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FEBRUARY DONATION UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch (HBNW) **Fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30. For this fiscal year, which began 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 December 31 2008, we have received **\$10,666 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$14,334 to go.** The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. 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.

As a citizen of the city, we encourage you to review the budget and expenses of this program. Please contact Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, to review the financial reports.

If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

HB Neighborhood Watch

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If you would like to volunteer as a Neighborhood Watch Board Member or assist with our newsletter assembly, please call the Police Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933.



**CHARITY
RAFFLES
AND
GAMBLING
LAWS**

Raffles

In California, charities and certain other private nonprofit organizations may conduct raffles to raise funds for beneficial or charitable purposes in the state. This exception to the general prohibition against lotteries requires that at least 90 percent of the gross receipts from these raffles go directly to beneficial or charitable purposes in California. (Business And Professions Code 19986) Unless specifically exempted, **a nonprofit organization must register** (continued on page 2)

**CHARITY RAFFLES
AND GAMBLING
LAWS, cont.**



with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts prior to conducting the raffle and file financial disclosure reports on each raffle event. What organizations qualify and how the raffles must be conducted can be located on the Department of Justice web page: <http://ag.ca.gov/charities/raffles.php>

**Law For Charity "Poker Night"
Fundraisers**

Beginning January 1, 2007, a California law (Business And Professions Code 19986) allows eligible nonprofit organizations that have been in existence for at least three years and registered with the Division of Gambling Control to hold "charity poker night" fundraisers. The controlled games allowed at these fundraisers are specified in California Penal Code (CPC) section 337j(e)(1) as "any poker or Pai Gow game, and any other game played with cards or tiles, or both, and approved by the Division of Gambling Control, and any game of chance, including any gambling device, played for currency, check, credit, or any other thing of value that is not prohibited and made unlawful by statute or local ordinance."

Enforcement

The Huntington Beach Police Department investigates and enforces all violations of applicable laws involving suppliers, people, charities, event hosts, and facilities involved. Violations are criminal offenses punishable by fine and/or jail.

Gambling Control Act

The new law does not allow the use of slot machines or Internet gaming for fundraising purposes. In addition, prohibited games under California Penal Code 330-any game of faro, monte, roulette, lansquenet, rouge et noire, rondo, tan, fan-tan, seven and- a-half, twenty-one (Blackjack), hokey-pokey, or any banking or percentage game played with cards, dice (craps), or any device, for money, checks, credit, or other representative of value.

Registration forms for both nonprofit organization fundraisers using controlled games and suppliers of

gambling equipment and/or services for such fundraisers can be provided by web page, e-mail or fax, please call 916-263-5380.

For poker night information, applications, and forms contact the Department of Justice web site:

<http://ag.ca.gov/gambling/>

For more raffle information, applications, and forms contact the Department of Justice website:

<http://ag.ca.gov/charities/raffles.php>

For more information contact the Huntington Beach Police Department Special Investigation Bureau- Vice Unit: 714-536-5991

**Most Stolen Cars in
Huntington Beach...
and other Facts...**



By D. Weaver, Auto Theft Unit

A total of 406 auto thefts were reported in the year 2008, compared to 514 auto thefts reported in 2007. A decrease of 21% was reported this year.

**THE MOST STOLEN VEHICLE IN
HUNTINGTON BEACH IN THE YEAR 2008 –
FORD**

There were 170 cars stolen in Huntington Beach in the year 2008. The top five cars stolen in the year 2008 were:

- 1) HONDA
- 2) TOYOTA
- 3) NISSAN
- 4) CHEVROLET
- 5) FORD

There were 160 trucks stolen in Huntington Beach in the year 2008. (This total includes SUV's and vans) The top trucks stolen in 2008 were:

- 1) CHEVROLET/GMC
- 2) FORD
- 3) TOYOTA

There were 54 motorcycles stolen in Huntington Beach in the year 2008. The top motorcycles stolen were:

- 1) SUZUKI
- 2) YAMAHA
- 3) HONDA

**TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES RECOVERED IN
HUNTINGTON BEACH IN 2008: 170**



STREET
SMARTS
FOR BUSY
PEOPLE



You cashed your paycheck and decided to go shopping for your son’s birthday party. You’re juggling two large shopping bags and worrying about all the other things you still need to do before the party. You suddenly feel someone shove you in a crowded store. One of your bags slips, and in a couple of seconds your purse is gone.

