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**CHANGES & UPDATES TO NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH NEWSLETTER DONATIONS**

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch (HBNW) **Fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30. Starting with this month's newsletter, we will be reporting the donations and **advertisement** revenue received as well as budgetary needs by **fiscal year** rather than by calendar year. This fiscal year, starting July 1 2008, we have estimated we will need \$25,000 to cover the various Neighborhood Watch expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned newsletters, labels, and other miscellaneous expenses. Between the start of our fiscal year (July 1) and October 31 2008, we have received **\$7965 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$17,035 to go.** The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations to keep this valuable program in our city. The Board also thanks the dedicated volunteers of the newsletter assembly committee for their assistance in the preparation and distribution of this newsletter. Your \$6 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 donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a small token of appreciation. Remember, since HBNW is a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.

Prior to this month's newsletter, HBNW reported \$11,482 of donations in calendar year 2008. As of November 25, HBNW has received a total of \$12,439 in donations. **This amount included donations from citizens only.** An additional \$10,528 was received from **advertisers**, resulting in a total of \$22,967 received as of November 25, 2008. As citizens of the city, we encourage you to review our budget and expenses. Please contact Nilda Patiño de Berndt to review the financial reports.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



The Huntington Beach Police Department would like you to have a safe and happy holiday season. We want to share some safety reminders with you and hope you will share them with your family and friends.

Don't give a criminal the opportunity to enjoy the holidays with your gifts and money. If we all take steps to look out for our neighbors, report all suspicious activity, and practice some of the following safety tips we will all have a happy, joyous and peaceful Holiday Season.

Let's start with your home:

- ✓ Always **lock** and secure your doors even when you go to a neighbor's house or you are home. Lock all your windows when you go out or retire for the evening. Remember to use secondary locks.
- ✓ Use timers on interior lighting and/or radios so your home will always look lived in.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

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- ✓ Use motion sensors or dusk to dawn sensors on exterior lighting.
- ✓ Place gifts where they can't be seen from outside.
- ✓ Do not display pictures of purchased items on cardboard in your recycle bin.
- ✓ When possible always **lock** and **secure** your vehicle **inside a locked garage** and remember to remove all valuables from sight including GPS holders. If possible place valuables inside your home.
- ✓ Mail items at the Post Office.
- ✓ Never open your door to strangers, and remind your **children** to always check with the adult watching them before they open the door, even if they know the person(s).
- ✓ Before you donate to people claiming to be from a charitable organization, check them out. You can always send a check at another time. Get their phone number from the phone book, or on-line yellow pages.
- ✓ If you're going away stop all services, i.e., newspaper, mail, etc. Or ask a trusted neighbor to pick up mail, newspapers, etc. from in front of your home. You can also go on-line to the **Huntington Beach Police Department** website and request a vacation check. From the website, scroll down to **Vacation House Check**, fill in a request form and e-mail it to the department. You may also call our RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) office at 714-374-1507 to request this service. It is provided for **FREE**.

While you are shopping and out visiting friends and family:

- ✓ Remember the buddy system when possible. Shop with a family member or friend.
- ✓ Park in well lighted areas and try to avoid parking next to a van.
- ✓ Be **alert** and **aware**. Be attentive to your surroundings at all times.

- ✓ Do not leave items inside your car such as your GPS holder or cell phone. If you need to leave items in your car try locking them in the trunk before you arrive at your destination.
- ✓ Scan the area around your car for persons acting suspicious.
- ✓ Trust your instincts if you feel uncomfortable. Follow your gut feeling and park somewhere else and report what you observe to security or the police.
- ✓ When walking in any parking lot, grocery store, airport, shopping center, etc., walk confidently with your head up, make eye contact, and have your keys ready.
- ✓ Women, try not to carry a purse. If you must carry a purse only carry items that are necessary. Try to keep credit cards and cash on you and not in your purse. Only carry the credit cards you plan on using. Keep your purse close to your body and zipped closed.
- ✓ Men, do not put your wallets in your back pocket; this only makes it easier for a pickpocket to take it from you. Keep your wallet in a front pocket, and do not flash your cash.
- ✓ Don't overburden yourself with packages.
- ✓ Teach your children where they can go if they are lost or need assistance. Point out people that can help them; the person working behind the cash register, security guards, etc. Next time you go shopping play "who can help you" and have your child point out whom or what can help them.
- ✓ Never hide a spare key on your car. If you need spare keys, keep them in your wallet or purse.



