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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 May we had received **\$5,155--we have \$19,845 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.

Make your checks payable to: **HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

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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.

Frauds and Scams

AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS WE CAN PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE NUMEROUS CON ARTISTS WHO PLAY THE HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT CONFIDENCE SCHEMES. THE BEST SELF-PROTECTION IS TO BE AWARE OF THE DIFFERENT SCHEMES SO THAT WE RECOGNIZE THEM IF WE ARE EVER CONFRONTED. THE OTHER WAY OF PROTECTING OURSELVES IS TO SET DOWN RULES OF CONDUCT FOR OURSELVES AND FOLLOW THEM. SOME OF THE RULES ARE THINGS THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN TOLD SINCE WE WERE CHILDREN. UNFORTUNATELY, WE TEND TO FORGET AS TIMES GOES ON. WE MUST CONSTANTLY REMIND OURSELVES TO BE "ON GUARD." HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT MAY HELP, AND IF FOLLOWED CLOSELY, OUR CHANCES WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED.

**TRANSIENT SCAMS
BE AWARE – THE DO'S AND DON'TS**

- BE AWARE OF SOMEONE WHO TELLS YOU THEY HAVE FOUND SOME MONEY AND WANT TO SHARE IT.
- ALWAYS BE SUSPICIOUS OF SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO GIVE YOU A "REWARD" OR "SOMETHING FOR NOTHING." NOBODY GETS SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.
- BEWARE OF ANYONE CALLING ON THE PHONE AND ASKING YOU PERSONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR BANKING PROCEDURES. BANKS DO NOT OPERATE IN THIS MANNER.
- BE SUSPICIOUS ABOUT ANYONE URGING YOU TO MAKE A WITHDRAWAL FROM YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT. NEITHER THE BANK NOR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WOULD EVER ASK YOU TO TAKE MONEY FROM YOUR BANK.

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JUST SEND YOUR REQUEST VIA E-MAIL TO
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HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING

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

PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILL\$ JUST GOT EASIER



Check out three new “paperless” ways to pay your Utility (Municipal Services) statement at **no extra cost** to you! Visit the City Treasurer’s website at: www.surfcity-hb.org/payments

\$ AutoPay - Use your bank checking account. The amount due will automatically be deducted from your checking account. Download an application at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments

\$ PhonePay - This service gives you the option to pay your Municipal Services bill with a Visa or MasterCard. All payments are posted to your account on the next business day. Call (toll free) 877-309-4915. If you have any problems using this service, call the customer service representative at 888-357-8394; they will assist you in making the payment.

\$ ePay – This service gives you the option to pay your Municipal Services bill on-line with a Visa or MasterCard. All payments are posted to your account on the next business day. You’ll need your complete account number and the amount you want to pay available.

Find out more about these three options at our website or visit us at 2000 Main Street, 1st floor, at the cashiering windows, and receive a free “stress reliever” when you turn in your AutoPay application!

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Frauds and Scams

TRANSIENT SCAMS

BE AWARE – THE DO’S AND DON’TS

- BE CAUTIOUS OF ANYONE PROPOSING A “DEAL” THAT YOU MUST KEEP SECRET, OR IS URGENT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION. IF THE “GOOD DEAL” DEPENDS ON YOU PUTTING UP YOUR MONEY IMMEDIATELY, THEN IT’S PROBABLY A “BAD DEAL.” HIGH PRESSURE SALES WORK BECAUSE YOU’RE NOT ALLOWED TIME TO THINK IT OVER AND YOU DON’T HAVE TIME FOR COMPARATIVE SHOPPING OR CONSULTATION.
- NEVER, EVER, DISCUSS YOUR FINANCES WITH STRANGERS.
- NEVER GIVE PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO SOMEONE ON THE TELEPHONE UNLESS YOU HAVE INITIATED THE CALL OR YOU HAVE VERIFIED WHO THEY ARE AND THE REASONS FOR THEIR NEEDING THE INFORMATION THEY SEEK.

