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NOVEMBER 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 **\$5,259.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$19,041.00 to go by June 30, 2016.** 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:

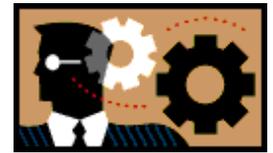
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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.

**Be on the Alert
for Thieves**



Crimes occur year round, but it seems during the holiday season we need to be even more aware and alert.

In other words, **DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.**

Most of us would like to be the lucky person that wins a million dollars or an all expense paid trip to Hawaii. Or, we would like to believe the hard earned money we donated will all go to a good cause.

When you sign up for that drawing (from people on the corner or that raffle box you find in various stores, restaurants, or other locations), do you really know what will happen to the information you provide these strangers? Will someone be knocking on your door? When you see people in front of a movie theatre, shop, or grocery store asking you to sign a petition, it may or may not be a legitimate cause.

Without thinking, people complete these forms that ask for birth dates, home addresses, telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, income, your employer, etc.

Do you really know what people plan on doing with this information? It can be sold to telemarketers, or worse, used for identity theft. As for charities, if you are not dealing with a charity you are familiar with, verify they are legitimate and are recognized by the state. Insure they are tax exempt if you plan on writing off your donation when you file your taxes.

There are a lot of good and honest reasons that you need to share information with people or groups but there are also a lot of dishonest ones. With the holiday season upon us, it is unfortunate, but thieves know you have a desire to help those less fortunate than you and they prey on your goodness. Why take the chance? **LEARN TO JUST SAY NO** unless you have done your research on the organization you are gifting to and/or the form you fill out.



Holiday Safety Tips



The Huntington Beach Police Department would like you to have a safe and happy holiday season. We want to share some safety reminders with you and hope you will share them with your family and friends.

Don't give a criminal the opportunity to enjoy the holidays with your gifts and money. If we all take steps to look out for our neighbors, report **all** suspicious activity, and practice some of the following safety tips, we will all have a better opportunity of having a happy, joyous, and peaceful Holiday Season.

Starting with your home:

- ✓ Always **lock** and secure your doors even when you are home or go to a neighbor's house. Lock all your windows when you go out or retire for the evening.
- ✓ Use timers on interior lighting and/or radios so your home **will always look lived in**.
- ✓ Use motion sensors or dusk to dawn sensors on exterior lighting.
- ✓ Place gifts where they can't be seen from outside.
- ✓ Mail items at the Post Office – do not place your mail outside for the postal carrier to pick up. Make arrangements when expecting packages.
- ✓ Don't display boxes with pictures of purchased items in your recycle bin.
- ✓ When possible always **lock** and **secure** your vehicle **inside a locked garage**, and remember to remove all valuables from sight including GPS holders. If possible place valuables and the garage door opener inside your home.
- ✓ Never open your door to strangers, and remind **children** to always check with the adult watching them before they open the door, even if they know the person(s).
- ✓ Before you donate to people claiming to be from a charitable organization, check them out. You can always send a check at another time.
- ✓ If you're going away, stop all services, i.e. newspaper, mail, etc. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up mail, newspapers, etc. from in front of your home. You can also go on line to the **Huntington Beach Police Department web site**, www.hbpd.org scroll down to **Vacation House Check**, click it to open the form, fill it out, and e-mail it to us. You may also call our RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) office at 714 -374-1507. This service is provided **FREE** of charge.

When shopping and out:

- ✓ Remember the buddy system when possible. Shop with a family member or friend.
- ✓ Park in well lighted areas, and try to avoid parking next to a van.
- ✓ Be **alert** and **aware**. Be attentive to your surroundings and personal property at all times. Criminals look for preoccupied victims.
- ✓ Do not leave items inside your car such as your GPS holder, cell phone, garage door opener, etc. If you need to leave items in your car try locking them in trunk before your arrive at your destination.
- ✓ Scan the area from your car looking for persons acting suspicious.
- ✓ Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable, follow your gut feeling and park somewhere else and report what you observe to security or the police.
- ✓ When walking in any parking lot, grocery store, airport, shopping center, etc., walk confidently with your head up, make eye contact, and have your keys ready.
- ✓ Women try not to carry a purse. If you must carry a purse only carry items that are necessary and keep it in front of you. Try to keep credit cards and cash on you and not in your purse and only carry the credit cards you plan on using. Try not to carry large amounts of cash.
- ✓ Men do not put your wallets in your back pocket; this only makes it easier for a pickpocket to take it from you. Keep your wallet in a front pocket, and do not flash your cash.
- ✓ Don't overburden yourself with packages and don't leave packages unattended.
- ✓ Avoid shopping to the point of exhaustion; you're more alert when you are less tired.

