

Huntington Beach Police Department

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2013 Annual Report

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Introduction

The Huntington Beach Police Department currently has 212 funded sworn positions. These officers careers range from Patrol Officers, Detectives, Narcotic Investigators , Directed Enforcement Team, Gang Unit, SWAT, Beach Detail, Air Support Unit and Motorcycle Traffic Officer.

There are 121.5 civilian positions in the police department. Some of those are Parking Control Officers, Records Clerks, Communication Operators, Crime Scene Investigators and Detention Officers.

These individuals are responsible for providing law enforcement services to over 200,000 residents and 11 million visitors to Huntington Beach every year. All 32 square miles of the city and 8.5 miles of beaches are patrolled by the police department using cars, ATVs, motorcycles, helicopters and on foot.

The Huntington Beach Police Department employees are committed to serving the community with honor.

Mission Statement

We of the Huntington Beach Police Department recognize our obligation to help maintain a safe and secure community. We acknowledge our contribution to the quality of life within the community. The provision of quality police services with the highest professional standards is our primary aspiration. We intend to fulfill the challenging responsibilities through active participation in the following shared values:

SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

We value the opportunity to provide service which is courteous, responsive, firm, efficient, and fair. We regard the members of our community as partners and indispensable resources in a combined policing effort. Respect for the individual worth, dignity, and rights of all those we serve is the foundation of our department.

INTEGRITY

We value and expect truth, honesty, and ethical behavior from the members of our organization. We are committed to upholding our position of public trust by maintaining the highest ethical standards and the utmost respect for the ordinances and laws of our city, state, and nation. Our role as peace keepers and enforcers of the law will not be compromised.

EMPLOYEES

We value our fellow employees as the most important organizational asset. We realize our success depends on mutual respect, cooperation, and recognition of our co-workers. All employees will receive equitable and fair treatment and be provided the proper tools and training necessary to meet organizational goals and objectives.

PROFESSIONALISM

We value the spirit of professionalism, having a clear sense of commitment, perspective, and direction. We encourage it by creating an environment that promotes teamwork, innovation, and constant evaluation of ourselves.

PRIDE AND ENJOYMENT OF OUR PROFESSION

We value our work as a source of enjoyment and satisfaction, we are proud of our community, and our department, our accomplishments in the service, and our commitment to quality law enforcement. We possess a great sense of pride serving our chosen profession with the Huntington Beach Police Department.

Department Authorized Strength

Like many other governmental agencies, the Police Department has had to reduce its financial footprint on the City's budget to help stabilize the overall financial health of the City. The following shows the Police Department's Full-Time Equivalent staffing as of the release of this report.

Sworn Class Title	Authorized	Funded	Active
Chief of Police	1	1	1
Captain	3	3	3
Lieutenant	11	9	9
Sergeant	27	25	25
Officer	191	171	162
Recruit	4	2	8
Grant Funded Positions		1	1
Total Sworn	237	212	209

Civilian Class Title	Authorized	Funded	Active
Executive	1	1	1
Administrative	64	63	58
Investigations	30.5	30.5	28.5
Uniform	27	27	27
Total Civilian	122.5	121.5	114.5

Our Volunteers

The HBPD has three individual volunteer programs. They all work very closely and often share duties and responsibilities. Their goal is to assist the Huntington Beach Police Department and this community in various ways, such as: acting as an extra pair of eyes and ears throughout the community; acting as ambassadors for our agency and educating residents, business members and our youth about the Police Department and various crime prevention techniques so they can harden the target and deter crime, or know how to be good witnesses.

The HB Neighborhood Watch Board and Newsletter Assembly group conduct Neighborhood Watch Block meetings and attend various community events, including school events, decorate the Police Department for Blue Ribbon Week, distribute awareness ribbons for Sexual Assault Awareness month, Blue Ribbon month, Red Ribbon Week, etc. In addition they coordinate and conduct a National Night Out community event with the local national sponsor, Target Store H.B. Approximately 25 to 40 Newsletter Assembly members gather monthly to collate and prepare approximately 11,500 newsletters for mailing and distribution. The Neighborhood Watch Board presently consists of nine members.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) presently consists of 58 members that are each required to donate a minimum of 240 hours annually. RSVP's must apply to the program, which includes an interview, background and fingerprint check. After successful completion of the application process the RSVP's must attend and pass a 30 hour RSVP Academy. Once they have had their formal graduation and completed a 6 month probation and training course with one of the senior RSVP's, they are certified to conduct vacation house checks, remove illegally posted signs, assist the Curb Crime Program (a vehicle burglary prevention and education program), issue handicap parking warnings, assist at the sub-stations, community events, and various other duties.

The Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS) presently consists of 33 members that are required to donate a minimum of 20 or 60 hours (depending on when they joined) each annually. VIPS are made up of citizens who attended and graduated from the Citizen Police Academy. The Academy is a 12 week course where citizens learn about the Police Department's many functions. After graduating from the academy, the citizen can apply to become a member in the VIPS Program to help at various special events, such as National Night Out, Curb Crime Program, HB Neighborhood Watch Program, and many others. VIPS staff the two substations and assist in the Police Department at the front counter, Detective Bureau, Crime Lab, Gang Unit, Records, Crime Analyst, Payroll, Community Liaison Unit, Administration, etc. VIPS distribute the Neighborhood Watch Newsletters to introduce the newsletter and program to residents and encourage them to get involved and host a Neighborhood Watch Block Meeting. There are many other events and assignments they help with, as needed. Unfortunately due to budgetary constraints, we do not currently offer the Citizen Academy and are not recruiting for new members at this time but hope to reinstate the program in the near future.

RSVP's and VIPS assist with many of the same functions but only the RSVP's conduct vacation house checks and remove the illegally posted signs.

In 2013, the HB Neighborhood Watch Program, RSVP's and VIPS worked a combined total of approximately 19,621 hours. According to the dollar amount One-OC considers their time being worth the HBPD volunteers saved the City over \$400,000.00



Jail Booking Statistics

Below is a summary of jail bookings over the past several years. Jail bookings include not only arrestees booked by Huntington Beach Police Department but also people booked by other agencies who use our jail facility.



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2004	493	457	465	435	494	450	527	499	426	426	426	354	5452
2005	366	360	448	434	469	479	569	486	465	431	405	493	5405
2006	406	426	452	460	469	479	571	501	486	456	415	441	5562
2007	492	414	536	531	481	490	506	468	447	444	434	472	5715
2008	450	471	538	490	492	526	574	523	426	461	486	430	5867
2009	416	429	503	454	490	434	560	467	398	460	473	402	5486
2010	415	409	509	463	508	478	574	542	454	443	453	446	5694
2011	467	387	470	392	446	481	644	548	421	442	377	350	5425
2012	421	363	436	421	428	394	511	500	440	414	332	375	5036
2013	320	327	375	320	318	330	458	330	337	315	269	268	3967

2013 Huntington Beach Arrests and Citations

This includes all persons booked into the jail by the Huntington Beach Police Department and also people arrested and issued a citation for crimes committed in the field. This total does not include moving and non-moving traffic related citations.



	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total
Adult	2625	1501	4126
Juvenile	249	116	365
Total Arrest	2874	1617	4491

Crime in Huntington Beach

Below is the reported Part I Crimes for Huntington Beach. As compared to 2012, there was a 8.6% decrease in reported crimes in 2013.

Homicide	2
Rape	31
Robbery	100
Aggravated Assaults	229
Burglary - Residence or Garage	564
Burglary - Commercial	229
Theft - From Motor Vehicle	1607
Theft - From Building	524
Theft - Shoplifting	649
Theft - Vending Machine	6
Theft - All Other	518
Theft - Bicycles	492
Auto Theft	345
Arson	25

Comparison of 2012 / 2013 Part I Crimes

	2012	2013	% Change
Homicide	3	2	-33.3%
Rape	31	31	0%
Robbery	84	100	19%
Aggravated Assault	196	229	16.8%
Burglary	797	793	-.5%
Larceny	4352	3796	-12.8%
Auto Theft	321	345	7.5%
Arson	39	25	-35.9%
Total Crimes	5823	5321	-8.6%
Violent Crimes	314	362	15.29%
Property Crimes	5509	4959	-9.98%

