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"Spark of Love" TOY DRIVE

Once again, the Huntington Beach Fire Department is participating in the "Spark of Love" Toy Drive. The "Spark of Love" campaign began in 1993 in cooperation with KABC-7 and local firefighters throughout the five county areas of Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Last year alone, 275,000 toys were collected and distributed in Orange County. Although



there are other worthwhile toy drive campaigns, the KABC-7 and Firefighters "Spark of Love" Toy Drive is the only holiday toy drive started and conducted by firefighters. As in the past, the Orange County "Spark of Love" Toy Drive is combining its efforts with "Toys for Tots." Together, these campaigns will collectively gather new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment to be disseminated to the various charitable organizations throughout Orange County at one central warehouse. Collection boxes are placed in all fire stations, Police Department Headquarters and the Central Library. The campaign will run from November 26th through December 24th. For additional information, contact Martha Werth at 536-5419.



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**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
Huntington Beach Police Department
2nd Floor Conference Room**



'TIS THE SEASON FOR RESPONSIBLE HOSTING

The decision to serve alcoholic beverages in your home carries with it a responsibility for the welfare of your guests. Responsible attitudes towards drinking should make us behave in such a way that we would never have to feel sorry for what happened. Remember, people don't like to admit that they are impaired, and may argue that they are okay to drive. Share with your guests the fact that impairment begins with the very first drink, and remind them of the penalties they face if convicted of driving under the influence.

Orange County Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) suggest:

- ◆ Set a drink limit, and don't push drinks—push food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- ◆ If you serve an alcoholic punch, make it with a non-carbonated base.
- ◆ Never let your guests drink and drive.
- ◆ Never serve alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age.
- ◆ Don't ride in a car with anyone who is impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- ◆ Have a designated driver for all party events.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY



A Christmas tree purchased from a lot or cut on a tree farm can remain relatively fire-resistant if you follow these simple steps:

1. Cut 2-3 inches off the bottom of a fresh tree and put in water immediately. This allows the tree to absorb the water. Use a sturdy holder and fill with water daily.
2. Check lights carefully for broken sockets or frayed wires before you put them on the tree. Replace any that look damaged.

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CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

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3. Keep your tree away from heat sources such as a fireplace or heater, which will dry it out.
4. Unplug the tree lights and any outdoor lights when you go to bed or leave for the evening.
5. Do not burn wrapping paper or tree branches in your fireplace.
6. Dispose of your tree as soon as the holiday is over.

PHISHING & SPOOFING

Phishing and spoofing are somewhat synonymous in that they refer to forged or faked electronic documents.

PHISHING – This is a high-tech scam that uses spam or pop-up messages to deceive consumers into disclosing their card numbers, bank account information, social security numbers, passwords, or other personal information. Phishers send an email or pop-up message that claims to be from a business or organization that you deal with — for example, your Internet service provider (ISP), bank, online payment service, or even a government agency. The message usually says that you need to "update" or "validate" your personal information, such as user names, passwords, credit cards, social security numbers, and bank accounts.

The email might threaten some dire consequence if you don't respond. It often directs you to visit a "spoofed" or fake website that looks just like a legitimate organization's site, but it isn't. What's the purpose of the bogus site? To trick you into divulging your personal information so the operators can steal your identity and run up bills or commit crimes in your name.

SPOOFING - In this scam, the spoofer creates a false or "shadow copy" of a real website or email in a way that misleads the recipient. All network traffic between the victim's browser and the shadow page are sent through the spoofer's machine. It allows the spoofer to acquire personal information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, and account numbers.

Even though the email looks like the real thing, complete with authentic logos and working Web links, it's a fake. The website where you're told to enter your account information is also fake. In some instances, really slick phishers and spoofers direct you to the genuine website, then pop up a window over the site that captures your personal information. The information entered does not go to the legitimate site, but rather to the spoofer's account. The information you entered will most likely be sold to criminals, who'll use it to ruin your credit and drain your account.

Read More about Phishing Schemes at:

<http://www.antiphishing.org>
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt127.pdf>
<http://www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel03/spoofing072103.htm>

TIPS TO AVOID PHISHING SCAMS:

While online banking and e-commerce is very safe, as a general rule, you should be careful about giving out your personal financial information over the Internet.

