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NEWSLETTER**



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**DONATION UPDATE: New Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) **fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30 each year. We have estimated we will need approximately \$25,000 this year to cover the various HBNW program expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, etc. From the start of our fiscal year to now, we have received **\$1,646.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$23,354.00 to go** by June 30, 2012. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$6 donation pays for each subscriber's distribution costs; a \$10 donation helps with these costs and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 or more donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a HBNW sticker and a token of appreciation. Remember, HBNW is a non-profit organization; **donations are tax deductible.**

As a resident of the city, we encourage you to review the HBNW program budget and expenses.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either **electronically** or through the mail. The Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and crime statistics. Donations are not necessary to receive the Newsletter, but if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

**Send to:** HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PO BOX 5667  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92615

**Or:** HB POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Attn: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
2000 MAIN ST.  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

**For more information please call (714) 536-5933.**



**CONTRACTORS STATE  
LICENSE BOARD (CSLB)  
INFORMATION AND TIPS**



The CSLB urges consumers to follow these tips before hiring someone to work on your home:

- Hire only licensed contractors and ask to see their license and a photo ID to verify their identity.
- Always check the license number on CSLB's website at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or [www.CheckTheLicenseFirst.com](http://www.CheckTheLicenseFirst.com) to make sure the license is in good standing and that the contractor has a workers' compensation policy if there are employees other than the individual you contracted with working on your property.
- Don't pay more than 10 percent or \$1,000, whichever is less, as a down payment. There is an exception for about two dozen licensees who carry special bonds to protect consumers. These exceptions are noted on CSLB's website.
- Don't pay in cash, and don't let payments get ahead of the work.
- Get at least three bids.

The Contractors State License Board operates under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. More information and publications about hiring contractors are available on the CSLB website or by calling 800-321-CSLB (2752). You can also sign up for CSLB email alerts at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov). CSLB licenses and regulates California's more than 300,000 contractors and is regarded as one of the leading consumer protection agencies in the United States. In fiscal year 2009-10, CSLB helped recover nearly \$42 million in ordered restitution for consumers.



**HBPD: Using 9-1-1 in an Emergency**



When you dial 9-1-1, a professionally trained person called a “dispatcher” answers the phone at the police department. The call goes to the police department because the majority of 9-1-1 calls are police related emergencies. Wired house or business phones automatically go to the local police department. Wireless phones are usually routed to the local police department but are not always accurate if you are near the border of two cities or a freeway. Keep this in mind if you are using a wireless phone to call 9-1-1.

When you call 9-1-1:

- Remain calm.
- You may hear a recording asking you to wait for the dispatcher. Do not hang up or try to call again. Calls are answered in the order they are received.
- When the dispatcher answers, briefly explain the problem.
- The dispatcher will ask questions to find out what the emergency is and where it happened.
- Give short, direct answers to the dispatcher’s questions. The faster you give this important information, the faster help can be sent to you.
- Follow the dispatcher’s instructions.
- Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to.

The dispatcher can, in most cases if you are calling from a wired telephone, see the address and number of the phone you are calling from on their display screen when you dial 9-1-1. The dispatcher will still ask for the location, in case you are calling from a wireless phone, using VoIP (internet based phone system), a hotel, business with a PBX system or in case you are calling from a different place than the emergency.

Examples of emergency calls:

- “My house is on fire.”
- “A man has been shot.”
- “A woman is threatening to jump off a bridge.”
- “My son had an accident and I can’t stop the bleeding.”
- “I think I am having a heart attack.”
- “Someone suspicious is entering my neighbor’s house.”
- “Someone with a gun is robbing a store.”
- “I think I see a drunk driver on the road.”

Examples that are NOT an emergency:

- “Was that an earthquake?”
- “I scraped my knee.”
- “My car was towed. How do I get it back?”
- “My car was stolen last night.”

- “Is the highway open?”

If you dial 9-1-1 by accident, DO NOT HANG UP. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher that everything is all right. If you do not stay on the line, the dispatcher may think that something is wrong and send a police officer. This can potentially take that police officer away from a real emergency somewhere else.



**Surf City Downtown Shuttle**

The Surf City Downtown 2011 season has begun. The Shuttle will operate on Tuesdays during Surf City Nights from 5:30-10:00 PM, providing free rides from the Huntington Beach Civic Center to downtown. Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day the Shuttle will operate from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Look for the “**Free Shuttle Parking**” signs at the Main Street and Yorktown Ave. entrances to the Civic Center, take advantage of the free parking, and hop on board for a fun ride to downtown HB! The Civic Center shuttle stop is adjacent to the Police Station and City Hall. For more information, visit [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org), find us on Facebook, or call (714) 536-5542.