Comparison of UCR Clearance Rates

2012			
Part I Crimes	Total Cleared	Total Cases	% Cleared
Homicide	3	3	100.0%
Rape	8	31	25.8%
Robbery	37	84	44.0%
Assaults			
<i>Aggravated-</i>	111	196	56.6%
<i>Simple-</i>	782	1467	53.3%
Burglary	107	797	13.4%
Larcenies	680	4352	15.6%
Auto Theft	48	321	15.0%
Arson	11	39	28.2%
Clearance Totals <i>including simple assaults and arson</i>	1787	7290	24.5%
	Total Cleared	Total Cases	% Cleared
Violent Clearance Rate (Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault)	159	314	50.6%
Prop Clearance Rate (Burglary, Larceny, Auto Theft and Arson)	846	5509	15.4%

2013			
Part I Crimes	Total Cleared	Total Cases	% Cleared
Homicide	2	2	100.0%
Rape	10	31	32.3%
Robbery	54	100	54.0%
Assaults			
<i>Aggravated-</i>	131	229	57.2%
<i>Simple-</i>	582	1444	40.3%
Burglary	115	793	14.5%
Larcenies	553	3796	14.6%
Auto Theft	55	345	15.9%
Arson	7	25	28.0%
Clearance Totals <i>including simple assaults and arson</i>	1509	6765	22.3%
	Total Cleared	Total Cases	% Cleared
Violent Clearance Rate (Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault)	197	362	54.4%
Prop Clearance Rate (Burglary, Larceny, Auto Theft and Arson)	730	4959	14.7%

Crime in Huntington Beach

Historical Perspective

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Homicide	0	3	3	6	1	2	0	3	1	2	4	3	2
Rape	44	36	44	42	32	31	29	33	30	33	34	31	31
Robbery	94	84	101	109	92	141	102	118	128	109	108	84	100
Agg. Assaults	205	217	263	264	341	233	245	234	218	306	260	196	229
Burglary	1002	856	961	858	789	959	795	749	704	767	753	797	793
Larceny	2608	2718	2716	3096	2783	3044	2825	3265	3571	3620	3584	4352	3796
Auto Theft	547	465	441	518	531	467	415	314	296	285	253	321	345
Arson	46	32	21	45	24	39	42	34	44	29	20	39	25
Total	4546	4411	4550	4938	4593	4916	4453	4750	4992	5151	5016	5823	5321

Future Projections—Part I Crimes

Yearly an analysis and forecasts are done to get an idea of how much crime we can expect the following year based on several previous years data. As you can see, in 2013 most crime types were within or below the expected range of crime. The only exception was burglaries and auto thefts. We are experiencing a new auto theft trend. Vehicle burglars steal the vehicle and park it at another location to be less conspicuous. Then, they steal items, abandoning the vehicle. The movement of the vehicles is responsible for some of the increase in auto theft incidents.

PROJECTED VS. ACTUAL CRIMES 2013				
	2012	2013 Low	2013 High	Actual Incidents
Rape	31	31	35	31
Robbery	84	71	107	100
Felony Assault	196	205	275	229
Burglary	797	629	791	793
Larceny	4352	3801	4789	3796
Auto Theft	321	146	300	345

The 2013 projected totals are included in the report for you review. It is based on eight years of data.

PROJECTED CRIMES 2014			
	2013	2014 Low	2014 High
Rape	31	30	34
Robbery	100	70	106
Felony Assault	229	201	267
Burglary	793	657	807
Larceny	3796	3781	4725
Auto Theft	345	185	327

Traffic Safety

Our goal is to modify or eliminate unsafe driving and reduce traffic collisions through enforcement directed towards specific times and locations where accidents occur. Below are some of the traffic related statistics for 2013.

