-1 RD 442-1
RD 443-1 RD 462-2
RD 463-2 RD 472-1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432-1 RD 442-1
RD 462-2 RD 463-1

BEAT 5

1 Residential Burglary
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 424-1

Street: Seaspray

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 434-1 RD 435-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 436-2

BEAT 6

5 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 359-2 RD 431-1
RD 451-1 RD 349-1

Streets: Part St., Pacific Coast Hwy., 11th St., 12th St. and 18th St.

One Juvenile suspect in custody from RD 451.
There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 349-2 RD 359-1
RD 451-6 RD 461-1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 349-3 RD 451-3

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

6 Residential Burglaries
 7 Vehicle Burglaries
 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
 RD 292-1 RD 319-1
 RD 413-1 RD 422-1
 RD 423-2

Streets: Yukon Dr., Hitchingpost Cir.,
 17th St., Beach Blvd., Brixham Cir.
 and Tyler.

There were two garage entries. At
 one of these, suspect entered an open
 garage and removes items from an
 unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Burglaries
 RD 291-1 RD 292-1
 RD 422-1

Grand Theft Auto
 RD 293-1

BEAT 8

0 Residential Burglaries
 6 Vehicle Burglaries
 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
 None

Vehicle Burglaries
 RD 176-1 RD 178-2
 RD 179-2 RD 188-1

Grand Theft Auto
 RD 179-1 RD 281-1

BEAT 9

3 Residential Burglaries
 6 Vehicle Burglaries
 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
 RD 264-1 RD 272-2

Streets: Lois, Ash and Warner Ave.
 In RD 264 suspect was known.

Vehicle Burglaries
 RD 263-3 RD 264-1
 RD 271-1 RD 282-1

Grand Theft Auto
 RD 273-1

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
 4 Vehicle Burglaries
 0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
 RD 162-1 RD 164-1

Streets: Pacific Coast Hwy. and
 Saybrook

Vehicle Burglaries
 RD 151-1 RD 152 -1
 RD 165-2

Grand Theft Auto
 None

BEAT 11

3 Residential Burglaries
 3 Vehicle Burglaries
 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
 RD 156-1 RD 158-1
 RD 166-1

Streets: Edinger, Gentry Ln., and
 Heil

RD 156 Suspect apprehended and
 property returned.

Vehicle Burglaries
 RD 166-1 RD 169-2

Grand Theft Autos
 RD 158-1 RD 168-1

BEAT 12

1 Residential Burglary
 3 Vehicle Burglaries
 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
 RD 138-1

Street: Sydney Dr.