The building is almost empty by the time you’re packed up and ready to leave. You don’t want to take the time or bother to call the security guard to walk you to the parking lot even though it’s dark. You’re searching for your keys when a man with a knife grabs you and drags you into a car.

COULD YOU PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

You can never guarantee that you will never be the victim of a crime but you sure can do a great deal to reduce your risk of becoming a victim. The most effective weapons against crime are common sense, alertness, and a few basic precautions.

ELEMENTARY STREET SENSE

- Wherever you are, stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Don’t daydream.
- Communicate the message that you’re calm, confident, and know where you’re going. Stand tall, walk purposefully, and make quick eye contact with people around you.
- Stick to well lighted busy streets. Stay on the part of the sidewalk that is farthest away from shrubs, dark doorways, and alleys where people can hide.
- If you walk at night consistently vary your routes.
- Walk with a companion whenever possible.
- If you work late, arrange to leave with a co-worker or be accompanied by a security guard. Make sure your car is parked as close to the entrance as possible or move it to a safe spot in the late afternoon when people are leaving.
- Keep your car locked and check the back seat and floor before getting in.

- Don’t overload yourself with packages and don’t wear shoes or clothing that restricts your movement.
- Avoid displaying large amounts of cash or other tempting targets such as jewelry or expensive clothing.



**KNOW WHAT THE BEST
CRIME DETERENT IS?
A GOOD NEIGHBOR
JOIN THE TEAM!**

We need your assistance to keep your community safe! Learn crime prevention techniques, become pro-active, learn the proper way to report criminal activity and assist the Police Department in keeping Huntington Beach one of the safest cities in the nation.

Do you enjoy talking with people and meeting your neighbors? Have you ever thought about volunteering but didn’t know how?

The HB Neighborhood Watch Program is looking for Board Members, Speakers, and Newsletter Assembly helpers. We need a large assortment of talents and skills to keep current and meet the needs of our diverse community.

The HBNW Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the HB Police Department Detective Bureau Conference Room.

The Newsletter Assembly helps meet the 2nd Thursday of each month usually in Training Room A (please call to confirm).

For more information please contact Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933.

***We’re looking
for YOU!***



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

30 entries in January
32 entries in December

Nine of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Five of these burglaries were committed during the day; Eleven were committed at night, and thirteen at an unknown time.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

74 reported in January
69 reported in December

GRAND THEFT AUTO

30 reported in January
31 reported in December

BEAT 2

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 476-1 RD 486-1

Streets: Brookhurst St., and Allison Cr.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 464-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 3

1 Residential Burglary
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 446-1

Streets: Castlerock Cr.

RD-446 Attempt. Suspect did not gain entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 455-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 446-1

BEAT 4

5 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 433-1 RD 462-2
RD 463-1 RD 473-1

Streets: Edgewood Ln, Seabreeze Dr., Huntington St., Wildwood Dr., and Newland St.

In RD 433, Suspect in custody and property returned to owner.
In RD 462 – Seabreeze Dr., property was taken from unlocked vehicles parked inside the garage.
In RD 463 – Suspect(s) entered an unlocked garage.
In RD 473, Suspect knocked on door and tell resident he is a neighbor to gain entry. He distracts victim while 2nd suspect gains entry. Suspect description; Suspect #1; male – White or Hispanic, 18 to 25 years old, short black hair, clothing blue baggy jeans, black shoes, and unshaven. Suspect #2; male, White or Hispanic, 18 – 25 years old, 5'8" to 6'3" height, clothing light grey or blue baggy pants, and a white surgical mask. No further details.

There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 432-1 RD 433-1
RD 443-3 RD 452-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 452-1 RD 453-1

BEAT 5

0 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 436-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 436-1

BEAT 6

3 Residential Burglaries
19 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 348-1 RD 359-1
RD 451-1

Streets: Beachview and Pacific Coast Highway

In RD 348: Suspect gained entry through an opened garage door which led to an opened house door. Victims were home when crime occurred. Four suspects are in custody.
In RD 451; Suspects fled when they victims call out a friends name.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 329-1 RD 348-5
RD 349-4 RD 359-4
RD 451-5

Grand Theft Auto
RD 349-1 RD 359-2
RD 451-2 RD 461-1

BEAT 7

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 411-1 RD 412-1

Streets: Desmond Ln., and Shaffer Cr

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 7, continued

In RD 411: Suspect in custody and property returned to owner.