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Holiday Safety Tips



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- ✓ If possible, make your expensive purchases at the end of your shopping, this limits the time that you are exposed to becoming a victim.
- ✓ Teach your children where they can go for assistance in case they are lost or you need assistance. Point out people that can help; the person working **behind** the cash register, security guards, etc. Next time you go shopping, play “who can help you” and have your child point out whom or what can help them.
- ✓ Never hide a spare key on your car. If you need a spare key, keep them in your wallet, purse, or even inside your shoe.

Holiday Safety Reminders

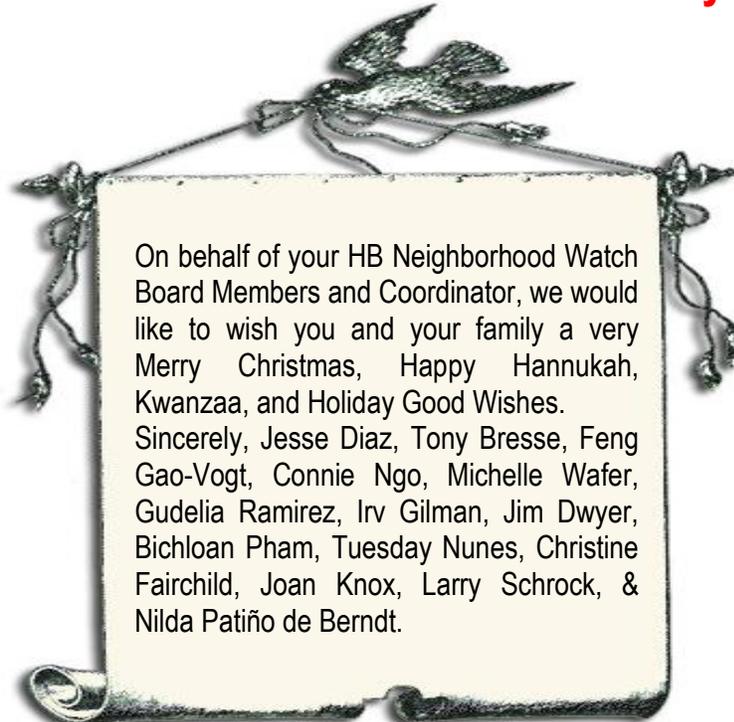
- Be alert and aware at all times.
- Get a good description of the suspect, anyone with the suspect, and if possible, the suspect vehicle as well as the license plate number.
- If you're waiting for a ride from a friend or public transportation, do so in a busy well lit area.
- Lock the car and close the window, even if you are only gone for a few minutes:
 - * Loose change is a meal for a street person; they may break your window for small change.
 - * Your cell phone can be sold and reprogrammed and is a sought item of theft.
 - * A laptop computer will keep a drug user in a high state, at your expense.
- If it is late, ask someone from security to walk you to your vehicle. Most malls provide this service.

If you are hosting a party, be sure to serve non-alcoholic drinks, have plenty of solid food for people, and never let anyone drive if you believe they are intoxicated. Make arrangements for alternative transportation or allow them to sleep over.

Recognize that the holidays can cause more stress. Keep emotions under control especially while driving. Avoid road rage.

This might be a good time to talk to your neighbors about hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting. You can call the Huntington Beach Police Department Community Relations Specialist, Nilda Patiño de Berndt, at (714) 536-5933 to schedule a date and time.

Remember Don't Drink and Drive and always buckle up!



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

HB police patrol areas are the North and the South. 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

**22 reports 10/16/15- 11/15/15
36 reports 09/16/15- 10/15/15**

Thirteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Four of these burglaries were committed during the day, nine were committed at night, and nine at an unknown time.

There were nine garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were six attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**44 reports 10/16/15- 11/15/15
49 reports 09/16/15- 10/15/15**

GRAND THEFT AUTO

**28 reports 10/16/15- 11/15/15
35 reports 09/16/15- 10/15/15**

BEAT 2

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 463-1 RD 466-1

Streets: Surfwood Ln. and Chubaso Ln.

In RD 263, Surfwood Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered an open garage with an unlocked vehicle parked inside. Suspects stole various items from inside the garage and vehicle then fled in an unknown direction.