**Huntington Beach Police Department RECORDS COUNTER**



The HBPD Records Counter has announced new hours of operation effective June 11, 2011. Please make a note of this information in case you need to pick up a copy of a report or other information.

**New Hours of Operation:**

- Monday: CLOSED**
- Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday: **8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Thursday: **8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Friday: CLOSED**
- Saturday: **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**
- Sunday: **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

For more information please call our business line at 714-960-8811.

***Defeat lies not in failing or making mistakes; rather, it lies in giving up on ourselves when we do so.***



## *How to Lock Your Bike*

*from the National Crime  
Prevention Council*

**Always lock your bike, especially at home.** More bikes are stolen from home than from any other location. Wherever you store your bike: a garage, a college dorm room, an apartment building, use your lock.

**Pick a good Location.** Select a location where there are other bikes. The chances are better that there will be a bike with a less secure lock -- or even without a lock -- and thieves will usually take the unlocked bikes first.

Always lock your bike in visible, well-lighted areas.

Lock your bike to a fixed, immovable object like a parking meter, or a permanent bike rack that is cemented or anchored into the ground. If you use a parking meter, make sure the locked bike cannot be slipped off over the top of the pole. Beware of locking to items that can be easily cut, broken or otherwise removed.

Try not to let your lock rest against the ground where a thief can use a hammer or rock to smash the lock.

**Use the lock correctly.** Position your bike frame and wheels so that you take up as much of the open space within the U-portion of the lock as possible. The tighter the lock up, the harder it will be for a thief to insert a pry bar and pry open your lock.

If your U-lock has its keyway on the end of the crossbar, position the lock with its keyway end facing down towards the ground. This makes it harder for the thief to access your lock.

Always secure your components and accessories, especially those that can be easily removed, like quick release wheels or seats.

If you have a multi-speed bike, leave it in the highest gear. This makes it that much harder for a thief to shift quickly and get away with your bike.

- **DON'T** leave a new bike unlocked. New bikes have the most value to thieves and they look for them.
- **DON'T** lock your bike to small trees, aluminum or wooden posts, or to chain link fences. These items can be easily broken or cut.
- **DON'T** lock your bike to anything posted as illegal. Check with your police department for local bicycle parking regulations.

- **DON'T** lock your bike to itself. A thief will just carry the whole bike away!

### **ADDITIONAL BICYCLE SAFETY INFORMATION**

**Always use a helmet.**

**Learn, use, and obey traffic safety signals.**

**Ride with traffic, not against it.**

**If riding at night, use reflectors and lights. Be visible!**

**Give pedestrians the right of way.**

**Ride defensively. Watch for cars and car doors opening into your path.**

**Don't weave in and out of slow moving or stopped traffic.**

**Slow down and look out for oncoming and turning cars at all intersections.**

**Keep your bike well maintained with regular check-ups and service visits to your local bike shop.**

**When you are not riding your bike, keep it properly locked – even at home!**



## **Kids Safety First Organization**

Remember, there are no second chances in automobile crashes. Your children rely on YOU to help keep them safe. Following these simple rules can make all the difference!

1. Always buckle up, every trip, every time!
2. Place kids 12 and under in the back seat. This is the safest place for your child!
3. Always use the correct child safety seat for your child's age, height and weight.
4. Always install and use the child safety seat correctly by following the manufacturer's instructions provided with the seat.
5. Never place a rear facing child safety seat in the front passenger seat of vehicles where an airbag is present.
6. Always set a good example for your children by wearing your own seat belt.

For more information regarding child safety, child safety seats and selecting the correct seat for your infant, toddler, or child, visit the NHTSA website at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**

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**

**46 entries 06/16/11 – 07/15/11**

**39 entries 05/16/11 – 06/15/11**

Twenty-eight of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Twenty-one of these burglaries were committed during the day; fourteen were committed at night, and thirteen at an unknown time.

There were twelve garage entries.

There were five attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

**55 reported 06/16/11 – 07/15/11**

**79 reported 05/16/11 – 06/15/11**

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

**21 reported 06/16/11 – 07/15/11**

**23 reported 05/16/11 – 06/15/11**

**BEAT 2**

**2 Residential Burglaries**

**3 Vehicle Burglaries**

**0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 475-2**

Streets: Gulstrand Ci and Mahalo Dr.

In RD 475 Gulstrand Ci., Suspect possibly used a rock to shatter a kitchen window to gain entry.

