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NOVEMBER DONATION 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 \$25,000 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. From the start of our fiscal year to now, we have received **\$6,330.33 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$18,669.67 to go** by June 30, 2011. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$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 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:

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**HOLIDAY
SAFETY
TIPS**



On behalf of the Huntington Beach Police Department and the HB Neighborhood Watch Program, we would like to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, and Joyous Holiday Season.

Even though this is a special time of celebration and good cheer for many it is also a time when thieves may strike to make you a victim of a burglary, robbery, scam, auto theft, etc. Here are a few helpful reminders that can help prevent you from being their target this holiday season:

- Don't display gifts under your tree in view of your windows or doors.
- Be extra careful about locking all doors and windows (even a bathroom window) when you leave your home, even if you just plan on being gone a couple of minutes.
- Use automatic timers, dusk to dawn light sensors, motion sensors, etc. for outside and inside lights and radios. These should be used all the time; not just when you are away.
- Don't advertise all the new items you received for Christmas. Break the package boxes down and place them **inside** your trash bin.
- Mark all your new items with your California Driver's License or I.D. number.
- **Do not open your door for strangers;** ask for proper identification. When in doubt, call the group they say they represent to verify before giving out any personal information.

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Holiday Safety Tips

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- Do not give out personal information over the telephone unless you know for sure who you are talking with. Tell the caller you will call them back; then look up the telephone number and return the call. Do not use any telephone number they give you that can be part of the scam
- Share these helpful hints with everyone in your household.

Remember, joining the Neighborhood Watch program with your neighbors may be the best deterrent. To arrange a meeting call 714-536-5933.



Important Notice Dec. 25, 2010 to Jan. 3, 2011

The Huntington Beach City Council voted last month to give all non-essential employees furlough days between December 25th, 2010 and January 3rd, 2011 due to budget constraints.

We regret any inconvenience this may create for you because City Hall and the Police Department will be closed during this time except for emergency services. You will not be able to pick up a copy of a police report, pay fines in the traffic office, or conduct miscellaneous business in City Hall (i.e. sign up for community services programs etc.).

Many people make plans to go out of town and depend on the HBPD RSVP's to conduct vacation house checks. Unfortunately, we **will NOT** be able to provide this service during this time period. Likewise, RSVP's and VIPS will not be available to work at substations, remove illegal signs, work in the main station, etc.

Please make arrangements to pick up any information you need ahead of time and tell your family and friends about the closure so they will be aware and are not inconvenienced.

Our Volunteer organizations **will resume all duties as of January 3, 2011**. Please make arrangements with a neighbor or family member to check on your home, pick up your mail, etc. during this time if you are out of town.

Remember, it's your responsibility to harden the target for criminals. Make your home look lived in when you're away.



Holiday Shopping Safety



Lock your car and make sure all the windows are closed.

Park in well lit areas, as close to store entrances as possible. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.

Do not leave packages inside your vehicle or other items such as GPS holders, backpacks (the criminal may think it contains something of value), etc. Lock items in the trunk before you arrive at your destination when possible.

If you must shop in the evening, try to shop with a friend. There is always safety in numbers.

Do not overload yourself with packages.

Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry or flash large sums of cash.

Carry your purse tucked under your arm or close to your body in front of you. Men should carry their wallets in front or use an inside pocket. Women can carry their credit cards and cash in an inside pocket.

Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages. Stay off your cell phone when walking to your vehicle.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall. (Explain to your small children that the store clerk is the person behind the cash register.)

Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.

If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well lit place, or inside a store.

If you feel uncomfortable walking to your vehicle alone, ask someone from the store security office to provide an escort. Listen to your sixth sense.

If you are the victim of a crime, report it to police immediately.



A joyous occasion is never quite as wonderful as when it becomes a memory.

~Jimmy Carter

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

(San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control)



