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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 \$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 **\$16,414 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we still have \$8,586 to go** by June 30 2010. 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 citizen 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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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.

**NEVER LEAVE
YOUR CHILD ALONE
IN THE CAR!**

(Dept of GeoSciences, San Francisco State University)



Here are some hints when travelling with children:

- ❖ Never leave a child in an unattended car, even with the windows down
- ❖ Be sure that all occupants leave the vehicle when unloading. Don't overlook sleeping babies.
- ❖ Always lock your car. If a child is missing check the car first, including the trunk. Teach your child that vehicles **are never to be used as a play area.**
- ❖ Keep a stuffed animal in the car seat and when the child is put in the seat place the animal in the front with the driver.
- ❖ Place your purse or briefcase in the back seat as a reminder you have your child in the car.
- ❖ Make "look before you leave" a routine whenever you get out of the car.
- ❖ Have a plan that your childcare provider will call you if your child does not show up for school.

Children left in vehicles can die of hypothermia:

- ❖ Total number of hyperthermia deaths of children left in cars, 1998 – 2009: 444+
- ❖ Average annual number of hyperthermia deaths of children in cars, 1998 – 2009: 37
- ❖ Heatstroke occurs when the body core temperature reaches 104 degrees F.

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[Never Leave Your Child Alone](#)

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- ❖ A body core temperature of 107 degrees F is usually fatal!
- ❖ A Child's body warms 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's.

[Protect Your Child From Drowning With These Simple Pool Safety Tips](#)

From [Dipika Mirpuri](#), former About.com Guide

Drowning is one of the major causes of accidents resulting in serious injury and death in children. Parents should not be fooled into thinking that their child is safe just because he/she knows how to swim. In a lot of these cases accidents happened even though the child knew how to swim. Accidents in the swimming pool can happen very suddenly without warning. It is very important that all parents follow these basic safety precautions especially if there is a swimming pool at home.

1. Never allow your youngster to swim alone without any adult supervision. It is quite common to develop a cramp underwater, or for accidents like hitting your head while diving for example, to occur. It is paramount that there should be persons around to help in such situations.
2. Do not allow children with no knowledge of swimming in or around the pool. For good pool safety make sure that all kids above the age of 4 attend a certified swimming class, or at least learn basic flotation techniques and life saving techniques in case of accidents. Children younger than 4 should always be accompanied by their parents in the pool.
3. Enclose your pool with high fences, which can be locked. Do not leave the pool open and accessible since children can fall in. Keep your pool safe, and keep your kids away from the poolside.
4. Avoid leaving your kids alone even with small portable pools or water bodies like buckets, fountains, and barrels. There is always a danger of drowning occurring even in small bodies of water.
5. In case of a backyard swimming pool, make

sure that the cover of the pool is completely lifted over the pool. Do not partially open the pool. Also make sure that your child does not walk over the pool cover.

6. Spas and Hot Tubs must also be avoided, especially in the case of younger children who are susceptible to overheating.
7. For good pool safety, you can make sure that there is always a life saving floatation device handy near the pool. Also, every parent should be conversant in basic CPR techniques in case of any accident.
8. The last, but not the least, to ensure swimming pool safety, is to be observant. Watch what your kids are up to, and supervise their activities. Do not leave them alone.



We are presently accepting applications for advertisements in our HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter. The space available is approximately 4 ½" (length) x 3" (height).

Your advertisement will be located on the bottom of page 7 of our newsletter.

You will need to submit your advertisement in PDF format and we will request that you make a 6 month commitment.

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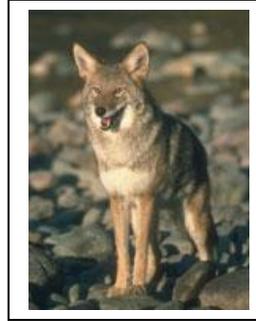
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Safe Jogging Tips (Just Yell Fire)