In RD 475, Mahalo Dr., Victim believes the suspect(s) tried gaining access to the residence via the 2<sup>nd</sup> story bedroom window. Suspect possibly gained access to the roof using the RV they have parked alongside the residence.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 476 - 3**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**None reported**

**BEAT 3**

**4 Residential Burglaries**

**2 Vehicle Burglaries**

**0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 444-1 RD 446-2**

**RD 447-1**

Streets: Crown Reef Ln, Everglades Ln., Interior Ln., and Crailet Dr.

In RD 446, Everglades Ln., Suspect(s) enter an open garage and steal 3 bicycles.

In RD 446, Interior Ln., Suspect(s) entered through an unlocked open window.

In RD 447, Crailet Dr., It appears the suspect(s) entered into the residence through the unlocked front door.

There were two garage burglaries

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 445-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**None reported**

**BEAT 4**

**5 Residential Burglaries**

**4 Vehicle Burglaries**

**6 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 433-1 RD 442-3**

**RD 453-1**

Streets: Vasile Ci., Memphis Ave., Oswego Ave., and Snowbird Dr.

In RD 433, Vasile Ci., Suspect is in custody.

In RD 442, Oswego Ave., Suspect is known.

In RD 453, Snowbird Dr., Suspect(s) entered an unlocked garage and stole 2 bicycles.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 462-1 RD 463-3**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 432-3 RD 442-2**

**RD 452-1**

**BEAT 5**

**7 Residential Burglaries**

**3 Vehicle Burglaries**

**1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 425-2 RD 434-2**

**RD 436-3**

Streets: Brabham Dr., Estuary Ln., Doremere Dr., Durham Dr., Constitution Dr., and Inverness Ln.

In RD 425, Brabham Dr., It appears this was an attempted entry.

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In RD 434, Estuary Ln., Suspect entered through an unlocked kitchen door.

In RD 434, Doremere Dr., It appears the suspect entered the house through the unlocked exterior and interior garage doors.

In RD 436, Durham Dr., this was an attempted entry.

In RD 436, Constitution Dr., It is believed the suspect(s) removed the screen to an open window to enter, but when they heard or saw the victims 2 large dogs the suspect(s) fled.

There were two garage entries.

There were two attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 434-2 RD 437-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 436-1**

**BEAT 6**

**6 Residential Burglaries**

**8 Vehicle Burglaries**

**5 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 339-1 RD 349-1**

**RD 441-3 RD 451-1**

Streets: Quiet Bay Ln., 16<sup>th</sup> St., 13<sup>th</sup> St., Crest Ave., and 12<sup>th</sup> St.

In RD 339, Quiet Bay Ln., Suspect(s) possibly entered via the unlocked front door.

In RD 349, 16<sup>th</sup> St., It is believed suspect(s) used a hidden key to gain entry.

In RD 441, 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suspect is in custody.

In RD 451, 12<sup>th</sup> St., Suspect is in custody.

There was one attempted entry.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO****Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 326-1    RD 348-2  
RD 349-1    RD 359-1  
RD 451-3

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 349-1    RD 451-4

**BEAT 7**

**5 Residential Burglaries**  
**7 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**3 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 412-3    RD 421-1  
RD 422-1

Streets: Edgebrook Ln, Ellis Ave.,  
Brookwood Dr., Coho Dr., and  
England St.

In RD 412, Edgebrook Ln., Suspect  
is in custody.

In RD 421 Coho Dr., Suspects are in  
custody.

There were two garage burglaries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 291-2    RD 412-1  
RD 422-3    RD 423-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 293-1    RD 412-1  
RD 413-1

**BEAT 8**

**3 Residential Burglaries**  
**0 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 178-2    RD 179-1

Street: Meadow Crest Dr., and  
Warner Ave.

In RD 178, Meadow Crest Dr., It  
appears the suspect gained entry  
through the rear sliding glass door  
left partially open for the pet.

In RD 179, Warner Ave., The  
suspect possibly entered through an  
open bedroom window.

There was one garage entry

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**None reported**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**None reported**

**BEAT 9**

**4 Residential Burglaries**  
**9 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**2 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 189-1    RD 263-1  
RD 264-1    RD 273-1

Street: Crista Palma Dr., Leafwood  
Ci., Landau Ln., and Rotterdam Ln.

In RD 189, Crista Palma Dr.,  
Suspect was described as; male, in  
his 20's, short hair, approximately  
6'4", 250 lbs., wearing dark  
clothing. He rode off on a bicycle;  
either a mountain bike or road bike  
with manual shifting gears.

