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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD AND NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS!

Chief Ron Lowenberg attended the recent Neighborhood Watch Awards program to personally thank the Newsletter Assembly and Board of Directors for their volunteer efforts this past year. There are over 50 volunteers who are actively involved and contribute to the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program. The program is over 25 years old and plays a great part of why our community continues to be one of the safest cities in America. All the volunteers who are involved in the program actively or as a block captain contribute to this. A special thank you goes to each one of you.



The following people were recognized for their volunteer work with the Neighborhood Watch Board: President Penny Lambright, Past President Reema Chugh, Vice President Kathy De Peri, Treasurer Ken Pollock, Member at Large Cathy Stan, and Dick Bowen.

The Newsletter Assembly Committee meets faithfully each month to collate, label, and fold the newsletter for mailing. Without the help of these 46 volunteers, there would be no newsletter for you to read. Special thanks go to the following volunteers: Phyllis Amati, Walter Baider, Mae Benjamin, Thelma Bisbee, Batoul Bodes, Nancy Busby, Mid Call, Bonnie Carbonell, May Sue Chee, Jo De Santi, Ruby & Van Dunahoo, Pat Freyer, Don Griswold, Audrey Hart, Joan Hock, Dale & Mildred Hughes, Thelma Jamieson, Florence Jarvis, Ruth Jecter, Joe Jones, Kay Kerchenski, Tad Kiyomura, Fran & Blair Lenoir, Sue Magnante, Kay Pekala, Ruby Pinkston, Harriett Price, Charlene and Joe Saeman, Dorothy Short, Marie Slovacek, Marilyn

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- Recipient of Chamber of Commerce Award of Valor •
- Recipient of Disneyland Community Service Award •

Thank you again

THREE TRAGIC SECONDS

for a job well done!



By: H.B. Fire Education Unit

Parents whose children have drowned say the day of the tragedy started out just like any other day. No matter how the drowning happened, one thing was the same for all these parents: the 3 tragic seconds that claimed their child's life slid by silently without warning, and can never be brought back.

Curiosity, rapidly changing skills, and an inability to understand danger place young children at high risk. Adults must establish and communicate responsibility for child supervision. The Huntington Beach Fire Department recommends using the following

action steps to prevent such a tragedy:

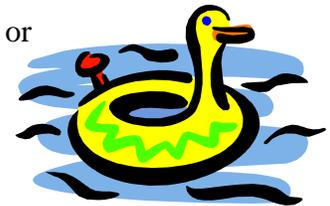
FACT:...Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death to children under five years of age.

FACT:...A pool or spa is 14 times more likely than a vehicle to cause the death of a child under five.

FACT:...Drowning is a silent event. Children do not understand the danger of water and do not splash or cry out for help.

FACT:...Most of the children who drowned or nearly drowned were last seen in the house or away from the pool or spa.

FACT:...Children can drown in the time it takes to answer the phone or door—children have drowned during surprisingly short breaks in visual contact.



Protection and Preparation

- **Alarms on doors and windows** leading to the water (at least 5 feet high so the child cannot reach them). Secure and lock all doors and windows when not in use.
- **A non-climbable 5 foot fence** that separates the pool/spa from the residence with openings no more than 4" wide. Place items that can be climbed on away from the fence.
- **Self-closing and self-latching fence gates** with latches above 54" high. The gates should open outward.
- **Mount secure equipment by the pool** (lifesaving ring, shepherd's hook, CPR sign). Many float-type toys are thought to be lifesavers, but they are not. They are only toys!
- **Never leave toys** in or around the pool/spa area.
- **Post 9-1-1 emergency phone number on your phones.** Have a phone near the pool area.

Supervision

- **Assign an adult "water watcher"** to watch the pool/spa area, especially during social gatherings. "Water Watcher" tags available through the Fire Department Education Unit: (714) 536-5569 and 536-5419.
- **Never leave a child alone** near a pool/spa, bathtub, toilet, water-filled bucket, pond, or any form of standing water in which the child's nose and mouth may be submerged.
- **Don't rely on swimming lessons**, life preservers, or other equipment to make a child "water safe."
- **Don't allow** children to play in the pool/spa area.
- **Look in the pool area first** if a child is missing.
- **Communicate pool safety** measures with the babysitter.
- **Learn how to perform infant/child CPR.**
- **Learn how to swim and learn rescue techniques.**

