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HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008 AT 6:30 PM
HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

CONTROLLING URBAN RUNOFF

The City of Huntington Beach has instituted actions to help minimize the chance of pollutants found in urban runoff from flowing directly into the ocean by modifying many storm drains. When rain is unlikely, all runoff flowing in the storm drains is transferred to the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) for treatment before discharge into the ocean. However, when it is raining, all storm water goes directly into the ocean because OCSD does not have the capacity to treat these high-water quantities. Additionally, street sweeping done twice each month provides a method to pick up debris and contaminants from the street curbing areas so they can be disposed of properly.

PRIVATE CITIZENS CAN HELP BY:

- minimizing lawn watering to prevent excess runoff
- minimizing the use of pesticides and fertilizers-- substituting organic materials instead
- maintaining vehicles to prevent oil leaks
- picking up pet waste and properly disposing of it
- using biodegradable detergents and soap for washing vehicles and pets outdoors
- properly dispose of waste from boats and marine activities
- sweeping and picking up leaves and dirt rather than hosing them off into the street
- disposing of trash and waste in a trash can

BUSINESSES CAN HELP BY:

- installing moisture-sensing irrigation systems
- maintaining vehicle fleets to prevent oil leaks
- installing dikes around chemical storage areas
- cleaning up all spills before they enter storm drains
- using dry clean-up methods

AVOID AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Aggressive driving is often demonstrated by drivers who take their anger, resentment and frustration with them behind the wheel of their car. These attitudes can lead to crashes and nasty confrontations. Many instances of this aggressive behavior involve drivers who cut off other cars, make unsafe lane changes, speed, follow too closely, run red lights, and disobey



traffic signs and signals. Add to that less-than-ideal picture, the blaring of a horn, angry voices, shouting, and rude hand gestures. All of these driving

patterns can lead to road rage or the kind of highway madness that has drivers engaging in physical fights or using their vehicles to ram other drivers, sometimes forcing them off the road.

Most of us tend to over-estimate our driving abilities, yet are critical when it comes to judging others. Road rage generally results when a driver's expectations about how much time is needed to travel somewhere is upset by the driving of another person.

FREQUENT ROAD RAGE TRIGGERS THAT ARE PREVENTABLE INCLUDE:

- Driving slower than traffic in the high-speed lane
- Making sudden lane changes/cutting people off
- Failure to use signal indicators
- Driving on the shoulder
- Butting into line or parking spaces
- Driving inattentively including talking on a cell phone

TYPICAL SIGNS OF ROAD RAGE:

- Swearing/gestures, staring, tailgating, and/or flashing headlights or high beams
- Using horn excessively
- Deliberately cutting across another vehicle's path or blocking someone else's progress



ROAD RAGE TIPS:

- If you are still angry or someone is acting aggressively towards you, avoid contact, exchanging words, making obscene gestures, or expressing anger in any way.
- If you are the victim of road rage, never lead a road rage aggressor to your place of residence. Drive to the closest police station or to a busy area to seek assistance. Use your horn if necessary.
- If someone approaches your vehicle acting aggressive:
 - Drive away if you can do so safely
 - Close and lock your windows/doors
 - Do not exit your vehicle for any reason
 - Do not issue or respond to verbal taunts
 - Get a description of the vehicle and occupant(s) including license plate



CONTROLLING ROAD RAGE:

- Plan ahead and allow enough time for delays
- Give driving your full attention
- Don't take your frustration out on other drivers
- Driving is not a contest--it is not about winning
- Realize that you cannot control the drivers around you--you can only control the way you react to them
- In the event that something makes you angry, be forgiving and assume that the other driver's mistakes are not personal



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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE... IS IT REALLY WORTH IT?

When people hear the name Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton, or Mel Gibson, one thought comes to mind—DUI’s. Driving under the influence has become so prevalent among actors, actresses and others in the limelight, it is no wonder people in our communities continue to exhibit similar behaviors. However, the real question is...is it really worth it?

The answer is NO. Many communities work with local police departments and community-based organizations to demonstrate that anyone can be stopped for driving under the influence. The city of Huntington Beach has demonstrated its intolerance for people who choose to drive under the influence. The Huntington Beach Police Department holds DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols to curb drinking and driving. Project PATH-Central has worked with HBPD to provide the community with information concerning DUI’s and the likelihood of being pulled over.

In 2007, there were over 1,100 DUI arrests in the city of Huntington Beach—roughly 137 DUI arrests per month. It is important for people to realize that cities will not tolerate irresponsible behavior. Numerous lives are affected by people who choose to drink and drive. Remember, use safe drinking practices, plan ahead, or use alternative transportation because it really isn’t worth it.

For more information regarding Project PATH-Central efforts to prevent drinking and driving, please contact Marianne Cadiz, Health Educator, at 949-757-1096 x-289, or e-mail mcadiz@cspinc.org.

SOCIAL WORK TEAM HELPS SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS

The Social Work Team works with seniors, families, and caregivers to provide support services in Huntington Beach. Their goal is to help ease the challenges of late life transitions and to support aging in place.