- ❖ If you plan on having a Christmas tree in your home there are a few things that you should remember. For instance, tinsel should be avoided because your pet may think that it is a toy to play with and may accidentally swallow and choke on the tiny strings. In addition, do not decorate your tree with popcorn or other food items and remove all edible gifts from under the tree. You should also try to keep small and breakable ornaments out of your pets' reach. Do not place chemicals in your tree's water. It may keep your tree fresh longer, but it can prove very harmful to your pets. Do not allow your pet to drink the tree's water because it can get dirty very quickly. Also, many pine needles fall into the water. A tight-fitting tree skirt over the tree stand may help to prevent this. Always make sure your pet has plenty of fresh water in his/her own dish at all times.
- ❖ Electric window displays and lights are very inviting, not only to you and your neighborhood, but to your curious pets as well. Make sure that all of your electrical connections and outlets are secured and concealed. Tape electrical cords to the walls or floors to ensure that your pet will not chew on them.
- ❖ Never hang edible treats such as stockings filled with chocolates and other candies in dangerous places such as near a fireplace or on a Christmas tree.
- ❖ Holiday plants such as poinsettias, amaryllis, mistletoe, and holly may add beauty to your home, but they are very poisonous to your pets. If these plants are ingested, they may cause vomiting, diarrhea, or even more serious problems. If you purchase these items for your home, please make sure that they are out of your pet's reach.
- ❖ Before your family celebrations, make sure that your pets have a safe, quiet area where they can rest. It is best to keep your pet locked up safely in a bedroom where they can escape from all the noise and festivities. If your pet enjoys having company come over, just make sure they do not become too overwhelmed. They need quiet time to rest and relax just like you do.
- ❖ After you have had your fill of holiday turkey, ham, chicken, and /or roast beef, make sure you

throw all the bones away – do not give them to your pet! You might think that you are giving them a treat, but actually you may be threatening their health. Bones can splinter easily and cause damage to your pet's throat and intestines. Bones can also become lodged in your pet's throat, which may result in your pet not being able to breathe.

- ❖ You should also avoid feeding your pet chocolate, candy, and cookies, which can be toxic to their health. Feeding your pet these products can result in extreme vomiting and can make your pet very sick. If you want to give your pet a special treat then try changing the way you feed them their regular pet food. Adding water or broth to dry food or mixing in canned food makes a great treat and it is much healthier for your pet. Do not feed your pet high-fat foods, such as gravy and dressing, which can cause serious stomach upsets. You should make sure that your guests know not to feed your pet as well.
- ❖ After your gifts are opened, quickly dispose of all plastic wrappings, ribbons, and bows that can be easily swallowed by curious pets.
- ❖ Perhaps most importantly, make sure that all of your pets have proper I.D. tags on at all times. If your pet were to become lost, you would have a much greater chance of finding them if they have identification.



Christmas Trees



- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it indicates the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches, and do not break when bent between your fingers. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

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

31 entries Oct. 16 – Nov. 15

38 entries Sept. 16 – Oct. 15

Twelve of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Fourteen of these burglaries were committed during the day, six were committed at night, and eleven were committed at an unknown time.

There were four garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

41 reported Oct. 16 - Nov. 15

50 reported Sept. 16 – Oct. 15

GRAND THEFT AUTO

29 reported Oct. 16 - Nov. 15

27 reported Sept. 16 – Oct. 15

BEAT 2

1 Residential Burglary

1 Vehicle Burglary

0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 467-1

Streets: Brookhurst St.

In RD 467, Brookhurst St.; Suspect(s) is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 476-1

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 3

0 Residential Burglaries

0 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None reported

Vehicle Burglaries

None reported

Grand Theft Auto

RD 454-1

BEAT 4

10 Residential Burglaries

6 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 432-5 RD 442-1

RD 443-1 RD 452-2

RD 463-1

Streets: Utica Ave., Alabama St., Florida St., Delaware St., Wichita Ave., Sandglass Dr., Bridgepoint Dr., Elmira Ave., and Windchild Ln.

In RD 432, Delaware St.; Suspect is in custody.

In RD 452, Delaware St.; Suspect cut the screen from an open window which allowed him/her to reach in and remove items from a kitchen table. There was a similar burglary within one block of this residence. In RD 452, Elmira Ave.; It appears an unknown suspect entered the residence through a slightly opened bedroom window.

There were two garage burglaries

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432-1 RD 452-1

RD 462-1 RD 463-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 462-2

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries

3 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 436-1 RD 437-1

Streets: Tibbett Ln. and Ramsgate Ln.

In RD 436, Tibbett Ln.; Unknown suspect enters through an open garage door and removes 2 bicycles. Suspect described as male, Hispanic, in his 30's, brown eyes, short spiked brown hair, dark complexion, height approximately 5'8", and weight approximately 140 lbs., thin build. He was wearing a black t-shirt, blue jeans, and white tennis shoes. Vehicle description: 90's Chevy, Silverado with extra cab, silver in color, lowered, Bondo patch on driver's rear side of bed.

In RD 437, Ramsgate Ln.; Suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425-1 RD 436-1

RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 437-1

BEAT 6

3 Residential Burglaries

2 Vehicle Burglaries

5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 349-1 RD 441-1

RD 451-1

Streets: 11th St., 12th St., and 17th St.

In RD 441, 12th St.; Suspect is possible known.