There was one garage entry

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 293-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 421-2 RD 422-1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 178-1 RD 188-1

Streets: Warner Ave., and Wintergreen Dr.

In RD 178; Victim thinks suspect is known

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 177-1 RD 178-1
RD 188-1 RD 281-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 178-1 RD 281-1

BEAT 9

6 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 272-1 RD 282-3
RD 283-2

Streets: Cypress Ave., Newman Ave., Liberty Ave., Van Buren St., Forest Ln.

In RD 282 Liberty Ave.; Entry was made through a 2nd story balcony sliding glass door.

In RD 283; Attempt, suspects did not gain entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 272-3 RD282-3
RD 273-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 263-2 RD 272-1
RD 273-2

BEAT 10

4 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 151-1 RD 155-1
RD 163-1 RD 175-1

Street: Mariner Dr., Camino Canada, Gilbert Dr., and Bolsa Chica

In RD 155; A surfboard is taken.

In RD 175; Suspect(s) remove the lock from a storage closet to gain entry. Victim said this is the 2nd time in 6 months this has occurred but they did not report it the first time.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 155-1 RD 163-1
RD 164-3 RD 165-1
RD 173-1 RD 174-1
RD 175-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 11

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 157-1 RD 169-1

Street: Springdale St and Marilyn Dr.

In RD 157; Attempt, suspects did not gain entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 157-1 RD 168-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 158-1

BEAT 12

1 Residential Burglary
5 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 149-1

Streets: Retherford Dr.

In RD 149, Victim believes suspect is known

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 139-2 RD 147-1
RD 148-1 RD 149-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 126-1

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
18 Vehicle Burglaries
8 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 262-2

Streets: Viewpoint Ln., and Rhone Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 242-6 RD 252-3
RD 253-6 RD 262-3

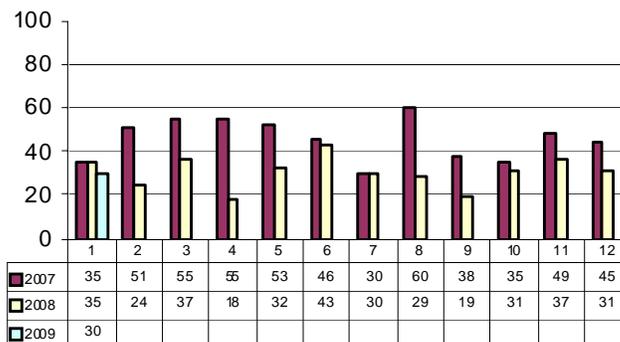
Grand Theft Auto
RD 241-1 RD 242-5
RD 262-2

IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING ESPECIALLY IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, OR IF YOU KNOW ABOUT A VEHICLE BURGLARY ON YOUR STREET. REMEMBER THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE HYPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST AT (714) 536-5933.