Vehicle Burglaries
 RD 137-1 RD 138-1
 RD 149-1

Grand Theft Auto
 RD 136-1

BEAT 13

0 Residential Burglaries
 13 Vehicle Burglaries
 8 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
 None

Vehicle Burglaries
 RD 242-3 RD 252-1
 RD 253-2 RD 261-2
 RD 262-5

Grand Theft Autos
 RD 242-2 RD 251-2
 RD 253-1 RD 261-2
 RD 262-1

**IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS
 HAVING A RESIDENTIAL
 BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE
 TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD
 WATCH MEETING.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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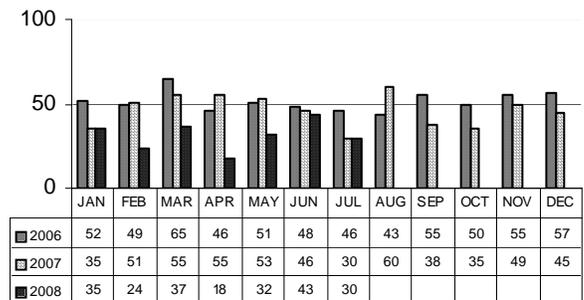
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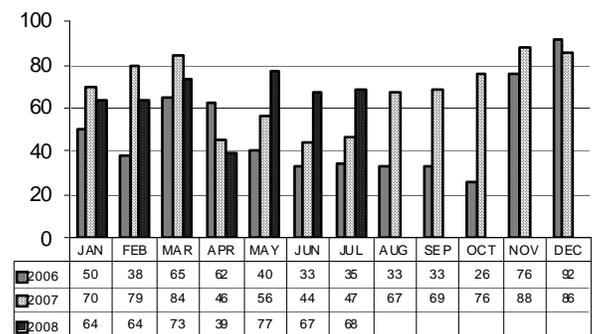
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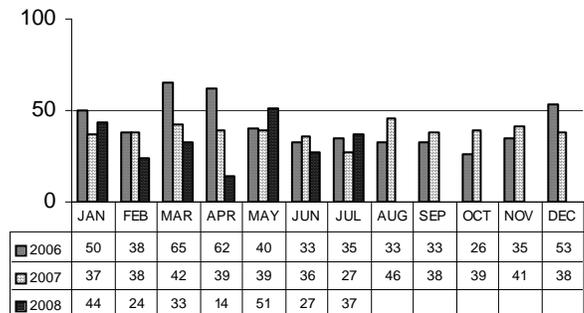
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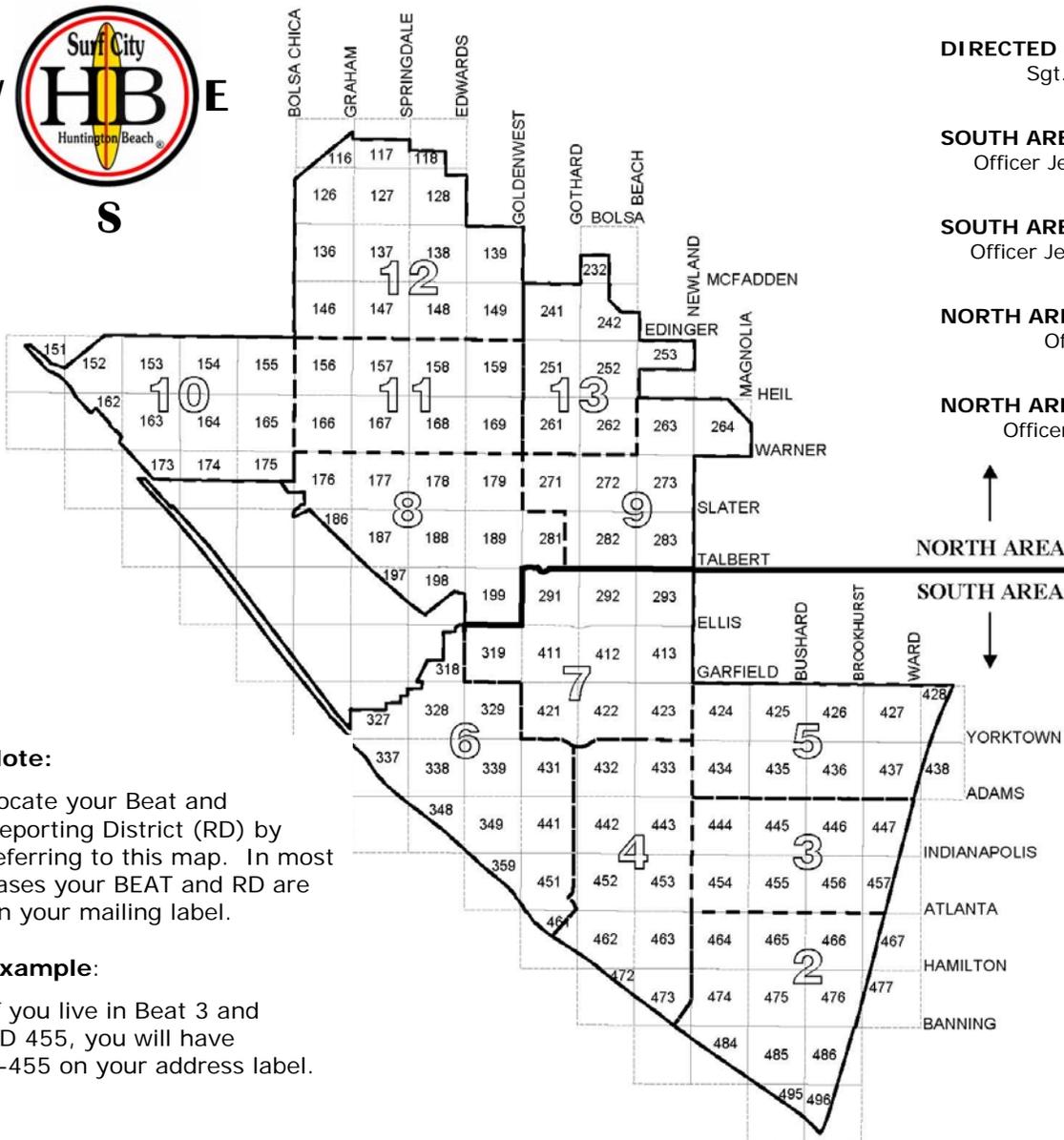


RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



**CHAT ROOM AND PHONE TEXTING
 ABBREVIATION ANSWERS (from page 3)**

- 1) WYRN= What's your real name?
- 2) BFN = Bye for Now
- 3) U-R = You are?
- 4) J/C = Just Checking
- 5) KOTL = Kiss on the lips
- 6) L3R= Later
- 7) LD= Long Distance
- 8) LMK = Let me know
- 9) NAZ = Name, Address, Zip
- 10) N-A-Y-L = In a while



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 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.

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