What to do if you find a child in a pool

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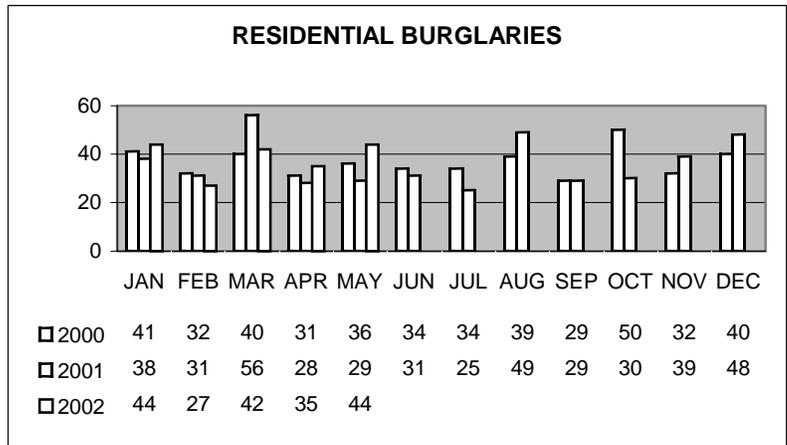
- Yell for help and get the child out of the pool and onto the pool deck.
- If someone is with you, have them call 9-1-1. Determine if the child is breathing: tilt the head back—if you don't hear or feel breathing or see the chest rising begin CPR until emergency help arrives.
- If you are alone and the child is not breathing, start CPR. After one minute, call 9-1-1. Return to the child and continue CPR until help arrives.

JUNE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Prevent Bicycle Theft



- Always lock your bike up whenever you are not using it.
- Lock your bike up in the garage. This way if you leave the garage door open, there is less chance that a thief will walk in the garage and ride it out. It only takes a thief a few seconds to walk in an open garage, hop on the bike, and ride off.
- Make sure your garage doors are closed and locked whenever you leave and go to sleep for the night. Think of all you have to lose.
- If one of your neighbors leaves their garage door open, remind them to close it.
- Buy a bike license from the police department. Licenses are \$4 and the forms are at the police department's traffic counter Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call Traffic at 536-5663. Forms are also available on the Internet. The police department's web site is www.hbpd.org. It is important to get a bike license, so that when we recover your bike, we can contact you. Or, if you are involved in a traffic accident, we can contact your family.



Cathy Stan
Wayne Wong

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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

**44 FOR MAY
 35 FOR APRIL**

12 of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 27% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 9 garage burglaries out of 44 burglaries, or 20% of the entries reported in May.

34 out of 44 entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). 10 entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

Eleven entries were by force, 5 were attempts without entry, 1 open "House for Sale," 9 were by unknown means, 2 entries were by dog door, 3 were by window smash, and 1 by passkey

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**71 IN MAY
 49 IN APRIL**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**40 IN MAY
 39 IN APRIL**

BEAT 2

**1 Residential Burglary
 June 2002**

**7 Vehicle Burglaries
 1 Grand Theft Auto**



Residential Burglary
RD 466 – 1

Street: Chubasco.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 464 – 3 RD 465 – 1
 RD 466 – 2 RD 486 – 1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 474 – 1

BEAT 3

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 446 – 1 RD 447 – 1
 RD 457 – 1**

Streets: Mammoth, Princeton, and LaVonne.

There were 2 entries by force and 1 attempt without entry. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 445 – 1 RD 447 – 1
 RD 457 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 454 – 1 RD 455 – 1

BEAT 4

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432 – 3 RD 433 – 1
 RD 452 – 1 RD 473 – 1**

Streets: Alabama, Grace, Frankfort, P.C.H., and 2 on Florida.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by unknown means, 1 attempt without entry, and 2 entries by force. There were 2 garage burglaries. Suspect arrested in RD 432 force window on Florida.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 443 – 1 RD 453 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 442 – 2

BEAT 5

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

Residential Burglary

RD 427 – 1

Street: Sunday.

There was one entry by window smash.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 424 – 1 RD 427 – 1
 RD 434 – 1 RD 435 – 1
 RD 436 – 2**



Grand Theft Auto
RD 436 – 1

RD 359 – 1 RD – 441 – 2
RD 451 – 2

window smash. There was one garage burglary.