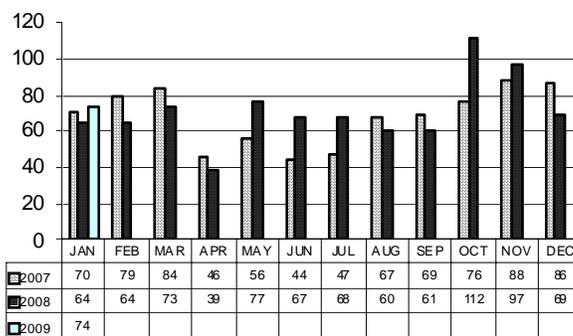
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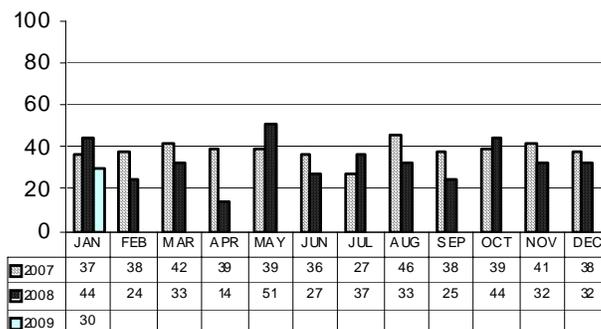
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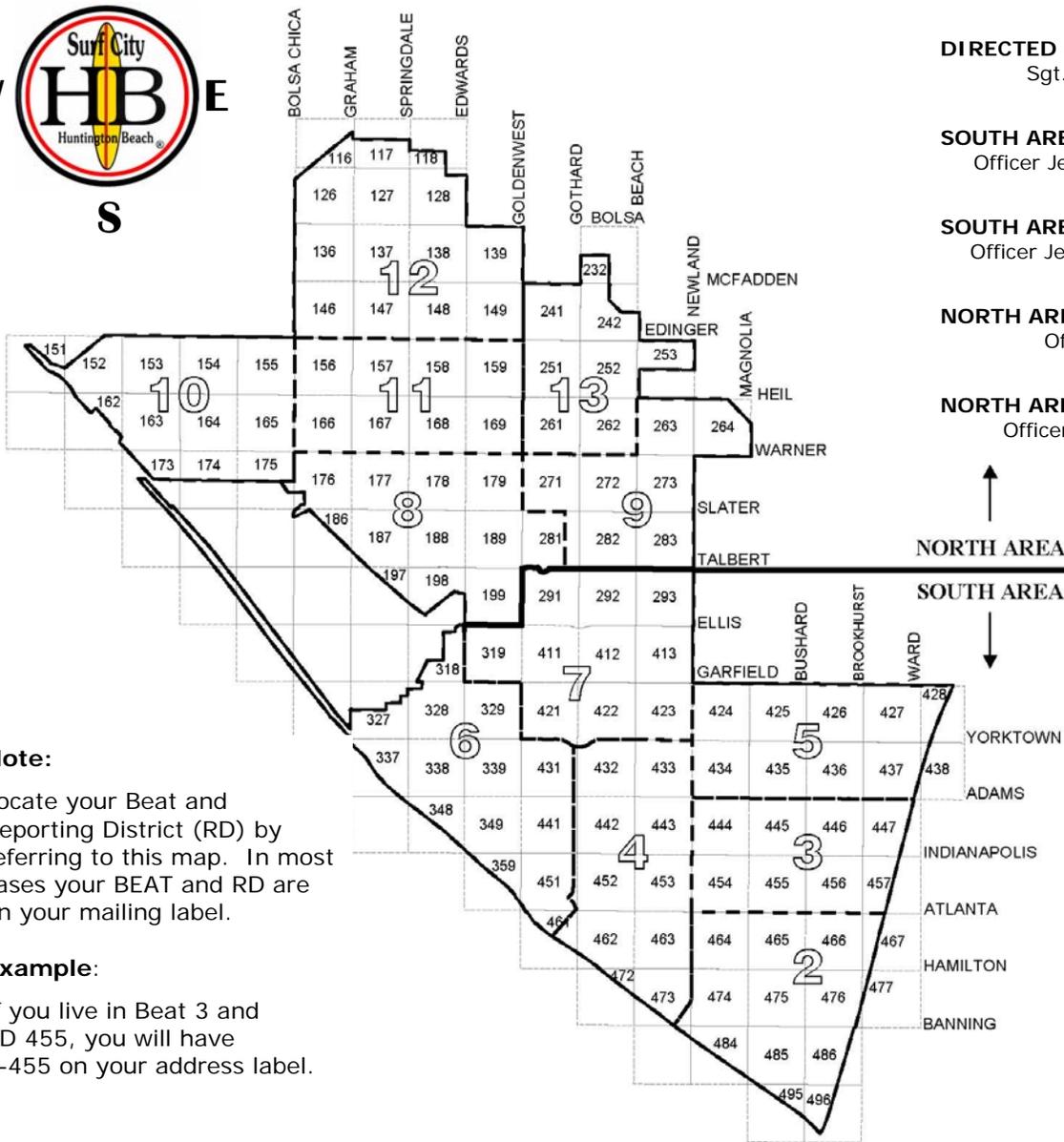
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There is a remedy to everything except death

If I can't do Great Things --- I can do small things in a Great Way

Better to have someone say well done, than well said

Good counselors lack no clients



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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