Accidents by Category	Quantity
Property Damage Only	1043
Injury	865
Fatal	12
Total Collisions	1920
Total Persons Injured	1216
Total Persons Killed (1 double-fatal)	13
Total Injured or Killed	1229

Highest Number of Traffic Collisions by Location

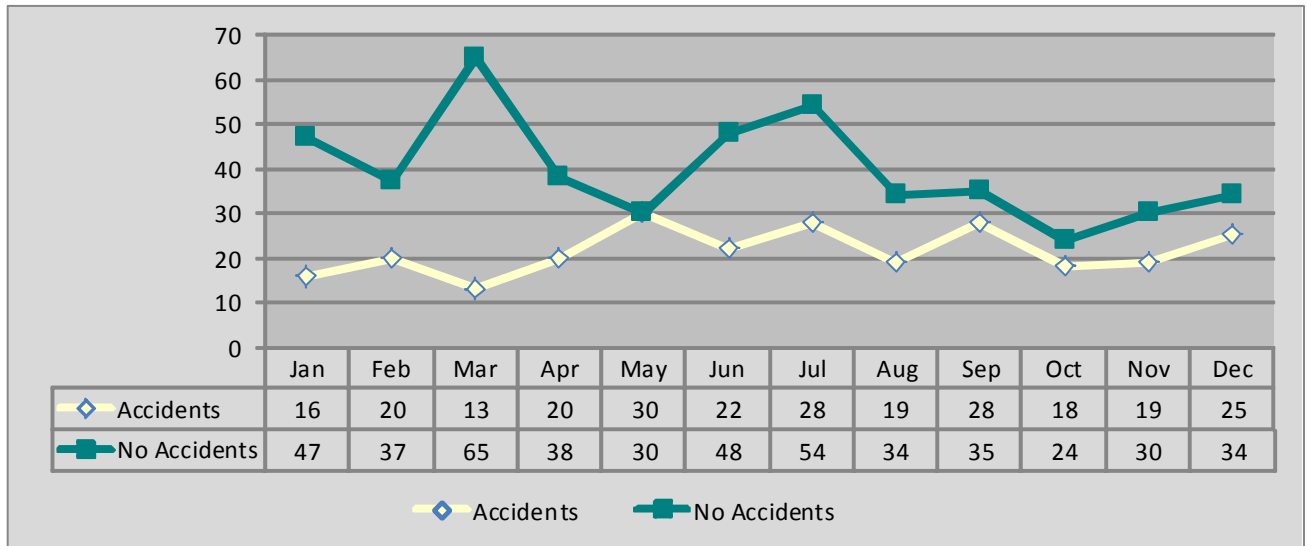
Rank	Intersection	Total Collisions
1	Beach Bl & Edinger Av	22
2	Beach Bl & Warner Av	18
3	Beach Bl & Slater Av	13
4	Beach Bl & Ellis Av	12
5	Beach Bl & Talbert Av	10

Total Number of Citations

Category	Quantity
Total Number of Hazardous Citations	7471
Total Number of Non-Hazardous Citations (for example: equipment violations)	8513
Total Number of Citations	15984

DUI Arrests

In 2013, we arrested 734 people for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Of these arrests, 258 involved traffic accidents, several with injuries.



When someone is arrested for driving under the influence, they must answer several questions including where they were drinking. In 2010 we instituted a program to send monthly letters to alcohol establishments to alert them of patrons arrested for driving under the influence after being at their establishment. In 2013 we sent 83 letters to 37 different alcohol establishments in the city of Huntington Beach. These letters involved 104 people arrested for driving under the influence and admitting to drinking at a local establishment.



General Investigations

A major function within the police department is secondary investigations by Detectives and support staff. The following represents the work accomplished by these individuals during 2013.

2013 Investigation Assignment Summary by Unit					
	Cases Received in 2013	Cases Assigned in 2013	% of Cases Assigned in 2013	Cases Closed / Cleared in 2013*	Total Open Cases as of Dec 2013
Crimes Against Persons Unit	3457	1895	54.82%	1876	417
Property Crimes Unit	7757	1539	19.84%	1597	177
Economic Crimes Unit	1369	756	55.22%	758	301
Total	12583	4190	33.30%	4231	895

* Includes cases from previous years closed / cleared in 2013

2012—2013 Comparison Report

Crimes Against Persons Unit					
	Cases Received	Cases Assigned	% of Cases Assigned	Cases Closed / Cleared *	Total Open Cases as of Dec
2013	3457	1895	54.82%	1876	417
2012	3568	2055	57.60%	2097	323
Change from 2012	-111	-160	-2.78%	-221	94

