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**DECEMBER DONATION UPDATE**

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 \$24,300 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 **\$10,601.99 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$13,699.01 to go by June 30, 2014.** The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. An \$8 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:

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**Distractions in  
Everyday Driving**



*From: AAA Foundation for  
Traffic Safety*

Different distraction, same results.

Quick Quiz: What do eating a hamburger, getting into a discussion, and reading a GPS screen have in common? Well, if you're doing any of these things while driving, you become distracted in ways that increase your risk of crashing. In fact, distractions come in three forms: visual, manual, and cognitive.

- **VISUAL** distractions cause you to take your eyes off the road. When traveling at 65 mph, if you look at your GPS for two seconds to check where you are on the map, you'll have driven two thirds the length of a football field before you see the road again. That gives you plenty of the time and distance to get in a serious crash.
- **MANUAL** distractions take your hands off the wheel. When you use one – or even both – of your hands to get that hamburger under control, you risk losing control over something much more important – your vehicle. You also are greatly slowing your ability to respond to changing or unexpected conditions that can occur without warning.
- **COGNITIVE** distractions take your mind off the task at hand. When you get into a discussion - whether it's with a passenger

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# Social Host Ordinance

*A New Law to Prevent Underage Drinking in Huntington Beach*

*Underage drinking costs 4,700 lives a year. (CDC, 2012)*

*Allowing it in your home could cost you a \$750 fine.*

## What is a Social Host Ordinance?

A Social Host Ordinance is a law that prohibits adults from hosting drinking parties for minors. Teen drinking parties are a nuisance and threat to public safety. Recognizing this, the City Council of Huntington Beach adopted a Social Host Ordinance on March 4, 2013.

*"It is unlawful and a public nuisance for a responsible person or host to cause or allow a party, gathering or event to occur at any residence or other private property at which any underage person is being served, is in possession of, or is consuming an alcoholic beverage..."* Huntington Beach Municipal Code



## Penalties and Enforcement

Violators will be cited and may face a \$750 fine. If police are called out a second time within 12 months, violators face an additional \$1,500 fine. The third violation in 12 months carries a fine of up to \$3,000. The Huntington Beach Police Department is employing party-focused patrols to monitor home parties and respond to community concerns regarding underage drinking.

## Why Not Host Parties for Minors?

Some parents believe that providing alcohol for teens will keep the situation under control and teach their children to drink responsibly. However, a recent study of over 6,000 youth found that teens who received alcohol from a parent or a friend's parent at a party consumed more drinks, and were twice as likely to drink regularly and binge drink (Foley, et al.). Additionally, teens frequently have harmful experiences at parent-sanctioned drinking parties. Even when parents keep an eye on teens while they drink, young people may still get behind the wheel or get into a car with someone who has been drinking. Huntington Beach has adopted a Social Host Ordinance to help prevent these drinking-related tragedies.

## What You Can Do

If you see a loud party where persons under 21 appear to be drinking, call the police.

If you are hosting a party where alcohol is being served, monitor your alcohol and make sure no minors are drinking. Call the police if minors refuse to cooperate or the party becomes unmanageable. **You will not be cited if you request police assistance before someone else files a complaint.**



## Distractions in Everyday Driving

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- or over the phone (hands-free or handheld) – your mind can become absorbed more with the discussion than with driving. Sometimes you **don't even need another person to create a cognitive distraction.** If you're upset or thinking about an important meeting, your body may be behind the wheel, but your head's not. So give yourself a break; Focus on driving and leave the other stresses behind.
- **WHAT ABOUT TEXTING?** With more and more states banning handheld phone usage and texting while driving, and new technologies being developed to lock keypads and block other functionality of mobile devices when you're behind the wheel, you may be thinking that there's a big fuss being made about texting. And you're right, because texting while driving combines all three types of these distractions. When your eyes are reading the screen, your fingers are typing on the keypad, and your mind is busy crafting a message, you're not paying attention to driving and you're more likely to crash – 23 times more likely, in fact. But remember – although texting while driving is extremely dangerous, it's by no means the only activity that combines all three potentially lethal types of distraction. Just because something may not be illegal doesn't mean it's safe.