In RD 451, 11th St.; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 348-1 RD 349-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 359-1 RD 451-3

RD 461-1

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries

8 Vehicle Burglaries

0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 411-1 RD 413-1

RD 421-1

Streets: Sinclair Ln., Garfield Ave., and Allegra Ln.

In RD 411, Sinclair Ln.; Suspect used a paint canister to shatter the glass on the rear patio door.

In RD 413, Garfield Ave., Unknown suspect(s) manipulated the sliding glass door by lifting it off the track to enter.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292-1 RD 293-2

RD 412-3 RD 413-2

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 176-1 RD 179-1
RD 187-1

Streets: El Dorado Dr., Warner Ave., and Brighton Dr.

In RD 179, Warner Ave.; Suspect(s) did not enter.

In RD 187 Brighton Dr.; Suspect(s) is possibly known.

There was one attempted burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 179-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 176-2 RD 179-2

BEAT 9

0 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 263-1 RD 272-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 273-1 RD 283-1

BEAT 10

5 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 151-1 RD 164-1
RD 165-2 RD 175-1

Streets: Mariner Dr., Algonquin St., Sims Ln., Lago Dr., and Bolsa Chica St.

In RD 151, Mariner Dr.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 164, Algonquin St.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 165, Sims Ln.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 165, Lago Dr.; Suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151-1 RD 153-2
RD 155-1 RD 165-3

Grand Theft Auto
RD 162-1 RD 164-1
RD 165-1

BEAT 11

0 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 169-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 156-1

BEAT 12
0 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 118-1 RD 138-1
RD 148-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 126-1 RD 146-1
RD 147-1

BEAT 13

4 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 252-1 RD 253-2
RD 262-1

Streets: Parkside Ln., San Angelo Dr., Edinger Ave., and Viewpoint Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 242-3 RD 252-1
RD 262-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 242-1 RD 251-1
RD 252-3 RD 253-1
RD 263-1

In RD 252, two motorcycles were recovered.

What is the best crime prevention tool?

A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL OR VEHICLE BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. REMEMBER, THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL NILDA PATIÑO de BERNDT, HBPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST AT (714) 536-5933.

FREE VACATION HOUSE CHECKS AVAILABLE

Do you wonder whom you should call to check on your home when you're going to be away for an extended period of time?

Well first you might want to ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home for you. Then you should call *The Huntington Beach Police Department Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for a vacation house check.*

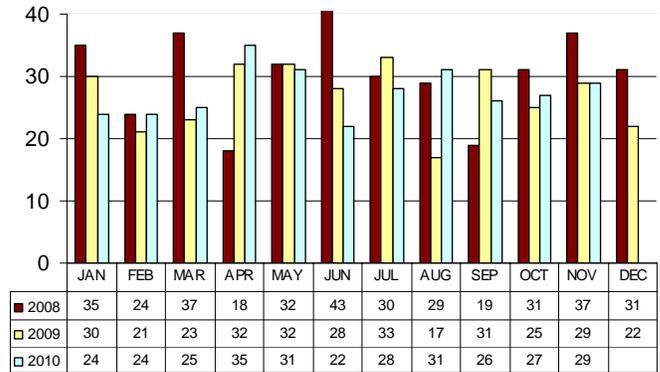
There's absolutely NO fee for this service and it's easy to sign up. You may call the HBPD RSVP office at 714-374-1507 to complete the form over the phone or you can check out the HBPD web page at www.hbpd.org and click on "Vacation House Check". Please allow at least 1 week notice before you leave on your trip.

We're waiting to hear from you!