In RD 273, Rotterdam Ln., The  
garage door was left open for 30  
minutes; during this time the  
suspect(s) came into the garage  
and stole a bicycle.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 263-1    RD 272-7  
RD 273-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 272-2

**BEAT 10**

**4 Residential Burglaries**  
**4 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**2 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 155-1    RD 165-1  
RD 174-1    RD 175-1

Street: Fantasia Ln., Heil Ave.,  
Saybrook Ln., and Green Ln.

In RD 175, Green Ln., Suspect(s)  
stole an orange Beach Cruiser  
bicycle from inside an open garage.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 155-1    RD 165-2  
RD 175-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 163-1    RD 173-1

**BEAT 11**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**1 Vehicle Burglary**  
**0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 158-1    RD 167-1

Street: Ballantine Ln., Langport Ci

In RD 158, Ballantine Ln., Victim  
heard her doorbell ring several  
times then saw the suspects enter  
her gate leading to the back of her

home. When they saw her they ran  
off. Suspect #1 described as; male,  
black, age 19 to 25 years old,  
height approximately 5'8". Suspect  
#2 described as; male, black, 19 -  
25 years old.

In RD 167, Langport Ci., The home  
was tented while being fumigated  
when it was burglarized. Suspect is  
described as; male, Hispanic, in his  
30's wearing a bluish-gray tanker-  
jacket and khaki pants.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 166-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

**None Reported**

**BEAT 12**

**1 Residential Burglary**  
**2 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**0 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 139-1

Streets: Hanover Ln.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 117-1    RD 136-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

**None reported**

**BEAT 13**

**3 Residential Burglaries**  
**12 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**2 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 253-2    RD 264-1

Street: Edinger Ave., and Rogue Ln.

In RD 253, Edinger Ave, Suspect is  
possibly known.

In RD 264, Rogue Ln., Suspect is in  
custody.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 242-4    RD 251-5  
RD 252-2    RD 262-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 253-1    RD 264-1

