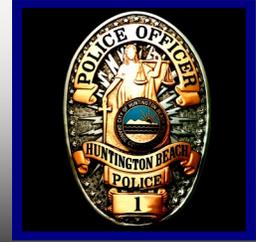


# REACHING OUT

EFFECTING CHANGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME



H U N T I N G T O N B E A C H P O L I C E D E P A R T M E N T

**COUNTY-WIDE 'POINT IN TIME' COUNT FOR HOMELESS POPULATION HAPPENING ON JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> AND WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Every two years, each city that receives HUD funds is required to complete a point in time count of their homeless population. Huntington Beach is participating in the upcoming January 28th count and is **looking for your assistance**.

The County is hoping for a minimum of 1,500 volunteers county-wide and Huntington Beach is hoping for at least 85 of their own. Our HBPD will assist the County in identifying the homeless hotspots where the canvassing will be done and volunteers will count them.

Colette's Children's Home has graciously agreed to act as the deployment center. Volunteers meet at the deployment center and are given a map of the area to which they will be assigned. This happens quite early in the morning – 4:30 a.m., so be prepared to rise early. Go online to <http://pointintimeoc.org/> and click on "**Point in Time 2017 Update**" to read descriptions of the volunteer opportunities. Volunteers as young as 13 years old (with a parent) are permitted. Sign up online and register for training, as all volunteers are required to complete a training program. At the very least, it will be an adventure!



## Vote!

Huntington Beach's Build Futures Founder, **Kathy Tillotson**, has been chosen as one of the 2016 **Women of Worth** Honorees by L'Oreal. The woman chosen as National Honoree will win \$25,000 for their cause. Go to [www.lorealparisusa.com/women-of-worth](http://www.lorealparisusa.com/women-of-worth) and help your community by voting for Kathy by **October 28, 2016**. **On October 24th** you can actually vote three times (via web, Facebook and Twitter!)

## Different people, similar perspectives. Both beneficiaries of your generosity

In June, our Homeless Task Force officers made contact with a 79 year old man who was living in his car. Officer Schloss introduced him to the Veteran's Affairs Outpost in Santa Ana. There, he was assigned a case worker and provided with a housing voucher. Finally able to find a landlord willing to accept his voucher, he now has a nice apartment and is quite pleased about it.

Not wanting to be identified, but willing to share a little, this gentleman explains, "I worked for years in the public service here and in another state. I wasn't supposed to be in this pickle. I had a retirement but lost it in the savings and loan crisis. **This was not how I had planned my life and in a million years I would never have expected this.** Many homeless people hide their circumstances, so those you can typically identify as homeless are not the high functioning ones. I think you'd be surprised how many there are that go undetected. It's a very tough situation."

Similarly, many of you may recall receiving an assistance request asking for help moving the property of a formerly homeless man.

This gentleman was living in a vehicle with his wife for months. He was employed full-time, but could not find affordable rent in a location anywhere near his place of employment. Officer Ricci referred them to Interval House for short term rental assistance. With the help of Interval House, he and his wife now have a nice apartment and a sense of security. "I cannot tell you how happy I am. I was so ashamed of my situation that I kept it a secret. **I just kept getting up, going to work and trying to find apartments on my own.** I cannot tell you how difficult it was. I definitely lost hope. Interval House helped us find our current apartment and I could not be happier. It took a long time, but it was worth it and it all started with Officer Ricci so many months ago."

### DON'T FORGET THE DATE...

**Coast to Coast Foundation** is having their annual fundraiser on **November 5th from 5pm—10pm in the C.F. Ballroom in Fullerton.** "Casino 2016" promises to be an enjoyable evening for everyone. **Get tickets online at [CoastToCoastFoundation.org](http://CoastToCoastFoundation.org)**