In RD 466, Chubaso Ln., it appears suspect(s) attempted to gain entry by cutting the garage window pane. Suspect(s) were unsuccessful in attempting to manually open the garage door. Suspects were seen on a home video security system and described as: Suspect #1: male, white, dark hair, white sweater, and dark pants. Suspect #2: male, white, dark hair, light colored sweatshirt, and pants. Both suspects were wearing gloves.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 453-1 RD 456-1
RD 462-1 RD 463-1
RD 466-1 RD 474-1
RD 476-2 RD 485-1
RD 486-1**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 452-1 RD 463-1
RD 466-1 RD 474-1
RD 476-1 RD 485-1**

BEAT 3

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 425-1 RD 433-1
RD 434-1 RD 444-2**

Streets: Velardo Dr., Ditmar Ln., Phoenix Ln., Brentstone Ln. and Mansard Ln.

In RD 425, Velardo Dr., it appears the unknown suspect(s) cut the fumigation tent with a sharp object. The suspect(s) then cut the northeast bedroom window screen in order to gain access to the residence. It appears the suspect(s) began to make entry through the window but stopped. It did not appear anything was taken.

In RD 433. it appears suspect(s) gained entry to the residence by

using an unknown object to pry open the rear sliding glass door. The suspect(s) ransacked one of the bedrooms, removed various items from within the house, and fled in an unknown direction.

In RD 434, Phoenix Ln., it appears the suspect(s) tried to pry open a sliding glass door but were unsuccessful. The resident believes the suspect(s) entered through the northeast bedroom and immediately fled out the southeast bedroom sliding glass door due to the alarm sounding.

There were two attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 423-1 RD 424-1
RD 445-1 RD 446-1**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 434-1 RD 436-1
RD 442-1**

BEAT 4

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 349-2 RD 441-1

Streets: 13th St., 17th St., and 19th St.

In RD 349, 19th St., it appears suspect(s) gained entry through an open second floor balcony sliding glass door. Suspect(s) stole property and fled.

In RD 441, 13th St., it appears suspect(s) gained entry to an open garage. Suspect(s) stole a bicycle from within and fled.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 195-1 RD 348-1
RD 359-1 RD 451-2**

Grand Theft Auto

None

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**BEAT 5**

1 Residential Burglary
9 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 432-1

Streets: Florida St.

In RD 432, Florida St., it appears suspect(s) entered an open and unlocked garage. Suspect(s) removed clothing found on a clothes rack in the garage and fled in an unknown direction.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292-2 RD 293-1
RD 411-2 RD 413-1
RD 422-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 413-1

BEAT 6

1 Residential Burglary
2 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 273-1

Streets: Newland St.

In RD 273, Newland St., it is unknown how the suspect(s) gained entry to the residence. Various items were removed and the suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 264-1 RD 272-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 264-1 RD 271-1
RD 272-2 RD 282-1

In RD 282, one vehicle was recovered.

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 169-1 RD 251-1
RD 253-1

Streets: Marilyn Dr., Gothard St. and Malaga Ln.

In RD 251, Gothard St., it appears suspect(s) removed, by unknown means, the owners' padlock. Suspect(s) removed various items, installed a different padlock, and fled.

In RD 253, Malaga Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered through an unlocked garage. The suspect(s) removed various items and fled.

There were two garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 168-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 159-1 RD 261-2

BEAT 8

5 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 154-3 RD 165-1
RD 176-1

Streets: Racquet Club Dr., Green Ln., and Greentree Ln.

In RD 154, Racquet Club Dr., there were three burglaries on this street. In all three cases it appears the suspect(s) gained entry through the unlocked pedestrian entrance into the garages. Various items were stolen from all three garages.

In RD 176, Greentree Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered an open garage with an unlocked vehicle parked inside. Various items were removed and the suspect(s) fled.

There were four garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151-1 RD 153-1
RD 154-2 RD 162-1
RD 164-1 RD 165-2
RD 176-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 154-1 RD 162-1
RD 165-3

BEAT 9

2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 148-1 RD 149-1

Streets: Royalist Dr. and Tullow Ln.

In RD 148, Royalist Dr., it appears the suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering a rear laundry room window with a shovel. The laundry room is adjacent to the kitchen. Suspect(s) then ransacked the home, stole various items and fled in an unknown direction.