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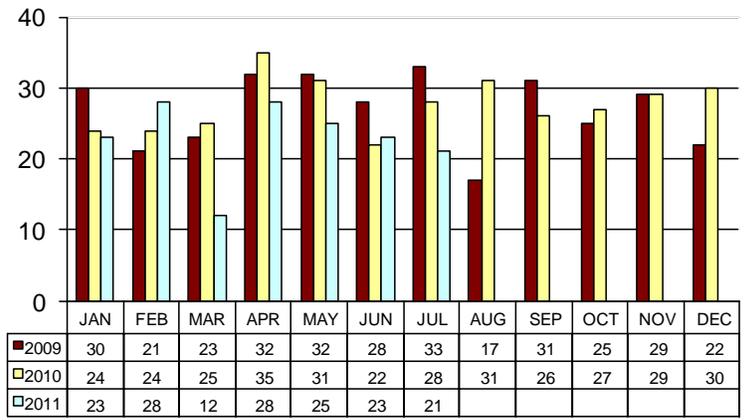
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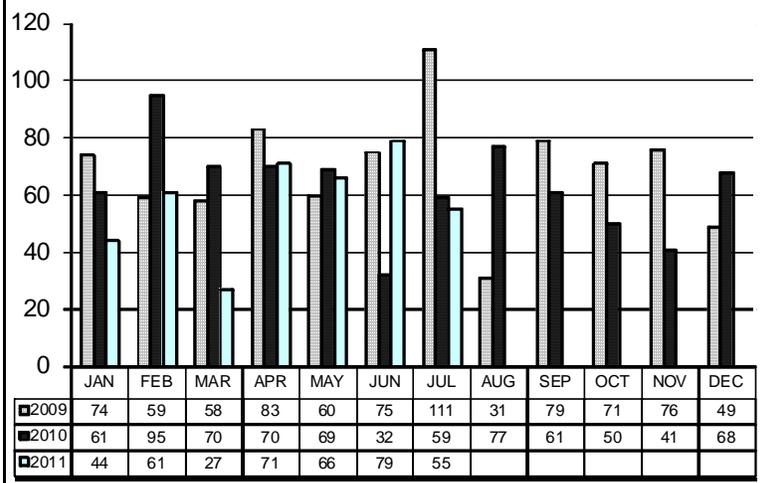
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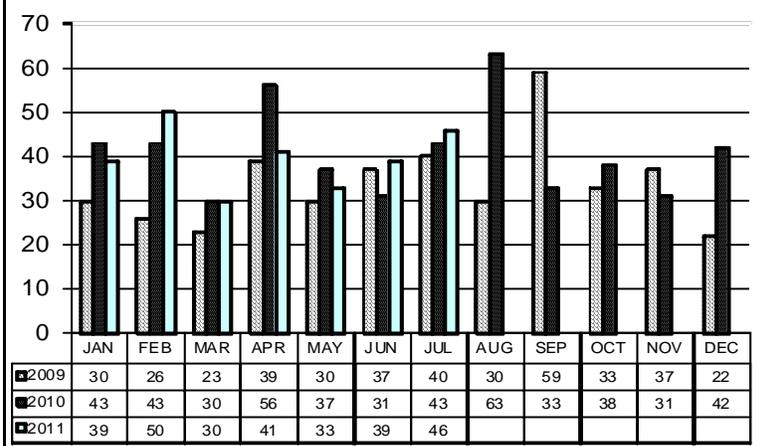
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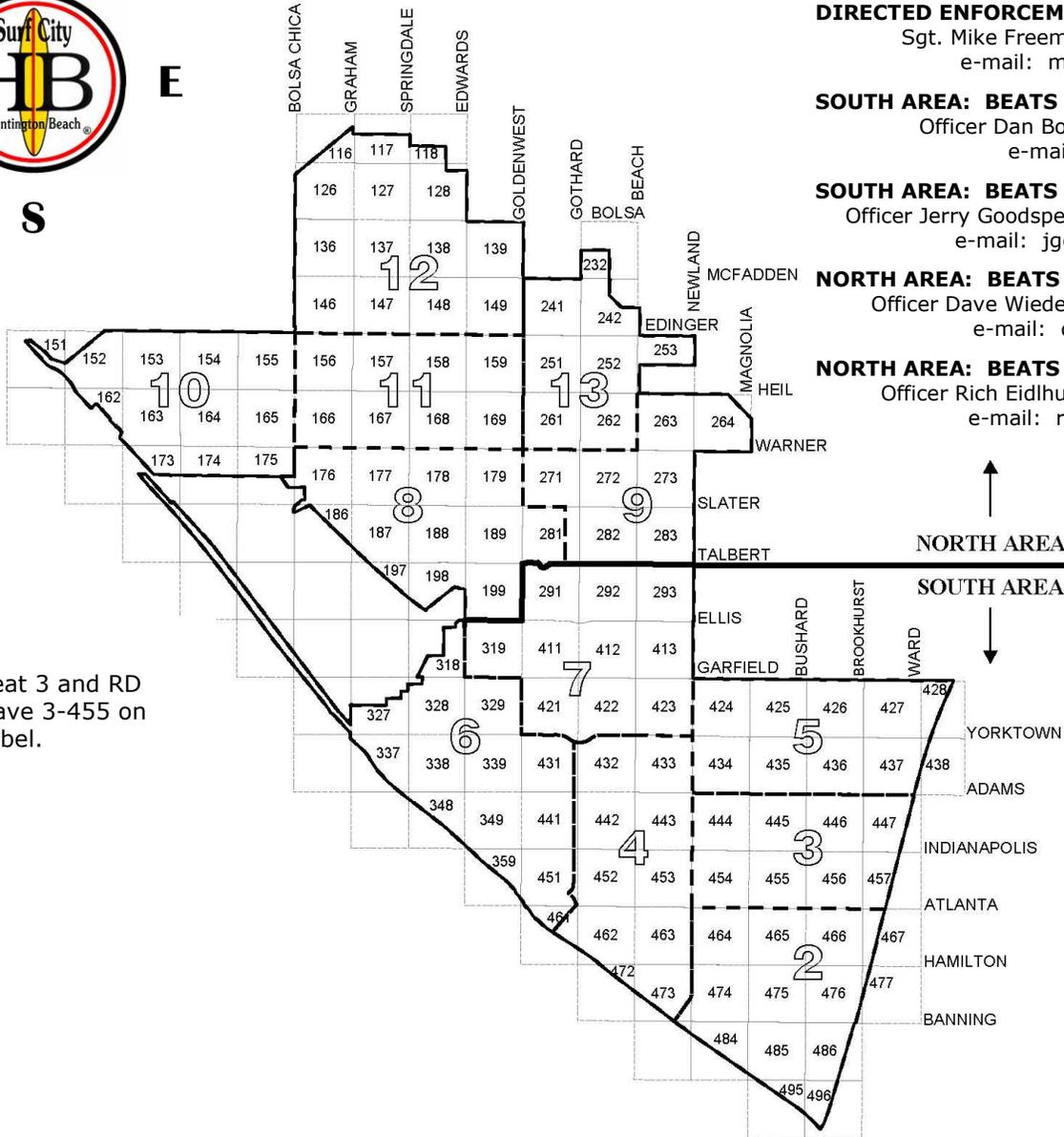
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Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

**Example:**

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