## How to Deal with Phishing Scams

*(provided by the US Federal Trade Commission)*



Delete email and text messages that ask you to confirm or provide personal information (credit card and bank account numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords, etc.). Legitimate companies don't ask for this information via email or text.

The messages may appear to be from organizations you do business with – banks, for example. They might threaten to close your account or take other action if you don't respond.

Don't reply, and don't click on links or call phone numbers provided in the message, either. These messages direct you to spoof sites – sites that look real but whose purpose is to steal your information so a scammer can run up bills or commit crimes in your name.

Area codes can mislead, too. Some scammers ask you to call a phone number to update your account or access a "refund." But a local area code doesn't guarantee that the caller is local.

If you're concerned about your account or need to reach an organization you do business with, call the number on your financial statements or on the back of your credit card.

### **Report Phishing Emails**

Forward phishing emails to [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) – and to the company, bank, or organization impersonated in the email. You also may report phishing email to [reportphishing@antiphishing.org](mailto:reportphishing@antiphishing.org). The Anti-Phishing Working Group, a group of ISPs, security vendors, financial institutions and law enforcement agencies, uses these reports to fight phishing.

If you might have been tricked by a phishing email:

- File a report with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint).
- Visit the FTC's Identity Theft website. Victims of phishing could become victims of identity theft; there are steps you can take to minimize your risk.

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

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-9. 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**

**52 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13**

**28 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13**

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

There were five garage entries.

There were four storage unit entries.

There were three attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

**66 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13**

**44 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13**

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

**28 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13**

**24 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13**

**BEAT 2**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 455-1 RD 463-1  
RD 466-1 RD 472-1  
RD 476-1**

Streets: Elizabeth Ln, Banff Ln, Chevy Chase Ln., Beach Blvd., and Vacation Ln.

In RD 472, Beach Blvd., suspect is in custody.

There were two storage unit entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 462-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 453-1**

**BEAT 3**

**9 Residential Burglaries  
15 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 424-1 RD 427-1  
RD 434-1 RD 436-1  
RD 437-1 RD 442-1  
RD 444-2 RD 447-1**

Streets: Crescent Dr., Maikai Dr., Breakers Dr., Charing Cross Ln., Oronsay Cir., Huntington St., Swansea Ln., Mayport Ln., and Birchwood Dr.

In RD 427, Maikai Dr., it appears suspect may have entered through an open unlocked sliding glass door that was left open so the dog can go in and out.

In RD 434, Breakers Dr., it appears the suspect(s) pried the single-pane bedroom window up and over the small built-in lock on the inside of the window track. It appears the suspect(s) entered and exited out of the same window.

In RD 436, Charing Cross Ln., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 442, Huntington St., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 444, Swansea Ln., it appears the point of entry was a large bay style window to the rear of the residence.

In RD 444, Mayport Ln., it appears the point of entry was through an open kitchen window.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 427-2 RD 433-4  
RD 435-1 RD 437-2  
RD 442-1 RD 445-1  
RD 447-4**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 436-1**

**BEAT 4**

**6 Residential Burglaries  
8 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 359-2 RD 451-4**

Streets: 6<sup>th</sup> St., Pacific Coast Hwy., Main St., 10<sup>th</sup> St., 7<sup>th</sup> St., and 12<sup>th</sup> St.

In RD 359, 6<sup>th</sup> St., unknown suspect(s) enter an unlocked and open garage to steal a bicycle from within.

In RD 451, Main St., Unknown suspect(s) entered an open unlocked garage to gain entry and steal a bicycle. The reporting party said they were only away from the garage approximately 15 minutes.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 329-1 RD 337-1  
RD 339-1 RD 348-2  
RD 359-2 RD 451-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 451-2**

**BEAT 5**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 412-2 RD 422-1**

Streets: Quiet Cove Cir., and Seabluff Dr.