- Be suspicious of any email with urgent requests for personal financial information. The email may include upsetting or exciting (but false) statements to get you to react immediately and will ask for information such as usernames, passwords, credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc.
- Don't use the links in an email to get to any web page. Instead, call the company on the telephone, or log onto the website directly by typing in the Web address in your browser.
- If you need to update your information online, use the normal process you've used before, or open a new browser window and type in the website address of the legitimate company's account maintenance page.
- If a website address is unfamiliar, it's probably not real. Only use the address that you have used before, or start at your normal homepage.
- Avoid filling out forms in email messages that ask for personal financial information.
- Always ensure that you're using a secure website when submitting credit card or other sensitive information via your Web browser.
- Most companies require you to log in to a secure site. Look for the lock at the bottom of your browser and "https" in front of the website address.
- Take note of the header address on the website. Most legitimate sites will have a relatively short Internet address that usually depicts the business name followed by ".com," or possibly ".org." Spoof sites are more likely to have an excessively long string of characters in the header, with the legitimate business name somewhere in the string, or possibly not at all.
- Regularly log into your online accounts.
- Regularly check your bank, credit and debit card statements to make sure that there are no non-authorized transactions. If anything looks suspicious, contact your bank and all card issuers.
- Ensure that your browser is up-to-date and security patches have been applied.
- Always report fraudulent or suspicious emails. Reporting instances of spoofed websites will help get them shut down before they can do any more harm.
- If you have any doubts about an email or website, contact the legitimate company directly. Make a copy of the questionable website's URL address and send it to the legitimate business to ask if the request is legitimate.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY



TIPS FOR SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime. Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts; stores, malls, and downtown streets are teeming with unsuspecting shoppers; and people rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season.

IF YOU'RE TRAVELING:

-  Get an automatic timer for your lights at home.
-  Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time pulling up to the garage door.
-  Ask a neighbor to pick up mail and newspapers. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING:

-  Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks as if someone's home.
-  Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
-  Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
-  Be extra careful to close your garage door. Do not leave it open, unless you are outside. Take your purse and your cell phone out from your car.
-  Don't drink and drive.

IF YOU'RE SHOPPING:

-  Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
-  Park in a well-lighted space and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.



Avoid carrying large amounts of cash--pay with a check or credit card whenever possible. Take only one credit card. Use ATM machines only during daytime hours or try to go to an inside facility.



Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Do not leave your purse on a counter or in a shopping cart.



Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR, BEWARE!

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead. Do not give donations to strangers calling on the phone.

TAKE A HOLIDAY INVENTORY:

The holidays are a good time to update (or create) your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TV's, VCR's, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!

Last, but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. Think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely. Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody--except criminals.

Season's Greetings



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

**41 entries in November
39 entries in October**

Nineteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 46% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 9 garage entries out of 41 burglaries, or 22% of (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Fourteen entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

Eight entries by unknown means, three attempts without entry, eight entries by force or pry tool, one entry thru a "dog door" and two entries by window smash.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**88 reported in November
76 reported in October**

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS
49 reported in November
35 reported in October**

BEAT 2

**4 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 467 – 2 RD 475 – 2

Streets: Brookhurst, Sprit, Fairlane

and Aloha. **ONE ENTRY THRU AN OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.** Two entries by unknown means and one attempt without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 466 – 1 RD 476 – 1
RD 477 – 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 474 – 1 RD 484 - 1

BEAT 3

**1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 444 – 1

Street: Tranquil, entry thru an **OPEN GARAGE.**

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 445 – 2 RD 446 - 1
RD 454 – 1

Grand Theft Autos
NONE

BEAT 4

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 463 – 1

Street: Banff, entry by unknown means with no signs of force. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 1
RD 473 – 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 463 - 1

BEAT 5

**3 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 424 – 1 RD 426 - 1
RD 436 – 1

Streets: Lorraine, Brookhurst and Cornwall. **TWO ENTRIES DUE TO OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 436 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
None

BEAT 6

**6 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
10 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 328 – 1 RD 349 – 2
RD 359 – 1 RD 451 - 2

Streets: Woodlands, 20th St., 17th St., 7th St., two entries on 11th St. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry thru a "dog door" and one entry by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 329 – 1 RD 461 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 326 – 1 RD 349 - 4
RD 451 – 5

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

**4 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 411 – 2 RD 413- 1
RD 421 – 1**

Streets: Ambrose, Sherwood, Ellis and Coho. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

Two entries were garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 412 – 1 RD 413 – 3
RD 422 – 2 RD 423 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 292 – 1 RD 413 – 1
RD 422 – 3 RD 423 – 1**

BEAT 8

**5 Residential Burglaries
12 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 177 – 2 RD 178 – 1
RD 186 – 1 RD 187 – 1**

Streets: Forbes, Apel, Edwards, Candle and Misty. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

Two entries by unknown means without force. There were two garage entries. Suspect seen in Candle (RD 186) open bathroom window entry: White Female Adult, blonde shoulder length hair, late 20's to early 30's, 125 lbs. Seen getting into a gold newer model 4-door Nissan Atima. Suspect also smokes cigarettes.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 176 – 7 RD 177 – 2
RD 178 – 1 RD 179 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 177 – 2