- BE AWARE OF ANYONE WHO PROFESSES TO HAVE A SPECIAL ABILITY TO SOLVE YOUR PARTICULAR PROBLEMS.
- BE AWARE OF A STRANGER WHO WANTS TO BLESS YOUR MONEY OR PERFORM SOME SECRET RITUAL THAT WILL INCREASE ITS VALUE.
- DON’T BE EMBARRASSED TO REPORT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED OR HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY SUSPECTS ATTEMPTING TO CON YOU.
- NEVER LET ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME WITHOUT FIRST VERIFYING THEIR IDENTIFICATION AND THEIR PURPOSE.
- INVITE A NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND TO BE WITH YOU WHILE STRANGERS (SALESMEN, REPAIRMEN, ETC.,) ARE IN YOUR HOME.

EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF COMMON SCHEMES

- **BANK EXAMINER SCHEME** – A PHONE CALL FROM A “BANK OFFICER” CHECKING ON A DISHONEST EMPLOYEE AND WANTING YOUR HELP
- **IMPERSONATOR SCHEME** – “PHONY” POLICE, GAS COMPANY INSPECTOR, ETC., “FLASHES” IDENTIFICATION AND WANTS TO COME INTO YOUR HOME; ESPECIALLY IF THEY ASK WHERE YOU HIDE YOUR VALUABLES.
- **JAMAICAN SWITCH** – FOREIGN PERSON WHO “FLASHES” A LOT OF MONEY AND IS GIVING YOU SOME “FOR JUST HELPING.”
- **HOME IMPROVEMENT SCHEME** – SUSPECT APPEARS AT YOUR DOOR OFFERING TO SPRAY YOUR DRIVEWAY OR ROOF, FERTILIZE THE LAWN, OR TRIM YOUR TREES. THE PRICE WILL SEEM CHEAP AND THE WORK WILL BE “FOR SURE.”
- **MAIL FRAUDS** – FAKE CONTRACT THAT USUALLY STARTS WITH THE NEWS THAT YOU HAVE WON SOMETHING.
- **WORK AT HOME SCAMS** – NEWSPAPER OR OTHER ADS CLAIMING THAT YOU CAN EARN MONEY AT HOME.
- **BAIT AND SWITCH SCHEME** - YOU CANNOT FIND THE ADVERTISED BARGAINS SO THE SALESMAN DIRECTS YOU TO A HIGHER PRICED ITEM.
- **HEALTH QUACKERY** – PRODUCT OR SERVICE OFFERED AS A SECRET REMEDY. SPONSOR CLAIMS TO BE BATTLING THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, WHICH WON’T RECOGNIZE SOME MARVELOUS DISCOVERY. THE REMEDY IS SOLD DOOR TO DOOR. THE PROMOTER TELLS YOU OF MIRACLE CURES. DIRECT MAIL SOLICITATION OFFERING FREE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“NO ONE EVER GETS OLD FROM LIVING, JUST WHEN THE INTEREST IN LIVING HAS ENDED”

Author Unknown

INSURANCE FRAUD

BE ALERT FOR STAGED AUTO COLLISIONS

With summer vacation looming and many Californians traditionally driving more frequently or longer distances, the insurance commissioner warned drivers to be alert for staged auto collisions. In 2006-2007, 14,565 out of 24,011 insurance fraud referrals received by the California Department of Insurance (CDI), were for suspected automobile insurance fraud.

The Commissioner stated that insurance fraud is like a \$500 tax on every man, woman and child in California, and auto insurance fraud is a major part of this problem. Staged collisions can be nightmares for consumers, creating huge hassles or worse, causing bodily injury, and insurance fraud gets passed on to the consumers through higher rates.

Nearly \$164 million could have been lost by insurance companies in 2006-2007 if the fraud wasn't discovered. While that potential fraud was avoided by the collaborative work of the CDI and its local partners, actual losses are subsequently built into the insurance companies' pricing structures.

There are primarily three schemes used in staged collisions:

- Panic stop
- Start-and-stop
- Swoop-and-squat

People who create these pre-planned accidents, also known as stagers, look for high value targets such as commercial vehicles, expensive luxury vehicles, and vehicles owned by cities and counties. They are considered "high value" because of the virtual guarantee of insurance coverage.