- ✓ Know your running route. Be familiar with your surroundings.
- ✓ Avoid running in the early morning or at night
- ✓ If you must run in the early morning or evening try to run with a group or a partner and be sure to run in well lit areas.
- ✓ Be aware of the terrain. Watch for cracks and potholes in the sidewalk and road. This may sound simple but you don't want to fall and be vulnerable while running.
- ✓ Always bring a form of identification in a pocket or in your running shoes.
- ✓ Bring enough money for a phone call or a cab ride.
- ✓ Carry a cell phone with you. There are many stylish and fun arm and wrist bands with zipper pockets that can hold a cell phone.
- ✓ Be sure to always inform your parents, friend, or spouse if you are going for a jog. Be sure that there is always someone to receive a call in case you have an emergency or need assistance.
- ✓ Wear reflective clothing and dress in a way that protects your safety. Unfortunately, we do live in a society where wearing revealing shorts and sports bra may increase your likelihood of being noticed by a predator.
- ✓ Know your routes, but don't take the same route at the same time everyday. Vary the routes so that your running routine is not too obvious. Stalkers and predators are more likely to attack when they know your routine.
- ✓ We all love to run with music, but try to avoid wearing head sets while running alone. Not only can you not hear the cars coming up behind you, but you also can't hear a person running behind you. If you must listen to music, wear the headphones in only one ear.
- ✓ Find a reliable running buddy and look out for one another.

Important Reminder (2nd Printing)



Feeding Wildlife is Dead Wrong

Wild animals are in trouble, and the problem is people who are careless with food and trash.
(CA Dept of Fish and Game)

Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. They are by nature fearful of humans. If coyotes have access to human food and garbage, their behavior changes. They lose caution and fear. They may cause property damage. They might threaten human safety. They might be killed. Relocating a problem coyote is not an option because it only moves the problem to someone else's neighborhood. Help prevent deadly conflicts for these beautiful wild animals.

- ❖ Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes. The result may be deadly conflicts with pets or livestock, or serious injuries to small children.
- ❖ Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- ❖ Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- ❖ Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- ❖ Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring, when feeding and protecting their young.
- ❖ If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.
- ❖ If a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the nearest Department of Fish and Game or law enforcement office.
- ❖ Put trash in tight containers that can't be tipped over.
- ❖ Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.
- ❖ Bring pets in at night, and do not leave pet food outside.
- ❖ Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- ❖ Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, etc.
- ❖ Ask your neighbors to follow these tips.
- ❖ Please respect and protect wild animals. Keep them wild.

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 May 15 - June 15

37 entries April 15 - May 15

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

There were nine garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

32 reported May 15 - June 15

69 reported April 15 - May 15

GRAND THEFT AUTO

22 reported May 15 - June 15

31 reported April 15 - May 15

BEAT 2

**3 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 466-1 RD 475 -1
RD 486**

Streets: Strathmoor Ln, Malibu Ln., and Melinde Cr.

In RD 466, Strathmoor Ln; The outside door that leads into the garage may have been unlocked. Once inside the garage the interior door that leads from the garage to the interior of the house was also left unlocked. This perhaps, was the point of entry and exit.

In RD 475, Malibu Ln; suspect possible entered via an unlocked doggie door (2' by 1 1/2") that leads into the attached garage. The door that leads from the garage

into the house was unlocked allowing the suspect to gain entry. In RD 486, Melinde Cr.; the suspect was described as, male, white, late 20's, height 5.7", weight 150 lbs. thin build, no facial hair, wearing jeans, white button down shirt and a dark baseball cap.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries
None reported**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 466-1**

BEAT 3

**0 Residential Burglary
1 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries
None reported**

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 444-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
None reported**

BEAT 4

**3 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries
RD 432-1 RD 433-1
RD 443-1**

Streets: Alabama St. Vasile Cr., and North Port Dr.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 473-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 452-1**

BEAT 5

**1 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries
RD 425-1**

Streets: Wilhelm Cr.

**Vehicle Burglaries
None reported**

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 6

**8 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 349-2 RD 359-2
RD 441-1 RD 451-4**

Streets: Pacific Coast Hwy. 15th St., Lake St., Poppy Cr., 12th St., and Frankfort Ave. 8th St., 3rd St., and 7th St.

In RD 349, Pacific Coast Hwy; It appears the suspect used a spark plug to shatter a window and gain entry.

In RD 349, 15th St.; A garage door opener was possible used to gain entry.

In RD 441, Lake St; It appeared that someone had removed or broken the louvers to the bedroom window to gain entry.

In RD 451, 12th St.; Suspect described as: male, unknown race, 30 to 40 years old, height 5'6", with think build and shaved head. Suspect was wearing a dark jacket, dark jeans, and possibly white tennis shoes.

In RD 451, Main St; Suspect removed screen from open bathroom window to gain entry.

Items stolen included a silver "Ruger" P85 9mm pistol with a 15 round magazine and a black "Ruger" .22 caliber pistol.

In RD 451, 7th St; suspect in custody.

There were three garage entries.