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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS *(cont. from page 2)*



Holiday Safety Reminders:

- ✓ Be alert and aware at all times.
- ✓ Get a good description of the suspect (s); and if possible the suspect vehicle as well as the license plate number.
- ✓ If you're waiting for a ride from a friend or public transportation, do so in a busy, well lit area.
- ✓ Lock the car and close the window, even if you are only gone for a few minutes:
 - * Loose change is a meal for some people; they may break your window for small change.
 - * Your cell phone can be sold and reprogrammed; it is a sought item of thieves.
 - * A laptop computer will keep a drug user in a high state, at your expense.
- ✓ If it is late, ask someone from security to walk you to your vehicle. Most malls provide this service.

Remember don't drink and drive. **Have a designated driver.**

If you are hosting a party be sure to serve non-alcoholic drinks, have plenty of solid food for people, and never let anyone drive if you believe they are intoxicated. Make arrangements for alternative transportation.

Remember to always buckle up!

Recognize that the holidays can cause more stress. Keep emotions under control, especially while driving. Give other drivers plenty of space and always leave yourself an escape route to avoid an accident. Avoid road rage.

This might be a good time to talk to your neighbors about hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting. You can call the Huntington Beach Police Department Community Relations Specialist, Nilda Patiño de Berndt, at (714) 536-5933 to schedule a date and time.

We have to learn to be our own best friends because we fall too easily into the trap of being our worst enemies --- Roderick Thorp



NEW YEAR'S CHECK LIST



1. Call one of the 3 major credit bureaus to request a free credit report and review your credit history. You are entitled to one free report from each agency per year. This means you may request a credit report once every 4 months.
2. Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 www.equifax.com
3. TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com
4. Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742) www.experian.com
5. You may also visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.
6. Be sure you are aware of what is on your report and correct any information that is inaccurate.
7. **Please verify you entered the proper website so you are not sent to a fraudulent site.**
8. Review or update your emergency preparedness check list. Replace supplies and or materials that have expired (i.e. food, water, batteries, emergency contact list, etc.). If you have not made your emergency kit this is a good time to prepare one. Also, don't forget toys for the children.
9. Review your family escape plan with your children, and don't forget to assign who is responsible for gathering the pets.
10. Replace batteries in smoke detectors. Test them to ensure they are working properly.
11. Are your important documents (home insurance, birth certificate, wedding certificate, etc.) in one location and easily accessible? Do you have them in a safety deposit box? If you do, you should keep a second copy in a safe accessible location.
12. This is a good time to take inventory of all your personal property. Especially new computers, televisions, jewelry etc. Keep a log with serial numbers and pictures. You can also do a video recording room by room in your home. Remember to make two lists or DVD's, keep one at home and the other in a safety deposit box or other safe location.
13. You can borrow an engraver from the Huntington Beach Police Department, Community Relations Specialist, (free of charge) to mark your property with an identifiable number.
14. Check for faulty locks on doors or windows; replace them if necessary, even in your garage.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

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

32 entries in November
44 entries in October

Fifteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Sixteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; five were committed at night, and eleven at an unknown time.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

97 reported in November
112 reported in October

GRAND THEFT AUTO

37 reported in November
31 reported in October

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 465-1 RD 466-1
RD 476-1

Streets: Fleet Ln., Sunstar Cir., and Vacation Ln.

In RD 465, suspect vehicle was described as a late 80's hatchback primer gray with matte black driver's side door.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 464-1 RD 476-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 466-1 RD 467-1
RD 476-1

BEAT 3

0 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None Reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 444-1 RD 445-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 447-1

BEAT 4

6 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 432-1 RD 442-2
RD 452-1 RD 453-1
RD 462-1

Streets: Alabama, Oswego, Hartford, Huntington St., Florida and Reilly

In RD 442, Oswego: Police were given a surveillance video of suspect riding off on a stolen bike. In RD 442, Florida: the suspect tried to pry open the door and drilled a hole into the frame. When the suspect opened the door the audible alarm activated and the suspect left the location without gaining entry.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 432-3 RD 443-1
RD 462-1 RD 463-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 432-1 RD 442-2
RD 462-2

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 425-1 RD 435-1

Streets: Sherry Cir. and Gloucester Ln.

In RD 435, the suspect entered via an opened/ unlocked dog door.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 436-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 426-1 RD 436-1

BEAT 6

6 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 339-1 RD 349-1
RD 441-2 RD 451-2

Streets: Presidente Dr., 16th St., Main St., Crest Ave., and Lake St.

