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2003 Postage Donations Update

This year we need to raise \$20,000 to cover postal costs through the end of the year. At the end of March we received a total of \$8,454 from our subscribers. So we have another \$11,500 to raise in order to have enough money by the end of the year.

A \$4 donation from each subscriber will generate the money we need to continue to mail the newsletter directly to you.

A \$5 donation puts your name in the newsletter as a contributor. A \$20 donation or more will put your name in the newsletter and you receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City key chain. Make your check out to:

**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
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P O BOX 5667
HUNT. BEACH, CA 92615
Or:**

**Neighborhood Watch
Huntington Beach Police Dept.
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648**

BOARD MEETING

**HBPD 2ND FLOOR CONF RM
Tuesday, MAY 13, 2003
@ 6:30 P.M.**



PREPARING MAKES SENSE—GET READY NOW Part II: Emergency Planning

*You should **plan in advance** what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation, use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Think about the places where your family spends time: school, work and other places you frequent. Ask about their emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency. If they do not have an emergency plan, consider helping develop one.*

Develop a Family Communications Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-state contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. Be sure each person knows the phone number and has coins or a

prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. You may have trouble getting through, or the phone system may be down altogether, but be patient.

Deciding to Stay or Go

Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the attack, the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities.

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- Recipient of Chamber of Commerce Award of Valor -
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EMERGENCY PLANNING

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Use common sense and available information, including what you are learning here, to determine if there is immediate danger. In any emergency, local authorities may or may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for information or official instructions as it becomes available. If you're specifically told to evacuate or seek medical treatment, do so immediately.

instructions.

Getting Away

There may be conditions under which you will decide to get away, or there may be situations when you are ordered to leave. Plan in advance how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations so you have options in an emergency. If you have a car, keep at least a half tank of gas in it at all times. Become familiar with alternate routes as well as other means of transportation out of your area. If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Take your emergency supply kit, unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated, and lock the door behind you. Take pets with you if you are told to evacuate; however, if you are going to a public shelter, keep in mind that they may not be allowed inside. If you believe the air may be contaminated, drive with your windows and vents closed and keep the air conditioning and heater turned off.

Staying Put and "Shelter-in-Place"

Whether you are at home, work or elsewhere, there may be situations when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside. In fact, there are some circumstances where staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as "shelter-in-place," is a matter of survival. Plan in advance where you will take shelter in this kind of an emergency. Choose an interior room or one with as few windows and doors as possible. Consider precutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and air vents. Each piece should be several inches larger than the space you want to cover so that it lies flat against the wall. Label each piece with the location of where it fits.

Use available information to assess the situation. If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to "shelter-in-place." Quickly bring your family and pets inside, lock doors, and close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers. Turn off air conditioning, forced air heating systems, exhaust fans, and clothes dryers. Take your emergency supplies and go into the room you have designated.

Seal all windows, doors and vents with plastic sheeting and duct tape or anything else you have on hand. Listen to the TV, the radio or check the Internet for



Working Together

Schools, daycare providers, workplaces, neighborhoods and apartment buildings, like individuals and families, should all have site-specific emergency plans. Ask about plans at the places where your family spends time: work, school and other places you frequent. If none exist, consider volunteering to help develop one. You will be better prepared to reunite your family and loved ones safely during an emergency if you think ahead, and communicate with others in advance.



Neighborhoods and Apartment Buildings

A community working together during an emergency also makes sense. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together. Find out if anyone has specialized equipment, like a power generator, or expertise such as medical knowledge, that might help in a crisis. Decide who will check on elderly or disabled neighbors. Make backup plans for children in case you can't get home in an emergency. Sharing plans and communicating in advance is a good strategy.

Schools and Daycare

If you are a parent, or guardian of an elderly or disabled adult, make sure schools or daycare providers have emergency response plans. Ask how they will communicate with families during a crisis. Do they store adequate food, water and other emergency supplies? Find out if they are prepared to “shelter-in-place” if need be, and where they plan to go if they must get away.