BEAT 6

Streets: 11th, Pine, Palm, 10th, and 8th Streets.

Vehicle Burglaries

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

RD 326 – 2 RD 359 – 1
RD 451 – 1 RD 461 – 1

There was 1 attempt without entry, 1 entry by unknown means, and 1 by

Grand Theft Autos

RD 326 – 1 RD 349 – 1
RD 451 – 3

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

RD 178 – 1

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

BEAT 9

3 Residential Burglaries
13 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 158 – 1 RD 168 – 1

6 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 293 – 1 RD 319 – 1
RD 412 – 1 RD 413 – 1
RD 421 – 2

Streets: Springdale and Gloria.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There was one entry by force.

Streets: Hartlund, Rockinghorse, Florida, Mora Kai, and two on Bluefish.

There were two entries by force, one “Open House” House for Sale, and three entries by unknown means. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglary

RD 412 – 1

Residential Burglaries

RD 263 – 1 RD 282 – 1
RD 283 – 1

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 156 – 1 RD 168 – 1
RD 169 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 292 – 1 RD 293 – 1
RD 411 – 1 RD 413 – 2
RD 423 – 1

Streets: Waite, Newman, and Benjamin.

There was one entry by force, one by passkey, and one attempt without entry. There was one garage burglary.

Grand Theft Auto

RD 168 – 2

BEAT 8

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272 – 9 RD 282 – 2
RD 283 – 2

BEAT 12

5 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

3 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglary

RD 178 – 1 RD 179 – 1
RD 188 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 272 – 4 RD 273 – 3

Residential Burglaries

RD 117 – 1 RD 138 – 3
RD 147 – 1

Streets: Braemar and two on Warner.

There were two burglaries by force and one by dog door. There was one garage burglary.

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos

Streets: Hammon, Apollo, Harvard, Columbia and Reno.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.

There was one entry by force, one by dog door, one by unknown means, and one by window smash. There were two garage burglaries. Suspect arrested in Hammon (RD 117) window smash entry. Suspect seen in Reno (RD 147) window smash entry described as: M/Hispanic, approx. 18 years, 6’1”, thin build black shaved short hair, small mustache, wearing work gloves.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 – 1 RD 177 – 2
RD 178 – 1 RD 198 – 1

Residential Burglaries

RD 155 – 1 RD 164 – 1

Streets: Waterway and Sea Harbor.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by unknown means.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 155 – 1 RD 162 – 1
RD 163 – 1 RD 164 – 3
RD 165 – 3 RD 174 – 1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 155 – 1 RD 165 – 5

Grand Theft Autos

BEAT 11

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 127 – 1 RD 128 – 1
RD 139 – 2 RD 146 – 1



RD 147 – 3 RD 148 – 1

RD 251 – 1 RD 253 – 1

RD 261 – 2 RD 262 – 2

RD 163 – 1

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242 – 2 RD 253 – 1

RD 261 – 2 RD 262 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 137 – 1 RD 148 – 1

BEAT 13

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

Streets: Heil, Edinger, Tunstall, Bartlett, Lancaster, and two on Viewpoint.

FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There were two entries by unknown means and one attempt without entry. There was one garage burglary.

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 – 1 RD 252 – 1

RD 262 – 3

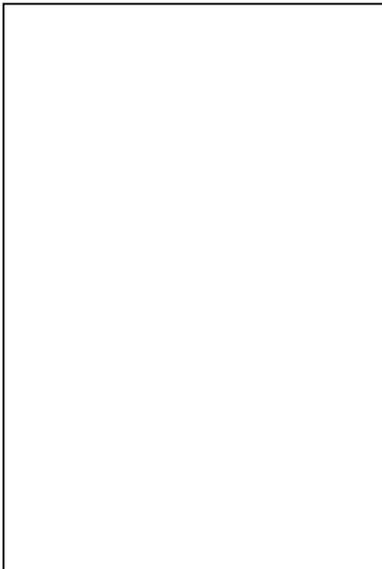
Residential Burglaries

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

VIPS

Corinne Neal

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES PROGRAM



Corinne Neal was born and raised in Mississippi and moved to California in August of 1964. She is the only daughter of community college teachers and the granddaughter of a United Methodist minister; thus, serving the community and its needs were practically inbred into her philosophy of life with these parents as role models.