In RD 412, Quiet Cove Cir., it appeared the suspect(s) cut the screen with a sharp object and entered via the kitchen window.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 252-1 RD 291-1  
RD 292-1 RD 293-1  
RD 413-1 RD 423-1  
RD 432-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 291-1 RD 412-2  
RD 422-2**

**BEAT 6**

**5 Residential Burglaries  
13 Vehicle Burglaries  
5 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 272-2 RD 273-1  
RD 282-1 RD 283-1**

Streets: Ash Ln., Oak Ln., Friesland Dr., Talbert Ave., and Slater Ave.

In RD 272, Ash Ln., suspect is described as; female, white, blonde hair, blue eyes, wearing a blue t-shirt, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

In RD 272, Oak Ln., the suspect(s) used a rock from the victim's planter to smash the rear sliding glass door and make entry into the residence.

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

Once inside, the suspects ransacked the residence and took property. The suspect(s) exited the location through the rear sliding glass door.

There was one garage entry.

There was one storage unit entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 272-6      RD 273-1**  
**RD 282-3      RD 283-3**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 282-2      RD 283-3**

**BEAT 7**

**7 Residential Burglaries**  
**6 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**7 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 158-1      RD 159-1**  
**RD 178-1      RD 179-3**  
**RD 262-1**

Streets: Ballantine Ln., Bridgewater Dr., Pinehurst Ln., Warner Ave.

In RD 159, Bridgewater Dr., it appears the suspect(s) broke the window, reached inside, unlocked the window and pushed it open.

In RD 178, Pinehurst Ln., suspect described as: male, Asian, 25 to 30 years old, wearing a black t-shirt with a white square design in the middle.

In RD 262, Warner Ave., it appears the suspect(s) entered and exited via the bedroom window.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 158-1      RD 252-2**  
**RD 253-2      RD 262-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 158-1      RD 168-2**  
**RD 179-1      RD 251-1**  
**RD 252-1      RD 253-1**

**BEAT 8**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 154-1      RD 155-1**  
**RD 156-1      RD 157-1**  
**RD 163-1      RD 164-1**  
**RD 175-1      RD 177-1**  
**RD 187-1**

Streets: Mistral Dr., Suite Dr., Del Mar Ln., Eagle Ln., Pacific Coast

Highway, Calhoun Dr., Warner Ave., Berlin Ln., and Padua Dr.

In RD 155, Suite Dr., the kitchen side door was pried open. There were pry marks where the door lock was. The frame around the door was torn down and on the floor as if someone had used force to open the door. The dead bolt lock was still set with the door completely open.

In RD 156, Del Mar Ln., the victims believe the suspect(s) entered their home through the rear sliding glass window because the small alarm mechanism was broken.

In RD 163, Pacific Coast Highway, it appears the suspect(s) removed the screen to gain entry through the open window.

In RD 164, Calhoun Dr., it appears the suspect(s) partially unscrewed the light bulb prior to entering the backyard. This is commonly done to avoid detection and not to be illuminated.

In RD 175, Warner Ave., suspect(s) described as #1: male, age 15 to 18 years old. Medium curly hair, medium length, slim build, race Hispanic or black, wearing white shoes, red shorts, and a grey beanie. Suspect #2, male, 15 to 18 years old, slim build, height 5'8 to 6', race Hispanic or Black, eyes Brown, hair brown, hair style curly, wearing white shirt and blue jeans.

In Rd 177, Berlin Ln., it appeared that the unknown suspect(s) made entry through an unused doggie door that was attached to the south garage door.

In RD 187, Padua Dr., it appeared the kitchen door on the east side of the residence had been forced open. The frame for the door was split, and the door around the locking mechanism was broken.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 156-1      RD 157-1**  
**RD 165-2      RD 166-1**  
**RD 171-1      RD 177-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 165-1      RD 166-1**  
**RD 175-1**

In the Grand Theft Auto in RD 175, suspect is in custody.

**BEAT 9**

**8 Residential Burglaries**  
**9 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**5 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 136-2      RD 138-1**  
**RD 139-1      RD 146-3**  
**RD 242-1**

Streets: McFadden St., Cambay Ln., Drake Ln., Halifax Dr., Robinwood Dr., Dovewood Dr., Hummingbird Ln., and Edinger Ave.