BEAT 9

**1 Residential Burglary
10 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 264 – 1

Street: Ross, entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 271 – 2 RD 272 – 7
RD 273 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 263 – 2 RD 273 – 2
RD 282 – 2**

BEAT 10

**6 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos**

**RD 153 – 1 RD 154 – 2
RD 155 – 1 RD 165 – 1
RD 175 – 1**

Streets: Rebel, Forrest Hills, Monterey, Oahu, Grunion and Green. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

Two attempts without entry and two entries by unknown means with no force. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 152 – 1 RD 153 – 1
RD 155 – 1 RD 165 – 1
RD 173 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 155 – 1 RD 164 – 2
RD 165 – 3 RD 175 – 1**

BEAT 11

**3 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 156 – 1 RD 159 – 1
RD 166 – 1**

Streets: Bolsa Chica, Edgemont and Pearce. **ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.**

Two entries by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 157 – 2 RD 166 – 1
RD 167 – 1 RD 168 – 2
RD 169 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 166 – 1 RD 167 – 1

BEAT 12

**0 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 117 – 2 RD 128 – 4
RD 136 – 2 RD 139 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 136 – 2 RD 139 – 2

BEAT 13

**7 Residential Burglaries
24 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 242 – 2 RD 251 – 1
RD 252 – 1 RD 253 – 1
RD 262 – 2**

Streets: Wishingwell, Parkside, San Angelo, Arbor, Westwood and two entries on Huntington Village. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.**

Three entries by force or pry tool, two entries by window smash and one entry by unknown means with no force. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 242 – 11 RD 251 – 1
RD 252 – 7 RD 253 – 2
RD 261 - 1 RD 262 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 241– 1 RD 242 - 1
RD 252 – 2 RD 261 - 2
RD 262 – 3**

Crime Prevention Tips

When shopping at the grocery store, the first thing some women do is put their purse in the grocery cart. **WRONG!!!**

You have now lost control of your purse. The moment you walk away to pick something up or look at an item, your purse is sitting there by itself. Inside your purse you probably have your credit cards, checkbook, cash, driver's license and maybe, your car and house keys.

If your purse and/or wallet is stolen, your driver's license identifies where you live and before you can get home, the thief has probably been there. Or worse yet, the thief can now assume your identity. The thief can steal thousands of dollars from you, ruin your credit, and have you spend months trying to correct it.

Never set your purse in a grocery cart, on a counter, or floor in a public place. Think of all you have to lose and what a hassle it would be to cancel credit cards, etc. Be smart, get a shoulder strap purse and keep it on you so you will have your hands free. Or better yet, just take a credit card or check and keep it in your pocket. The same thing applies to leaving your purse or wallet in your car. If a thief sees it in your car, you now have given him the opportunity to break into your car to take it.

If you cannot carry a shoulder bag, put what you need in a pocket or fanny pack. Be creative and think of other ways to prevent the theft of your wallet or purse. Be smart, safe, and start today!