The following signs may tip off a driver of fraudulent activity:

- The other car is packed with passengers
- The other driver has a relatively new insurance policy
- The other car is in poor condition or has a "salvage" title
- The other driver and/or the passengers made extra effort to avoid conversation about the other vehicles in the area
- There is a witness that substantiates everything the other driver says, and
- The other driver and his passengers all claim injury despite relatively minor collision damage to the vehicles.

If someone suspects he is the victim of a staged collision, insist on a police report; document as much information from the collision scene as possible, using a cell phone to take photographs or video; ask the police officer to positively identify everyone involved; report it to CDI at (800) 927-HELP (4357) or go to: www.insurance.ca.gov.



CHAT ROOM AND PHONE TEXTING ABBREVIATIONS

1) KPC	6 KFY
2) TDTM	7 BTW
3) NIFOC	8) CWYL
4) GYPO	9) WTH
5) WYCM	10) WUF

(Look for answers on page 6)

CHAT ROOM AND PHONE TEXTING ABBREVIATIONS ANSWERS FROM JUNE

1) ADR =	Address
2) ALAP =	As Late As Possible
3) BAK =	Back At Keyboard
4) BF =	Boyfriend
5) BFF =	Best Friend Ever
6) BRB =	Be Right Back
7) GF =	Girlfriend
8) IMO =	In My Opinion
9) JK =	Just Kidding
10) LMIRL =	Let's Meet In Real Life
11) LOL =	Laughing Out Loud
12) OMG =	Oh My God
13) P911 =	Parent Alert
14) PAL =	Parents Are Listening
15) PAW =	Parents Are Watching
16) PIR =	Parent In Room
17) POS =	Parent Over Shoulder
18) ROFL =	Rolling On Floor Laughing
19) WTH =	What The Hell?
20) M/F =	Male Or Female

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

27 entries in June
51 entries in May

Eleven of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. It is unknown if force was used in eight of the remaining entries. Thirteen of these burglaries were committed during the day, five at night and nine were at an unknown time.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

67 reported in June
77 reported in May

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

43 reported in June
32 reported in May

BEAT 2

1 Residential Burglary
5 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglary
RD 467-1

Street: Gilbar

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 466-1 RD 486-3
RD 495-1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 464-1 RD 476-1
RD 495-2

BEAT 3

1 Residential Burglary
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglary
RD 456-1

Street: Skimmer Lane

Entry was made through an open garage door.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 445-1 RD 447-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 445-1

BEAT 4

7 Residential Burglaries
11 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 442-4 RD 443-1
RD 452-1 RD 473-1

Streets: Delaware, California, Huntington, Joliet, and Newland.

One of the burglaries was also a robbery, one suspect is known. There were three garage entries. At one of the garage entries, the suspect stole a bike and used it to get away.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 433-1 RD 443-3
RD 462-3 RD 463-4

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432-1 RD 452-1
RD 462-1 RD 463-1

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 426-1 RD 428-1
RD 434-1

Streets: Flounder, Mauna, and Topeka Lane

At one entry, it is believed that the suspect(s) could have used the distraction method to gain entry.

At another entry the suspect(s) also took the victim's car keys and vehicle.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425-1 RD 434-1
RD 435-4 RD 436-2
RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 434-1

BEAT 6

1 Residential Burglary
6 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglary

RD 451-1

Street: 8th Street

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 348-1 RD 359-2
RD 451-1 RD 461-2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 359-1 RD 451-3
RD 461-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 412 -2 RD 421-1

Streets: Amberleaf, Rapids Drive, and Yellowtail Drive.

At one of the entries, the suspect(s) took the victim's car keys and vehicle.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 291-1 RD 292-1
RD 412-1 RD 421-1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 292-1 RD 421-1
RD 422-2 RD 423-1

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 177-1 RD 179-2

Streets: Breda Lane and Warner Avenue

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 176-2 RD 177-1
RD 179-1 RD 188-1
RD 189-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 177-1

BEAT 9

1 Residential Burglary
7 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglary
RD 264-1

Street: Landau Lane

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 272-3 RD 282-2
RD 283-2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 264-1 RD 272-3

BEAT 10

0 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
None

Vehicle Burglary
RD 175-3

Grand Theft Autos
RD 153-1 RD 164-1
RD 175-1

BEAT 11

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglary
RD 158-2

Streets: Bellinger Drive and Myrtle Drive

One entry was made by removing several glass louvers from a bathroom window.