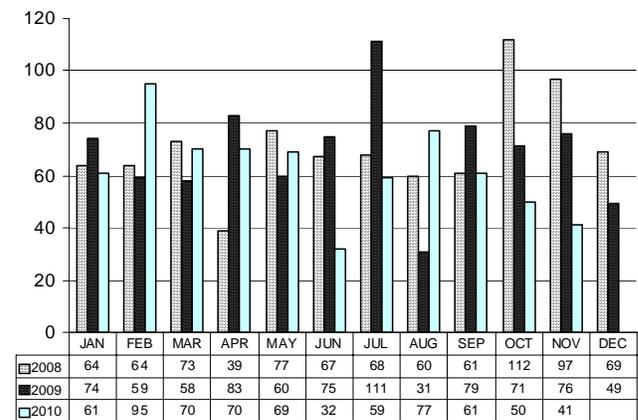
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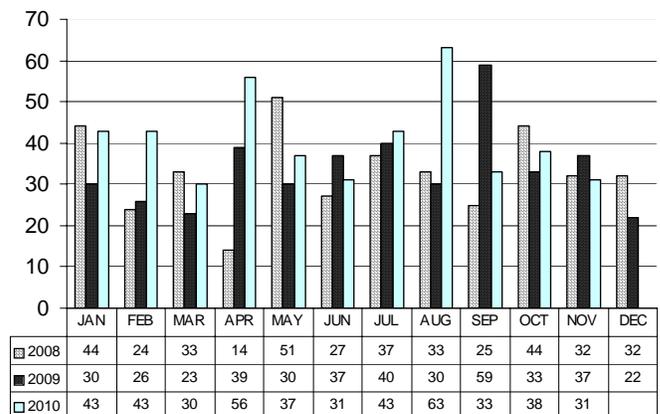
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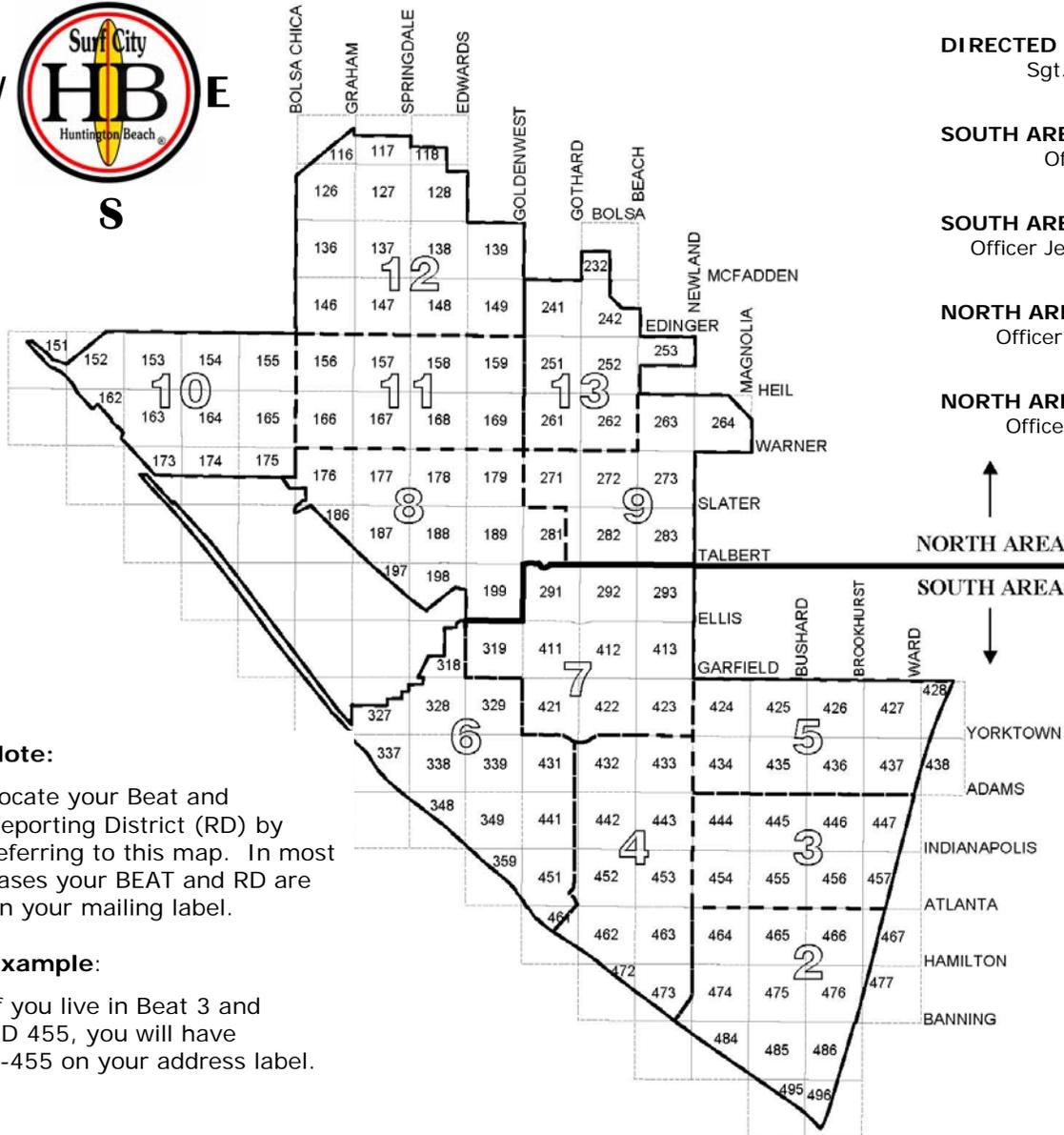
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Note:

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

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