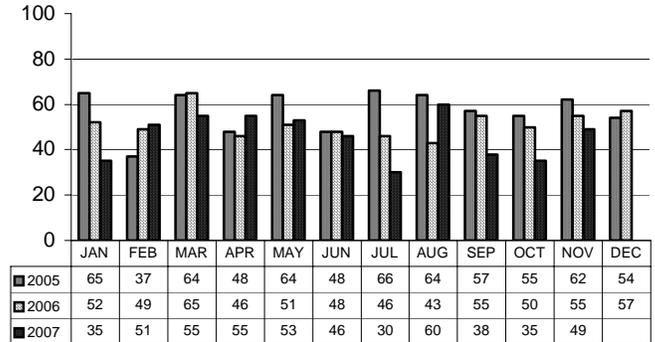
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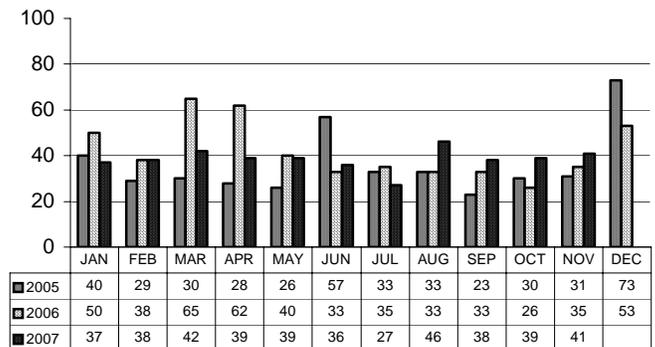
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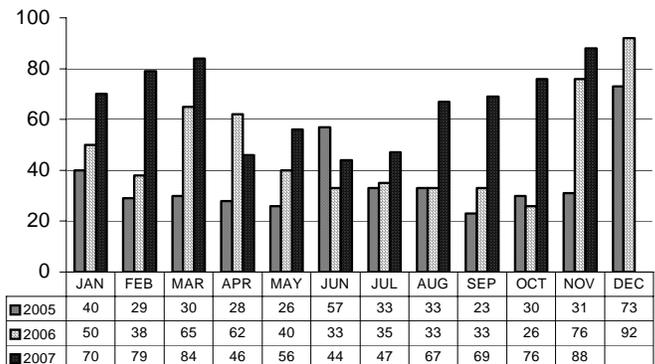
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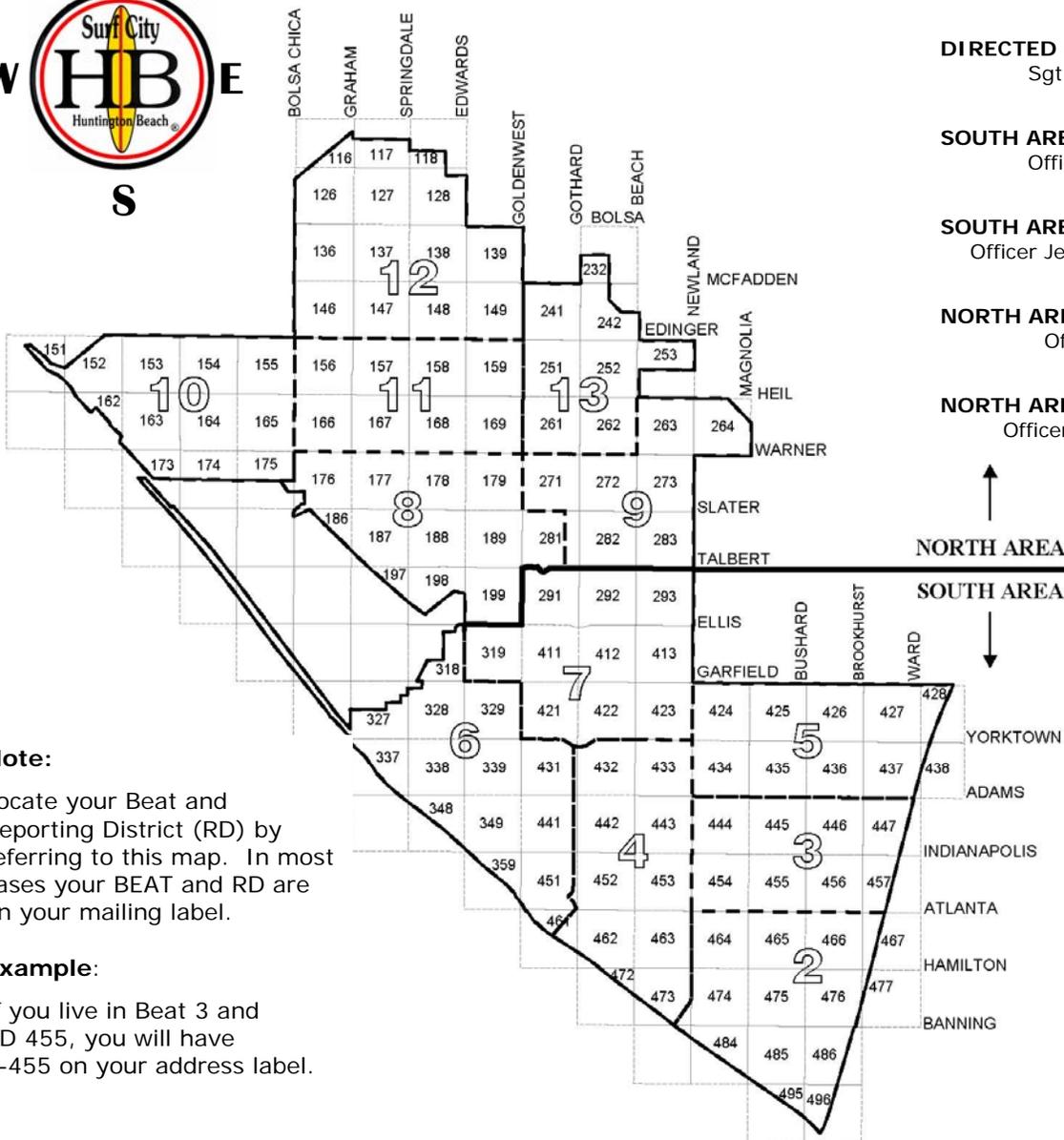


RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



VEHICLE BURGLARIES





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Example:
 If you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.

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