There was one attempt entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 327-1 RD 348-1
RD 359-1**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 339-1 RD 359-1
RD 451-2**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 7

4 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 413-3 RD 422-1

Streets: Constantine Dr., Flagstaff Ln., and Delaware St.

In RD 413, Constantine Dr; Suspect possibly used a key.

In RD 413, Constantine Dr., Suspect enters residence through an unlocked door then walks into the garage where they accessed the trunk from the unlocked vehicle. The suspect may be known.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
None reported

Grand Theft Auto
RD 292-3 RD 423-1

BEAT 8

1 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 176-1

Streets: Greenleaf Ln

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 177-2 RD 281-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 176-1 RD 178-1

BEAT 9

2 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 263-1 RD 273-1

Streets: Heritage Ln., and Marken Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 263-1 RD 272-3
RD 283-3

Grand Theft Auto
RD 273-1

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 164-1 RD 165-1

Streets: Harkness Ct., and Sims St.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 153-1 RD 164-1

In RD 153 this was an attempt.

Grand Theft Auto
RD 165-1

BEAT 11

3 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 158-1 RD 159-2

Streets: Edinger Ave., Laurelhurst Dr., and Whittier Ln.

In RD 159, Laurelhurst Dr; suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 156-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 156-1 RD 157-1
RD 158-1 RD 169-1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 117-1 RD 139-1

Streets: San Souci Cr. And Hanover Ln

In RD 117, San Souci Cr; Suspect entered an open garage and stole a bicycle.

There was one garage entry

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 139-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 251-1 RD 261-1

Streets: Bluesails Dr., and Tunstall Ln.

In RD 261, Tunstall Ln.; Suspect entered a locked storage container and removed an electric cart

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 241-3 RD 242-3
RD 251-1 RD 252-1
RD 253-1 RD 261-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 242-2 RD 251-1
RD 261-1

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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? Your first thoughts usually go towards a family member or friend, but sometimes you may feel it might be a bother for them because they live a distance away or don't really have the time.

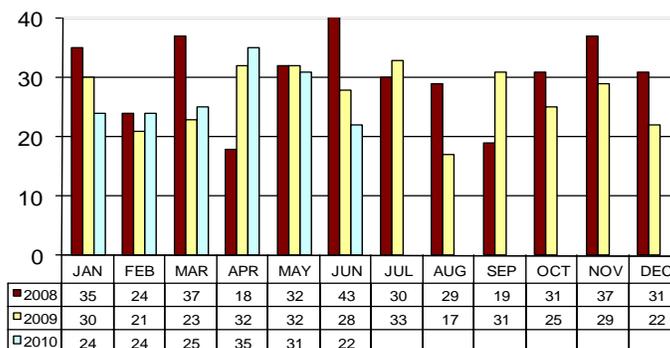
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There's absolutely NO fee for this service and it's easy to sign up. You may call the HBPD RSVP office at 714-374-1507 to complete the form over the phone or you can check out the HBPD web page at www.hbpd.org and click on "Vacation House Check". Please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