Employers

If you are an employer, make sure your workplace has a building evacuation plan that is regularly practiced. Take a critical look at your heating ventilation and air-conditioning system to determine if it is secure or if it could be feasibly upgraded to better filter potential contaminants. Be sure you, and others, know how to turn off the system if necessary. Think about what to do if your employees can't go home, and make sure you have appropriate supplies on hand.

Part III: June Issue—Specific Terrorist Threats



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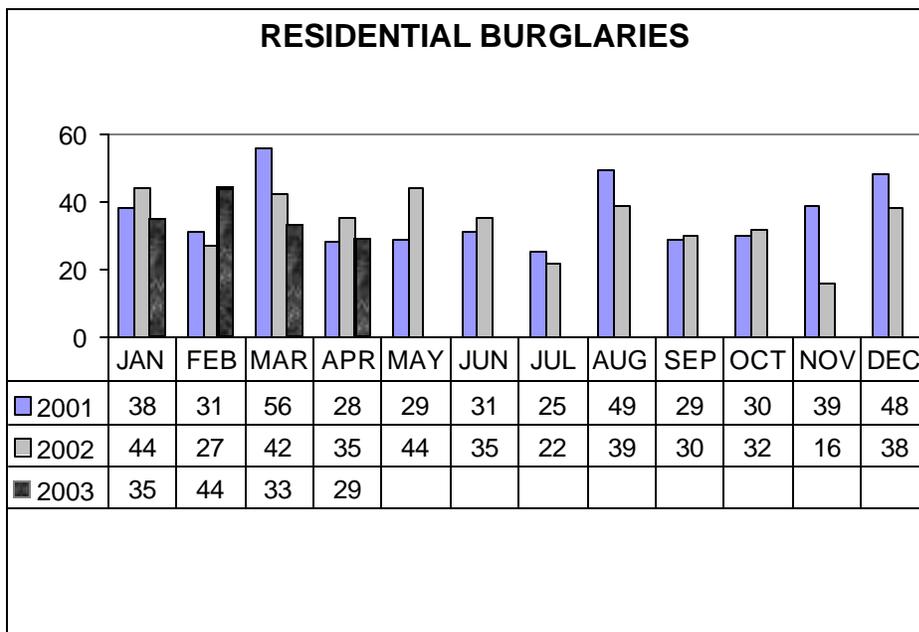
**NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Volunteers are needed to help with the assembly of the Neighborhood Watch newsletter once a month, usually the second Thursday of each month from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Newsletter Assembly consists of collating, labeling, and folding 13,000 newsletters. The meeting is held in the Huntington Beach Civic Center in meeting room B7, next to the Council Chambers. Coffee and donuts are provided at the event. A group of 40-45 volunteers already meet, but we are in need of a few more helpers. Call 536-5933 for more information.

PASS YOUR NEWSLETTER TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.
TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTER, CALL 536-5933.



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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
29 FOR APRIL
33 FOR MARCH

Thirteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 48% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 3 garage burglaries out of 29 burglaries, or 10% of the entries reported in April.

19 out of 29 entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Ten entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There was one 2nd story open window entry, there were three attempts without entry, three entries by unknown means, six entries were by force or pry, there were two dog door entries and one window smash.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES
64 IN APRIL
77 IN MARCH

GRAND THEFT AUTOS
37 IN APRIL
47 IN MARCH



BEAT 2

1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 476 – 1

Street: St. John.
ONE ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED DOOR.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 464 – 1 RD 485 – 1
RD 486 – 2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 464 – 1 RD 476 – 1
RD 485 – 1 RD 495 – 1

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 444 – 1 RD 445 – 1

Streets: Belshire and Magnolia.
ONE UNLOCKED SLIDER.
 There was one attempt without entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 445 – 1 RD 456 – 1