The Social Work Team should be considered a tool for those who are struggling with any senior issue. They have an extensive resource database and can provide information and referrals for a variety of concerns. Services are provided over the phone or in person.

Care management can be short term or ongoing depending on a person’s need. The staff will complete a phone intake, make a home visit, develop a plan of care, facilitate services, reevaluate, and follow up as agreed upon by the client and the social worker. This service is provided free of charge, is voluntary, and is based on need. Common services provided are:

- Education about Huntington Beach Senior Services
- Assessment of needs and strengths
- Individualized care plan development
- Connection to Huntington Beach, Orange County, volunteer, and private senior services
- Long term planning information
- Connection to low income services
- Emotional support in times of need
- Information and referral to a variety of resources
- Senior advocacy

Please feel free to let seniors in Huntington Beach know about this program. Seniors can call on their own behalf or anyone can make a referral to the Seniors’ Outreach office at 960-2478 if they think a senior may benefit from these services.

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
45 entries in January
38 in December

Fifteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 33% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 5 garage entries out of 45 burglaries, or 11% of the entries. Twenty-nine of the entries were reported to have occurred during the day. (6:00 am to 6:00 pm).

Sixteen entries occurred during night (6:00 pm to 6:00 am).

Nine entries were by unknown means, eight entries were by force or pry tool, there was one attempt without entry, there were six entries by window smash, two entries by passkey, two entries were by open or unlocked windows or doors with the house vacant, one entry by dog door and one entry by an open sliding door on the 2nd story of the house.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES
64 reported in January
86 reported in December

GRAND THEFT AUTOS
45 reported in January
38 reported in December

BEAT 2

2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 465 – 1 RD 485 – 1

Streets: Southshore and Capristrano. **ONE ENTRY DUE TO AN OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 474 – 1 RD 484 – 1
RD 485 – 1

Grand Theft Autos
None

BEAT 3

6 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 444 – 3 RD 445 – 2
RD 456 – 1

Streets: Bellshire, Tideland, Nautilus, Star and two entries on Brentstone. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** Three entries by force or pry tool, one attempt without entry, one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
None

Grand Theft Autos
RD 446 - 1

BEAT 4

3 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 452 – 2 RD 463 – 1

Streets: Alabama, Elmira and Lochlea. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries. Suspect arrested in Alabama and Elmira entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 432 – 1 RD 433 – 1
RD 453 – 1 RD 462 – 1
RD 463 – 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 432 - 1 RD 433 – 1
RD 442 - 1

BEAT 5

1 Residential Burglary
3 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 425 – 1

Street: Velardo. Entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 425 - 1 RD 436 – 2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 425 – 1 RD 426 - 1

BEAT 6

8 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 328 – 1 RD 329 – 2
RD 349 – 2 RD 431 – 1
RD 441 – 1 RD 461 – 1

Streets: Doral, Brentwood, Chandon, 18th St., Waterview, Pacific Coast Hwy., two entries on Lake. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool, two entries by unknown means, one entry by a passkey. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 326 – 1 RD 348 – 1
RD 349 – 3 RD 451 – 3

Grand Theft Autos
RD 326 – 1 RD 349 - 1
RD 359 – 3 RD 451 – 1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS**BEAT 7**

4 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 292 – 1 RD 293- 1
RD 413 – 2

Streets: Essex, Kiner, Valley, Modale. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by an **OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR** with house vacant. One entry by a window smash. There was one garage entry. Suspect seen in Modale entry RD 413 described as: Male White Adult, 30-40 yrs., 5'6", 150 lbs.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 411 – 2 RD 412 – 1
RD 421 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 412 – 1 RD 421 – 1

BEAT 8

6 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 176 – 1 RD 178 – 1
RD 188 – 1 RD 198 – 2
RD 199 – 1

Streets: Glenroy, Athena, Fernpoint, Fieldbury, Jasonwood, Westlake. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by a dog door with force, three entries by unknown means. There was one garage entry. Suspects in Athena RD 178 entry described: # 1. Male white adult, 5'7", 145 lbs., thin build, short spiked hair, approx. 20 yrs. #2 Male white adult, approx. 20 yrs., 5'5", 130 lbs., thin build, shaved blond hair. Car described: silver 2003 Infiniti, 2-door. Suspect in Fernpoint RD 188 entry: Male Black juvenile, approx. 18 yrs., short black dreadlocks, stocky build, 5'9", 180 lbs.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 178 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 179 – 1

BEAT 9

2 Residential Burglaries
16 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 272- 1 RD 282 - 1

Streets: Keelson and Talbert. Two entries by unknown means. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 271 – 1 RD 272 – 9
RD 273 - 3 RD 282 – 2
RD 283 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 263 – 3 RD 272 – 2
RD 273 – 2

BEAT 10

3 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

RD 175 – 3

Streets: Tiara, two entries on Wellfleet(model homes for sale). **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN 2ND FLOOR WINDOW.** Two entries by window smash. Suspects seen in model home window smash entries described as; 3 male juveniles, slim build, all approx. 5'10" wearing dark beanies.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 164 – 1 RD 165 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 164 – 1 RD 165 – 1