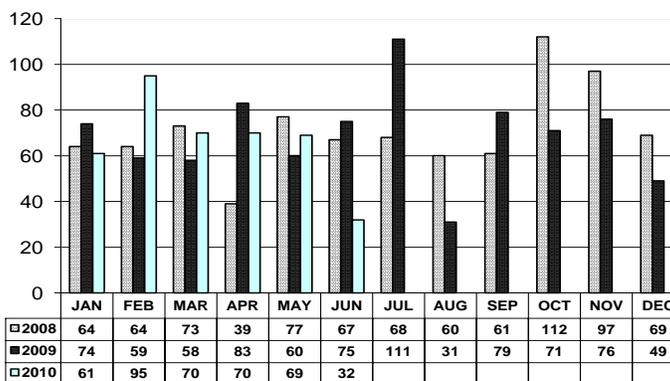
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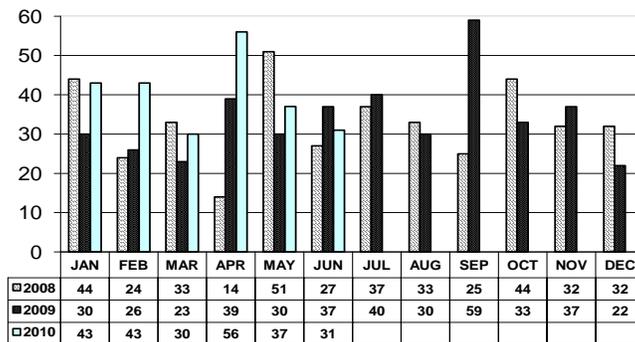
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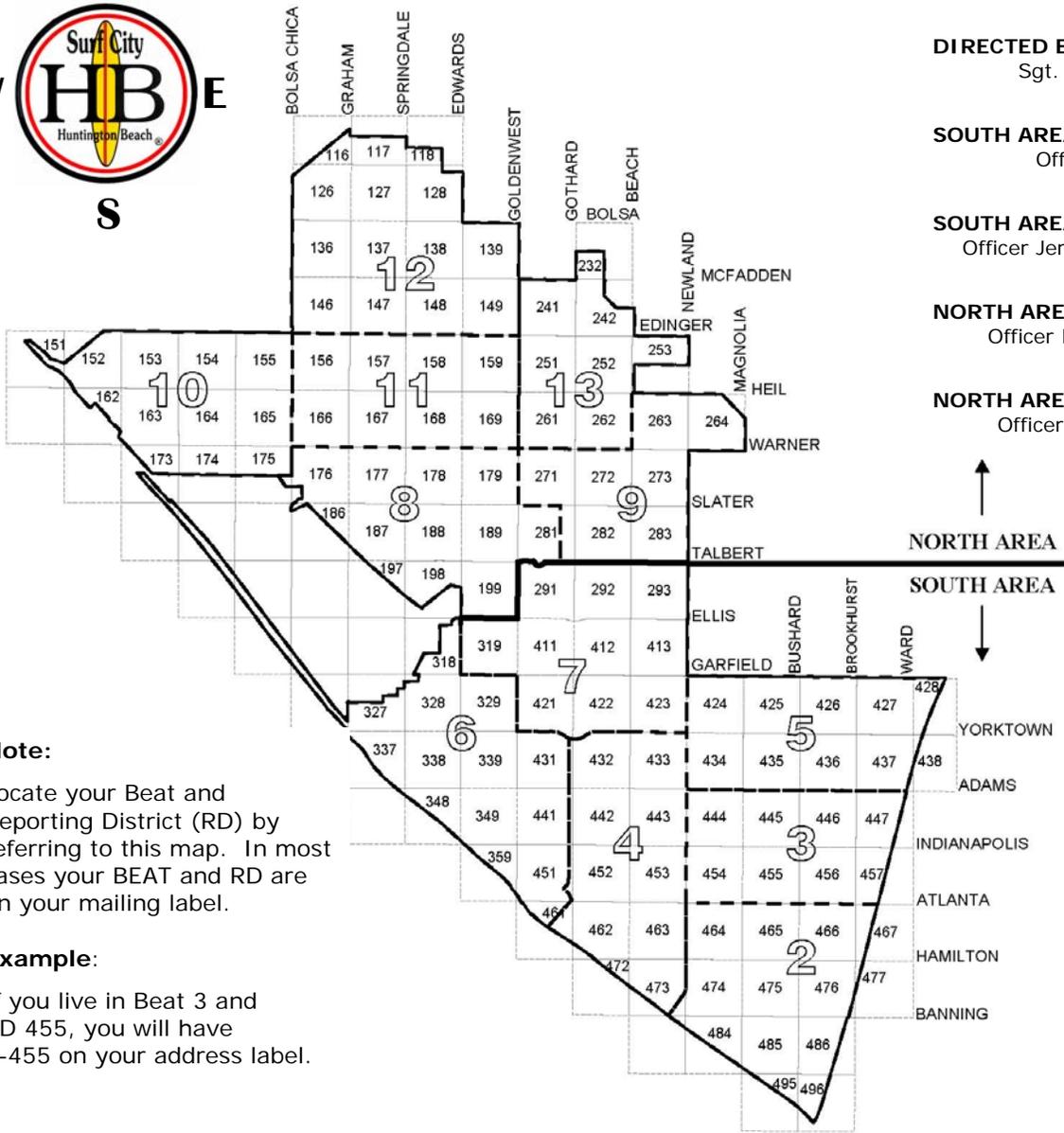
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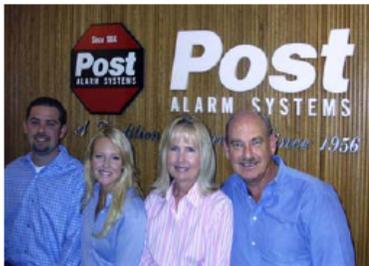
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