In RD 349: Suspect may be known by victim.

In RD 441, Main St: It was apparent suspect(s) slept in an upstairs bedroom, and used the shower.

In RD 441, Crest Ave.: Suspect was described as male, Hispanic, height 6', approximately 300 lbs., short dark hair, wearing a light colored shirt and tan shorts. Driver was described as female, Hispanic, driving a champagne colored Honda 4-door sedan.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 348-1 RD 349-2
RD 359-2 RD 451-5

Grand Theft Auto
RD 348-1 RD 359-2
RD 461-1

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 293-1 RD 411-1
RD 413-1

Streets: Basin Cir., Sherwood Ln., and Libra Cir.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 7, continued

In RD 411: The suspect was described as male, white, in his 40's, approximately 180 lbs. Vehicle was a newer silver colored Chevy Malibu.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 291-2 RD 292-1
RD 293-1 RD 412-2
RD 413-1 RD 422-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 421-1 RD 423-1

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 176-1 RD 178-1
RD 179-1

Streets: Newquist Ln, Santa Ynez Dr., and Jepsen Cir.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176-3 RD 177-2
RD 179-1 RD 187-2
RD 189-1 RD 198-1

Grand Theft Auto

None Reported

BEAT 9

3 Residential Burglaries
22 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 273-2

Streets: Bryant Dr., Stanley Walk, and Windy Sands Ct.

Two were garage entries

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-3 RD 264-1
RD 271-1 RD 273-7
RD 282-9 RD 283-1

In RD 273 all 7 vehicle burglaries occurred at approximately the same day and time.

Grand Theft Auto

RD 282-1

BEAT 10

1 Residential Burglary
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 165-1

Street: Rudder Dr.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 162-1 RD 163-1
RD 164-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 164-1 RD 165-2

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
7 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 158-1

Street: Normandy Ln

In RD 158: Suspects forced front door open. Victims hid-out in a locked bedroom. Suspect vehicle was described as a dark green or blue Subaru/Suzuki/SUV type vehicle. Suspects were described as 3 males, black, 20-30 years old, and one female, black, height 5'5", weight approximately 185 lbs., also between 20 and 30 years old.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158-3 RD 168-2
RD 169-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 169-1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 149-2

Streets: Red Coach Dr. and Glen Dr.

In RD 149, Red Coach Dr.: Suspects smashed a sliding glass door to gain entry.

In RD 149, Glen Dr.: suspects pried open a front window.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 136-3 RD 137-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 136-1 RD 137-2

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
22 Vehicle Burglaries
12 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 252-2

Streets: Macdonald Ave., and Starr

In RD 252, Macdonald Av.: 3 male suspects attempted to gain entry through a front door but are not successful and flee.

In RD 252, Starr: suspects remove items from an unlocked vehicle in an unlocked garage.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241-2 RD 242-1
RD 251-5 RD 252-1
RD 253-2 RD 261-6
RD 262-5

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-4 RD 242-4
RD 252-2 RD 253-1
RD 261-1