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 167 – 1

Street: Gildred, entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

RD 156 – 1

BEAT 12

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 138 – 1 RD 139 – 2
RD 146 – 1 RD 149 – 1

Streets: Sydney, Genoa, Goldenwest, Sparrow, Starshine. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Two entries by force or pry tool, one entry by a passkey. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 118 - 1 RD 138 – 1
RD 139 – 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 138 – 1 RD 139 – 2

BEAT 13

4 Residential Burglaries
16 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 232 – 2 RD 253 – 1
RD 261 – 1 RD 262 – 1

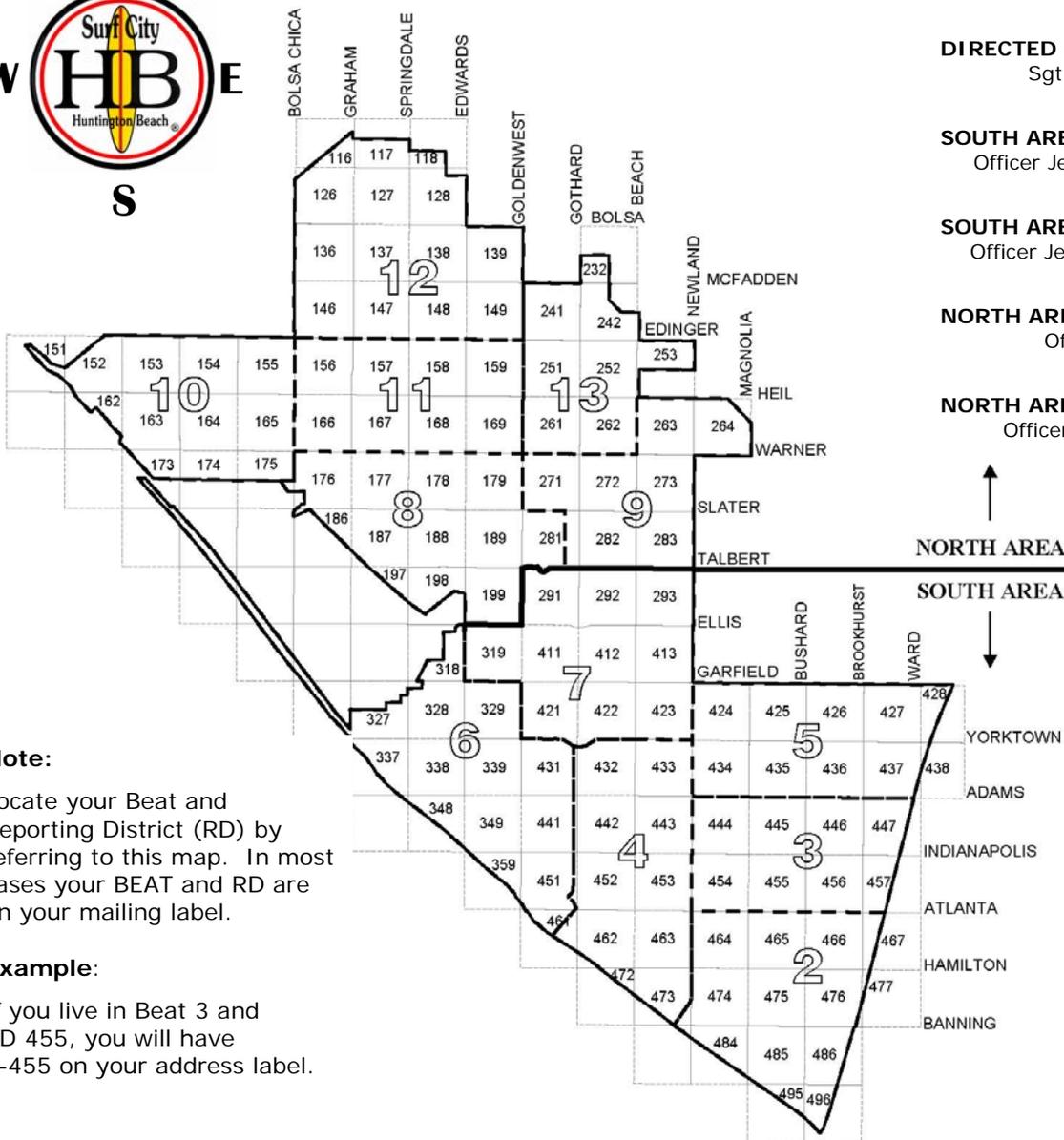
Streets: Rushmoor, San Angelo, Sabot, Warner. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by force with the house vacant, two entries by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 – 3 RD 242 – 2
RD 252 – 3 RD 253 – 2
RD 261 - 1 RD 262 – 5

Grand Theft Autos

RD 232– 1 RD 241 - 1
RD 242 – 3 RD 251 - 2
RD 253 – 1 RD 262 – 1



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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