Vehicle Burglary
RD 158-1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 158-1 RD 159-1

BEAT 12

3 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 128-1 RD 147-1
RD 149-1

Streets: Quill Court, Springdale Street, and Wicklow.

One entry was to a school locker.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 128-1 RD 137-1
RD 146-1 RD 148-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 149-1

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
12 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 252-1 RD 253-1

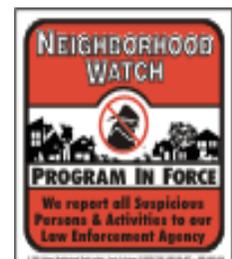
Streets: Hold Avenue and La Paz Drive

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

Grand Theft Autos
RD 242-7 RD 253-2
RD 261-3

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (714) 536-5933.



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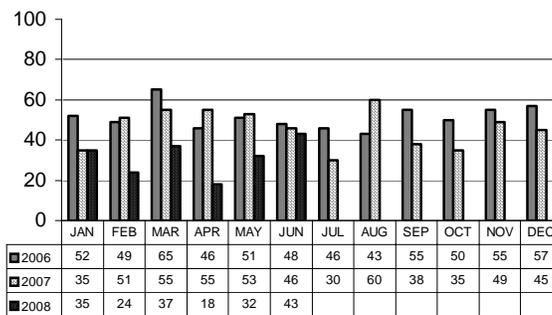
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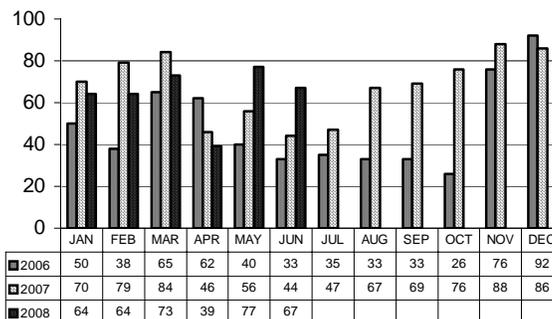


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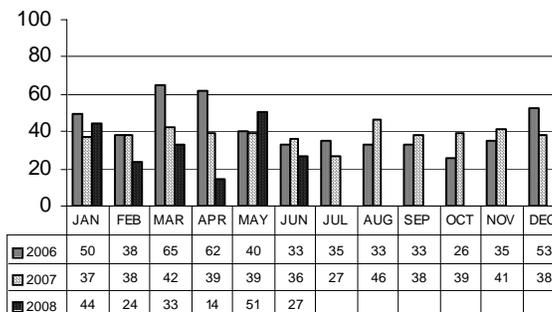
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VEHICLE BURGLARIES