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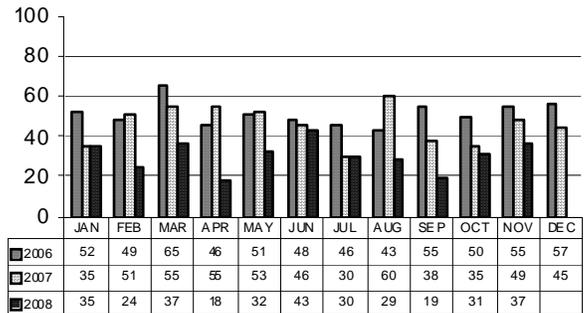
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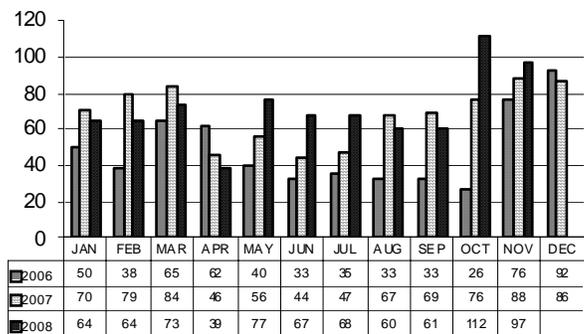
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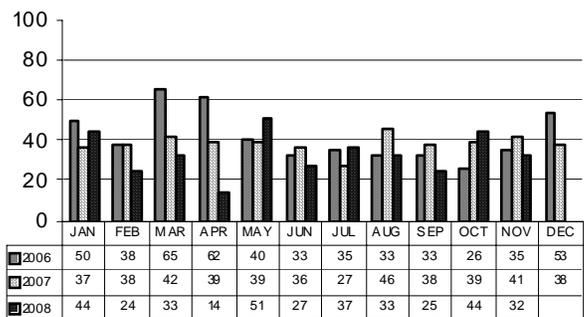
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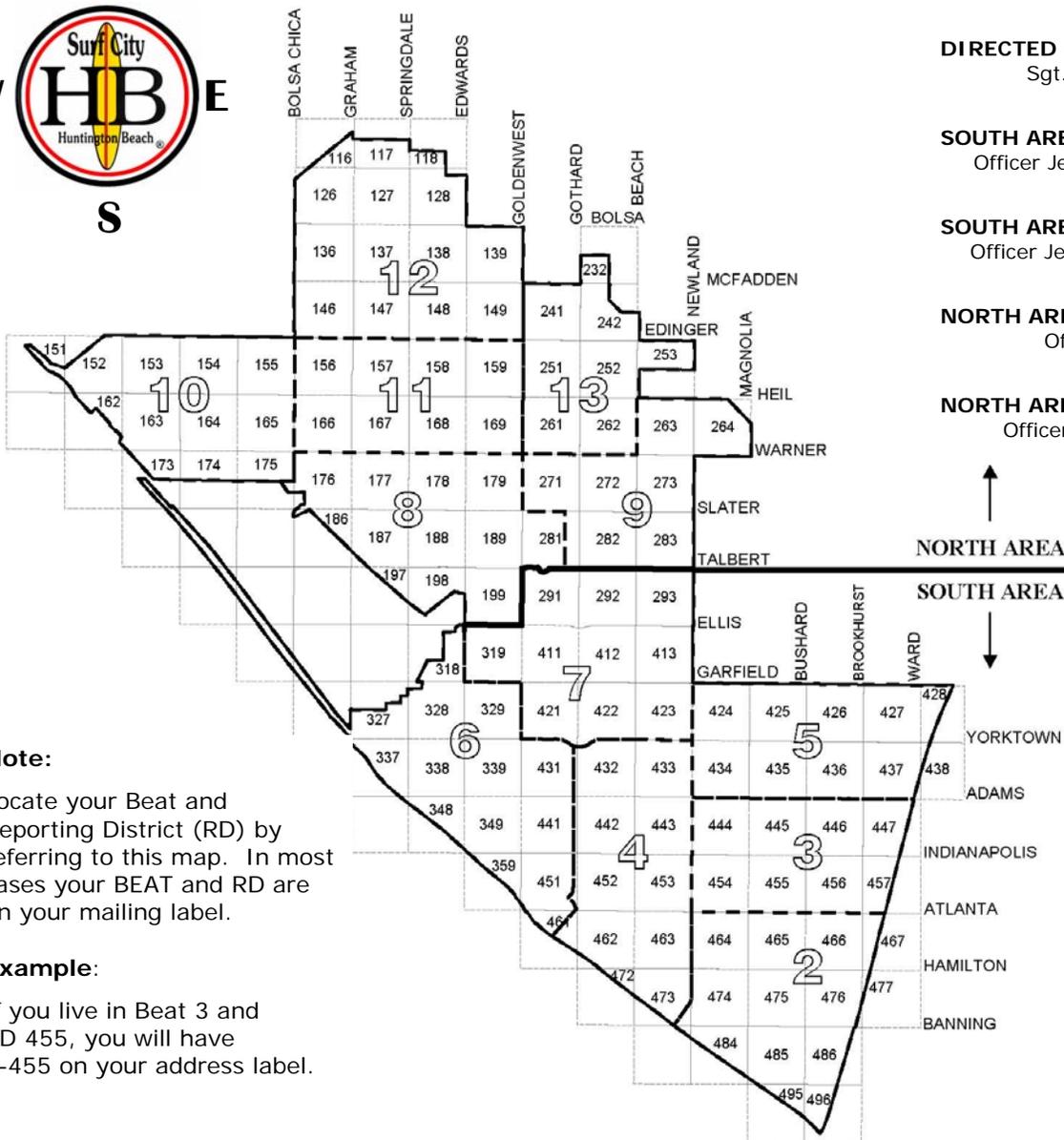
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The optimist is often as wrong as the pessimist --- but he has more fun!



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