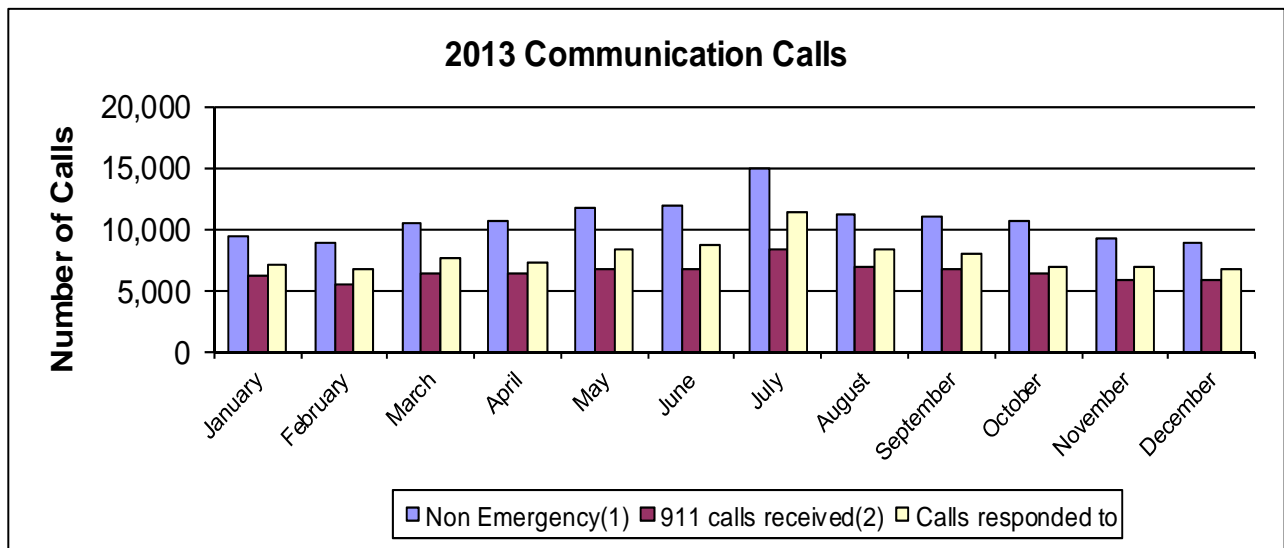
Property Crimes Unit					
	Cases Received	Cases Assigned	% of Cases Assigned	Cases Closed / Cleared *	Total Open Cases as of Dec
2013	7757	1539	19.84%	1597	177
2012	7371	1343	18.22%	1467	161
Change from 2012	386	196	1.62%	130	16

Economic Crimes Unit					
	Cases Received	Cases Assigned	% of Cases Assigned	Cases Closed / Cleared *	Total Open Cases as of Dec
2013	1369	756	55.22%	758	301
2012	1372	567	41.33%	626	311
Change from 2012	-3	189	13.90%	132	-10

* Includes cases from previous years that were closed / cleared in 2013

Police Communications

Our communication operators are the public voice of the Department. Our police dispatchers processed over 207,700 calls in 2013. From those, communication operators generated over 94,490 calls for service where officers responded. As the graph indicates below, there is a significant increase in calls for service during the summer months.



Alarm Activity

Residents and businesses in Huntington Beach are required to obtain Alarm Permits for their monitored alarm systems, which help to reduce the number of false alarms due to a lack of maintenance or familiarity with their alarm. Permits must be renewed annually.

	Total Alarm Calls	Total Alarms Responded To	Total Confirmed Crimes	False Alarms	Other (2nd response in 24 hours or calls not charged)	Calls Cancelled
January	403	283	3	273	7	120
February	363	240	3	218	19	123
March	407	271	1	254	16	136
April	398	277	4	262	11	121
May	386	268	3	249	16	118
June	424	281	0	263	18	143
July	450	311	2	290	19	139
August	460	296	4	282	10	164
September	450	284	5	269	10	166
October	470	315	0	275	12	155
November	404	262	0	214	13	142
December	443	292	1	244	13	151
Total	5058	3380	26	3093	164	1678