BEAT 4

4 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 432 – 1 RD 433 – 1
RD 452 – 1 RD 462 – 1

Streets: Florida, Roma, Atlanta, and Seawall.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.
 There were two entries by unknown means and one attempt without entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 432 – 2 RD 452 – 2
RD 453 – 3 RD 463 – 2
RD 472 – 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 443 – 1 RD 463 – 1

BEAT 5

1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 425 – 1

Street: Magnolia.
 There was one entry by forced slider.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 427 – 1 RD 436 – 1
RD 437 – 2

BEAT 6

4 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

**RD 329 – 1 RD 349 – 2
RD 451 – 1**

Streets: Redford, 16th St., 14th St.,
and Main.

ONE UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.

There were two entries by force and one entry by dog door. There were two garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 326 – 1 RD 339 – 1
RD 348 – 2 RD 349 – 1
RD 431 – 2 RD 359 – 1**

RD 451 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 337 – 1 RD 348 – 1
RD 431 – 1 RD 441 – 1
RD 451 – 2**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 293 – 1 RD 422 – 1
RD 423 – 1**

Streets: Springtime, Yorktown, and Hamden.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one attempt without entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 319 – 2 RD 412 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 292 – 1 RD 422 – 1

BEAT 8

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 179 – 1

Street: Warner.

There was one entry by unknown means.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 177 – 1 RD 179 – 1
RD 281 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 281 – 1

BEAT 9

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 262 – 1 RD 271 – 2
RD 273 – 1 RD 283 – 1**

Streets: Rhine, Mashie, Betty, “B” Street, and Blaylock.

THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.

There was one entry by window smash and one open 2nd story window. Mashie (RD 271) open bathroom suspects seen: #1 Male white late teens, 6 ft., very thin, short brown hair. #2 Male white, late teens, collar length blonde hair, 6 ft. Description of Rhine (RD 262) window smash suspects; #1 Male Hispanic adult, short dark hair 20's, medium build, 5'8". #2: Same description. Both wearing black shirt/jeans, silver necklace.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263 – 2 RD 272 – 5

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 263 – 1 RD 272 – 3
RD 282 – 1 RD 283 – 3**

BEAT 10

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 154 – 1 RD 165 – 1

Streets: Monterey and Lynn.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 151 – 2 RD 155 – 1
RD 162 – 1 RD 165 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 153 – 1 RD 164 – 1
RD 165 – 1 RD 175 – 1**

BEAT 11

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 158 – 1 RD 169 – 3

Streets: Springdale, Peggy (door kick-robbery), and two on Marie.

There were three entries by force and one by dog door. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158 – 3 RD 168 – 1

BEAT 12

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 128 – 2

Streets: Sunnycrest and Hardwick.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

Description of suspicious person seen on Sunnycrest: Male adult, 25-30 yrs., brown hair, slim build, 5'9". Had acne scars on face.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 126 – 1 RD 136 – 3
RD 137 – 1 RD 139 – 2**

RD 148 – 1

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 139 – 1 RD 146 – 1
RD 147 – 1**