In RD 149, Tullow Ln., based on video surveillance, it appears suspect(s) driving a newer, dark red Jeep, backed into the owner's driveway. Suspect(s) gained access to the backyard via an unlocked side gate. Suspect(s) used an unknown blunt object to shatter a rear glass door and gain entry into the residence. Various items were stolen and suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 139-2 RD 148-1
RD 149-1

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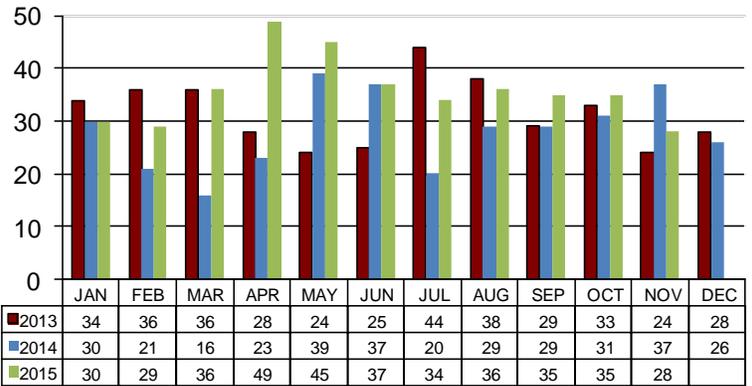
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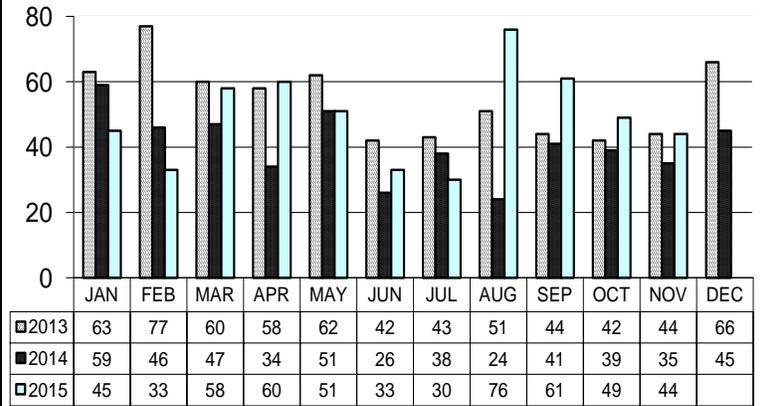
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| DATE | TIME | AREA OF INCIDENT |
|---------------------|---------------|--|
| 10/10/15 | 7:30 AM | Green Street |
| 10/16/15 | 1:15 PM | Windemeir/ Laurelhurst |
| 10/20/15 - 11/01/15 | Various Hours | Newland Ave/ Atlanta Ave 6 Sightings during this time |
| 10/22/15 | 5:45 AM | Springdale/ Warner |
| 10/22/15 | 11:30 AM | Plaza/ Warner |
| 10/22/15 | 10:00 PM | Moody Circle |
| 10/23/15 | 11:00 AM | Waikiki/ Oahu |
| 10/24/15 | 8:30 PM | Marea |
| 10/25/15 | 4:00 AM | Bluejay Circle |
| 10/25/15 | 9:00 AM | Plaza Drive |
| 10/25/15 | 9:00 PM | Warner Ave/ Leslie Lane |
| 10/25/15 | 6:00 PM | McFadden/ Goldenwest |
| 10/25/15 | 6:15 PM | Plaza/ Graham |
| 10/27/15 | 7:45 AM | Plaza/ Foxglove |
| 10/27/15 | 8:00 AM | Roosevelt Lane |
| 10/30/15 | 7:00 AM | Ravenwood Lane |
| 10/31/15 | 7:15 AM | Summerdale/ Pinehurst |
| 11/02/15 | 7:00 AM | Plaza Drive |
| 11/02/15 | 10:00 AM | Heil/ Bolsa Chica |
| 11/03/15 | 6:30 AM | Indigo Circle |
| 11/04/15 | 12:45 PM | Debra Circle |
| 11/08/15 | 10:00 AM | Golden View Lane |
| 11/08/15 | 8:00 AM | Warner/ Airport |
| 11/08/15 | 9:00 AM | Graham/ Warner |
| 11/08/15 | 8:30 AM | S. Pacific Avenue |
| 11/10/15 | 6:45 AM | Springdale/ Pinehurst |