Corinne graduated from Mississippi Southern College (now the University of Southern Mississippi) with a major in Psychology and Music Therapy. She was a homemaker for 12 years before returning to the classroom to obtain five California State Teaching Credentials. She began her teaching career substitute

teaching in the neighboring Orange County school districts and took a full-time position in the Santa Ana Unified School District in the early 1970s.

In January of 1985, Corinne moved to the Huntington Beach Union High School District to begin the Resource Specialist Program at Wintersburg High School, which is now Valley Vista High School. It was there that she heard about the Citizen's Police Academy and was accepted in the first class in 1993, graduating on July 5, 1994. Graduates felt the need to continue helping our fine officers on a volunteer basis and formed the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, which eventually evolved to the current VIPS program: Volunteers In Police Service. Over the years, Corinne has helped out in many areas of service. She has been seen passing out flyers door-to-door and working crowd control for special events. Corinne has helped in keeping forms supplied, providing refreshments, and allowing officers to use her motor home for resting on their Baker to Vegas run, but has spent the most hours in volunteering this year at the Oak View Substation, helping out in any way needed.

Corinne enjoys reading, cooking, working in her garden, and traveling, but feels that volunteering and giving to others is one of the most worthwhile things she can do with her extra time, as evidenced by her commitment to her church, Mesa Verde United Methodist, as a choir member, and Stephen Minister, a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member; and, since 1986, a board member of The Huntington Beach Community Clinic.

Huntington Beach Police Department salutes Corinne for her volunteer help and congratulates her for being nominated as Volunteer of the Month!

RSVP

Roy Richardson

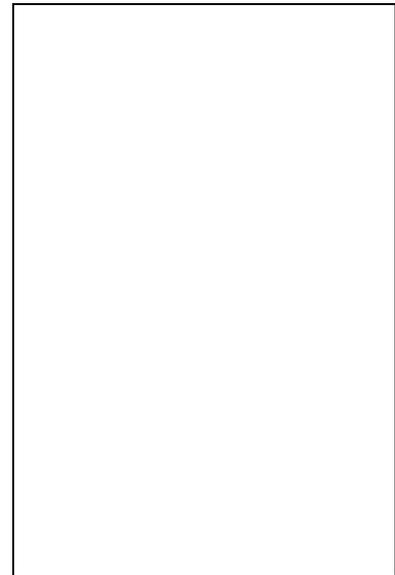
RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Roy has been a very active member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program since its inception in 1994. Before retirement, Roy worked as a Marketing Executive and Board member of a pharmaceutical company. He moved from Corona Del Mar to Huntington Beach in 1972.

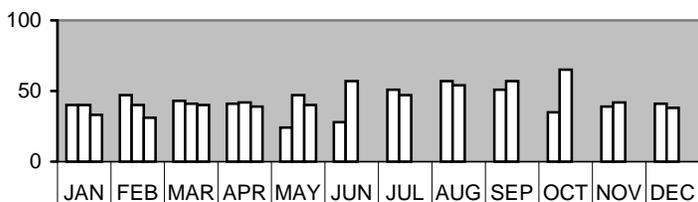
Roy does many things for the Huntington Beach Police Department. In addition to his patrol duties, as an R.S.V.P. Roy works at both the Oak View and Downtown Sub-stations, manages all the finances for the program and is a traffic hearing officer. He is available to help with special projects and activities whenever possible and is a tremendous help in the training of new volunteers. Roy also is the CFO for the Police Department's P.R.I.D.E. (Promoting Resources in Drug Education) Foundation, Inc., which fundraises and allocates funds for many department programs including D.A.R.E, Every 15 Minutes, Pennies for Prevention, etc. His favorite thing about the R.S.V.P. program is the ability to help present an image of "good will" as an ambassador of the Department to the citizens and visitors of Huntington Beach.

Prior to his involvement in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Roy assisted the HYPD Community Liaison Team in the establishment of a review procedure to ensure safety for new industrial development projects. He also wrote a draft ordinance for the City to establish "Drug Free Zones" for all city public and private schools.

Roy's positive attitude, enthusiasm for life, and dedication to the City and our department is greatly valued by the both paid and volunteer personnel. Aside from volunteering, Roy enjoys hiking, working in the garden, playing golf, touring around the West Coast and playing on the



GRAND THEFT AUTO



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computer. We are very grateful to Roy for donating his skills, time and energy to our Department. We just wish we could give him a raise!

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