In RD 136, Cambay Ln., suspect described as: male, age 25 to 30 years old., facial hair brown, think build, height 5'7" to 5'9", race white, weight 120 to 130 lbs., wearing a utility belt with orange pockets.

In RD 146, Dovewood Dr., suspect described as; possible male, height 6' 9", wearing a white sweatshirt, blue jeans, and white tennis shoes. A burglary was reported on 11/21/13 with similar circumstances.

There was one storage unit entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 137-2      RD 147-4**  
**RD 149-1      RD 242-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 147-1      RD 241-2**  
**RD 242-2**

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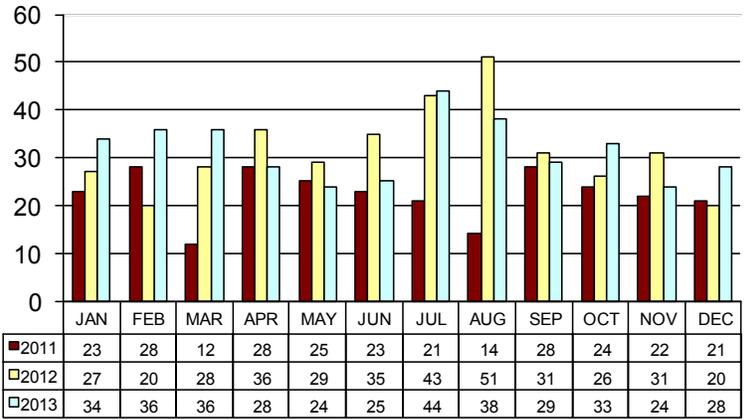
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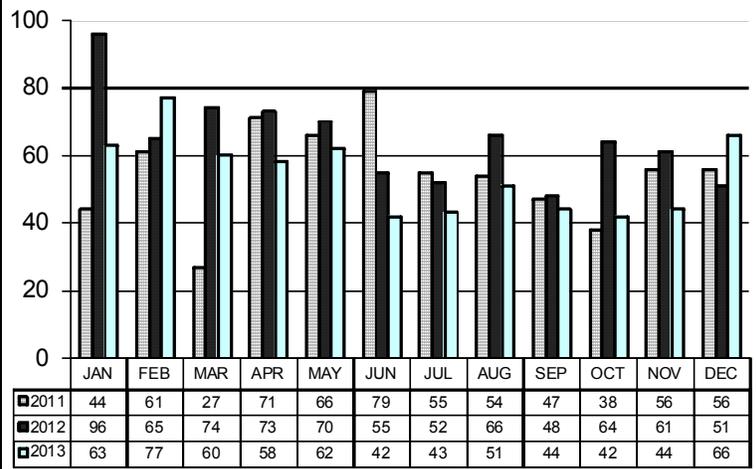
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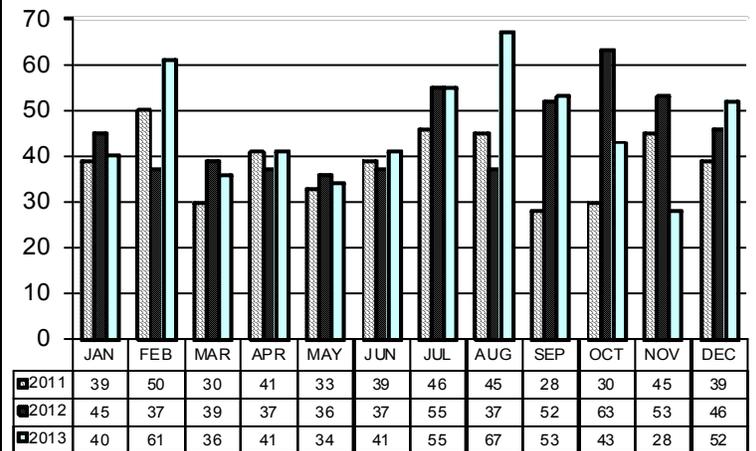
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**Example:**

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