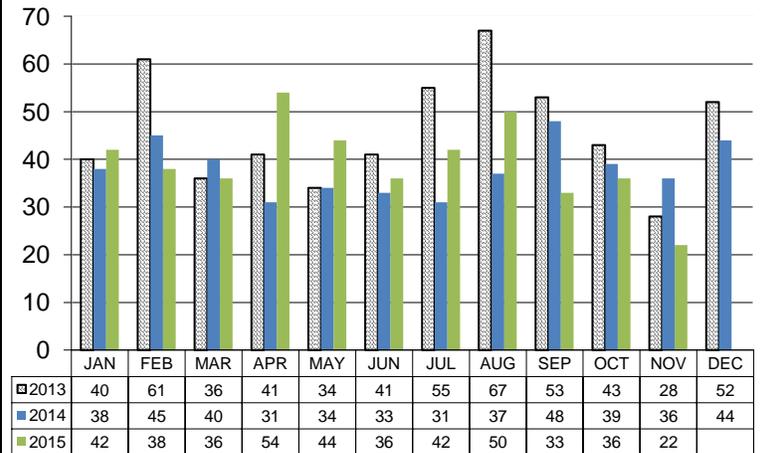
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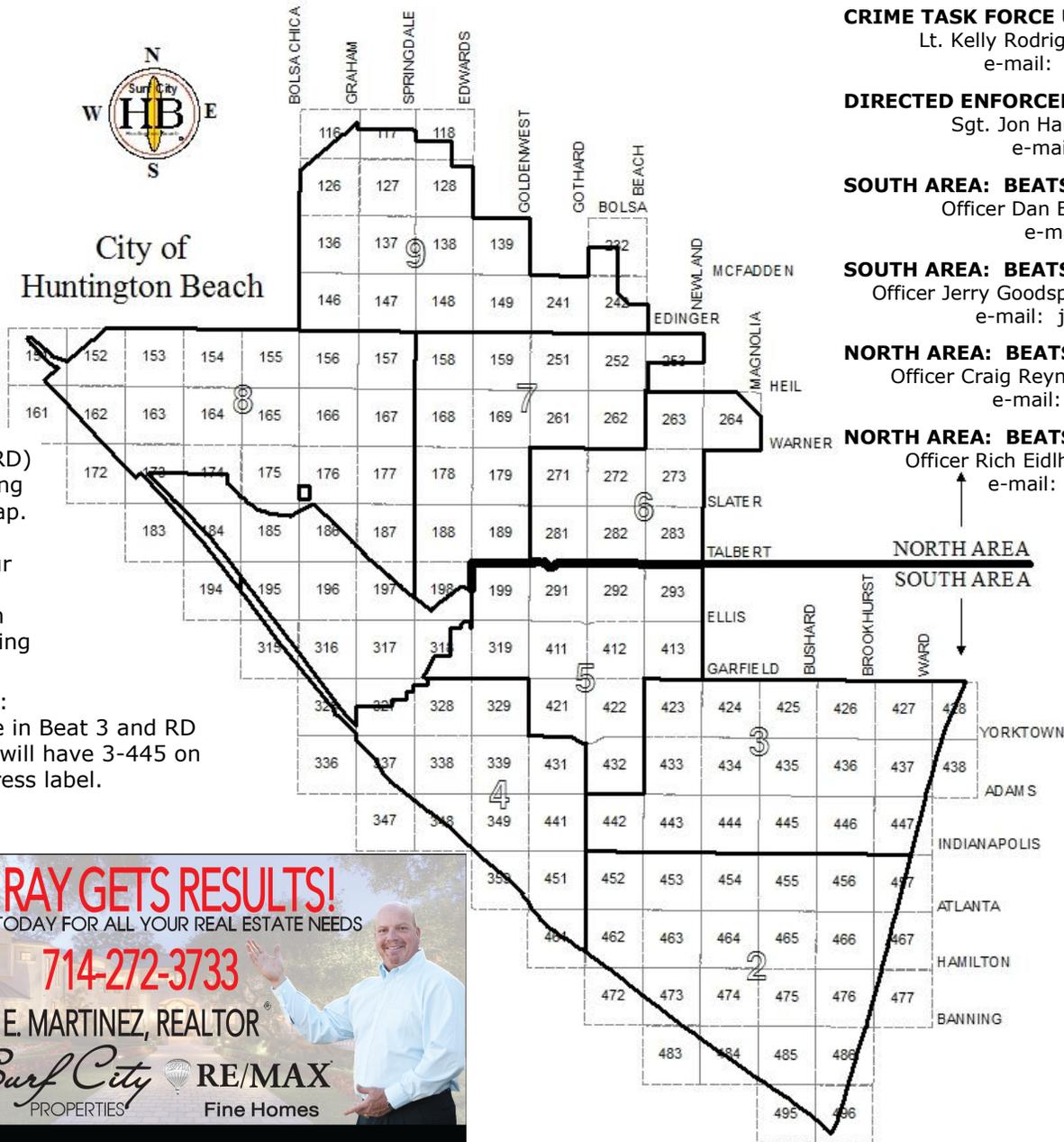
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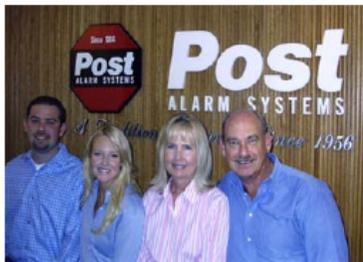
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