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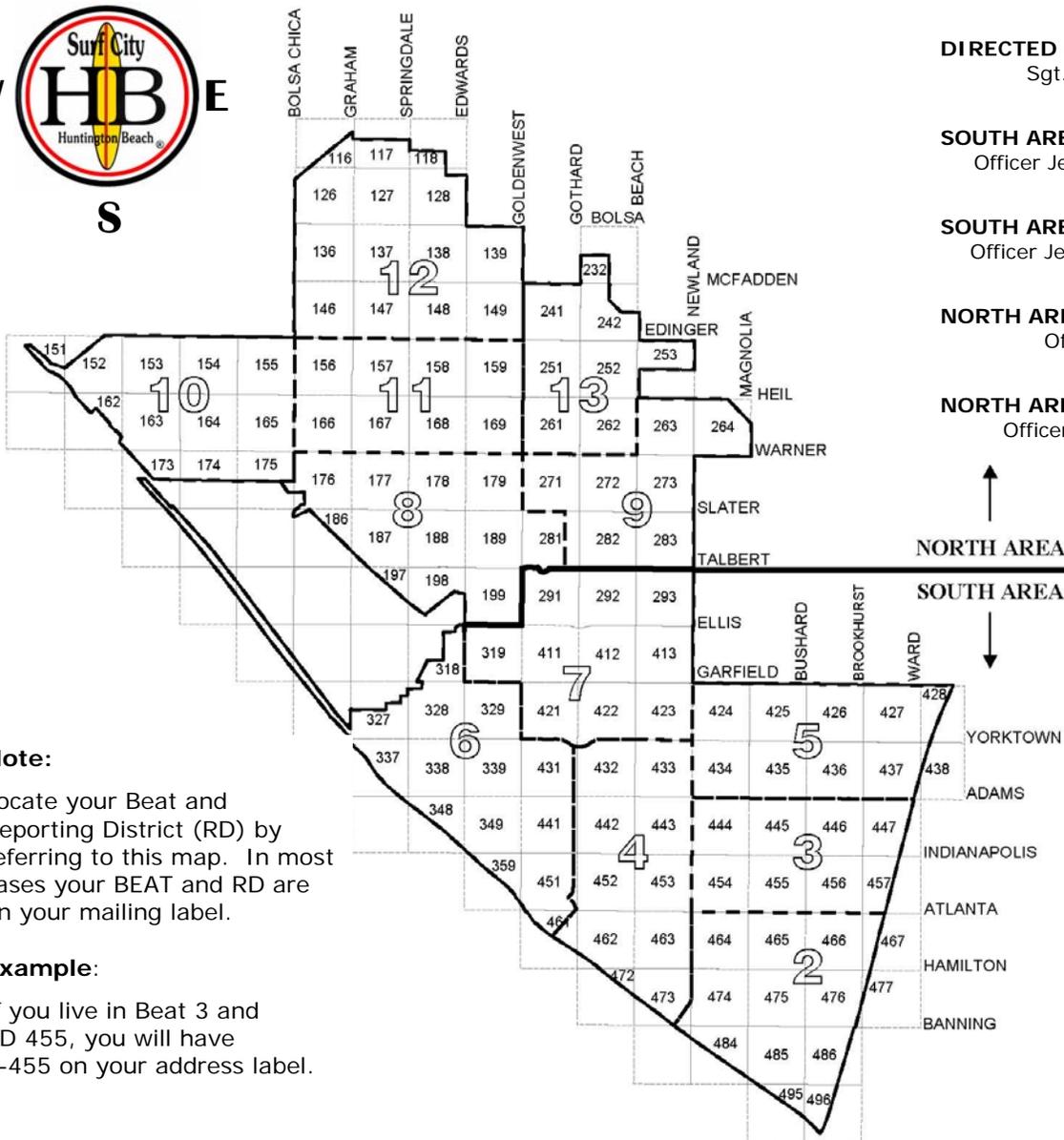
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**CHAT ROOM AND PHONE
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 ANSWERS (from page 3)**

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- 9) WTH = What the Heck
- 10) WUF = Where Are You From?



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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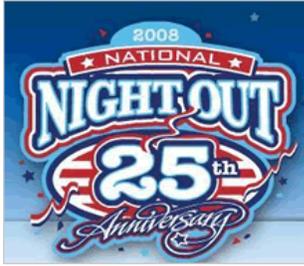
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

(Turn your porch light on and go outside with the neighbors)

We need you to join with other cities across the nation in sending a message to criminals; the City of Huntington Beach **will not tolerate** crime in our community.

The Huntington Beach Police Department would like you to get together with your neighbors and friends on **National Night Out**. You can help spread the word and take action by coordinating a block party, barbeque, or just sit outside visiting with your friends and neighbors. This would be a great night to host a Neighborhood Watch block meeting. Call the HBPD Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933 to arrange a meeting.

By taking this opportunity to join with millions of other people across the nation, you will be sending a very strong message to criminals: (1) the citizens of Huntington Beach are working with law enforcement to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (3) organizing neighborhoods to fight back against crime by taking proactive steps to prevent crime and report all suspicious activity.

**LET'S TURN THE LIGHTS ON IN HUNTINGTON BEACH AND
GIVE CRIMINALS A GOING-AWAY PARTY**



WE ARE LOOKING HIGH AND LOW FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program is looking for volunteers...

1. Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – We need someone with computer skills to set-up, layout, and edit the newsletter.
2. Newsletter Assembly - We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from about 8:00- 11:30 a.m. You will have the opportunity to meet a lot of highly-motivated, dedicated people that care about your community and have fun too.
3. HB Neighborhood Watch Board members - We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Huntington Beach Police Department.

If you can help or want more information about any of these activities, please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at (714) 536-5933.