BEAT 13

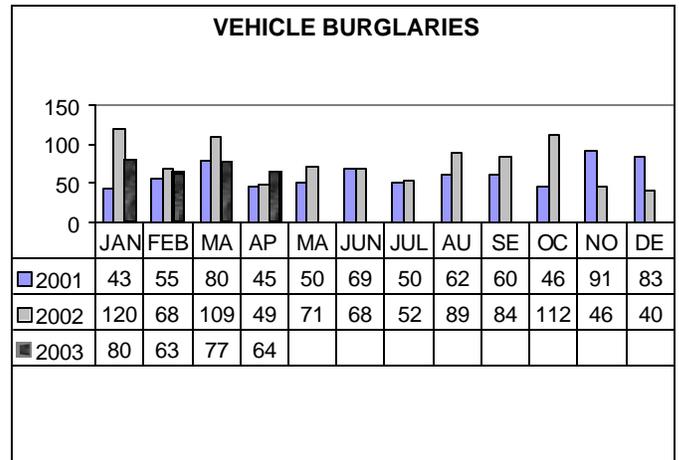
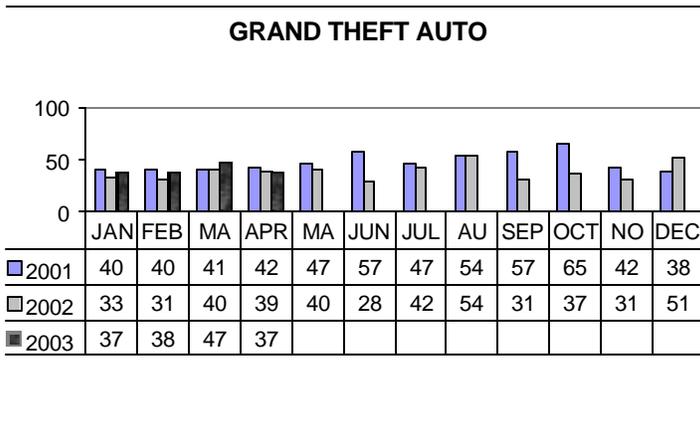
**0 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos**

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 241 – 1 RD 242 – 1
RD 251 – 1 RD 252 – 1
RD 253 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 241 – 2 RD 242 – 2
RD 251 – 1 RD 261 – 1
RD 262 – 1**



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

VIPS

Kathy Wooten

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES PROGRAM



Kathy moved from Ohio to California in 1965. She met her husband Chuck Wooten in Huntington Beach in 1970. Chuck had six children from his previous marriage (two who were adopted) when Kathy married him. They adopted one more child and now have 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Kathy is a Registered Nurse and has worked in the medical field for 30 years. She retired from Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and has recently returned working part-time. She has also pursued another career, volunteering to raise, train, and socialize dogs for the blind. Chuck and Kathy now have their 4th guide dog puppy named Elmo (in photo).

Kathy and Chuck also like to travel in their motor home. Recently they drove over 28,000 miles all over the United States, which took 9 months. They both decided after that journey that the best place to stay is in Huntington Beach.

After attending the Citizens Police Academy and graduating in 1996, Kathy joined the Huntington Beach Police Department's VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services)



program. As a volunteer she is responsible for restocking first aid kits in the police cars. She also volunteers for the annual Shoreline Marathon, and helps with the Canine Association and special projects.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is proud to have Kathy as one of their volunteers and salutes her for

all the wonderful things she has done with the guide dogs and her help in the police department.

RSVP

Shirley Salter

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Congratulations Shirley Salter. May 2003 Retired Senior Volunteer of the Month!

Shirley has been a member of the HBPD Retired Senior Volunteer Program since April 2001. Her duties as a RSVP are mostly spent behind the scenes by performing office work, which includes creating the necessary forms for the RSVP office and Policy and Procedures Manual. She also works in the Alarm Office and inputs Patrol Hours for the Watch Commanders. In addition, when she is available, she helps fingerprint at special events, assists with the calibration of patrol cars, works on the program's 4th of July float, Oak View Halloween program and other special events as they come up.

Before retirement, Shirley was responsible for the Employee Incentive Office at the Boeing at the Anaheim site. She has lived in Huntington Beach for four years and spends much of her free time with her two children and her grandson Ryan. Other hobbies include participation in organized sports like softball, tennis, racquetball, skiing and horseback riding. She also enjoys crafts of all kinds and creating things on her computer.

Shirley's favorite parts of the RSVP program is having the ability to keep her computer skills sharp and her feeling of accomplishment by helping various departments. She loves being part of HBPD and really enjoys interfacing with all the friends she has made since joining the RSVP program.

Congratulations Shirley and thank you for all your hard work!