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**JANUARY 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 **\$9,973.31 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$14,326.69 to go by June 30, 2015.** 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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**Senior Scams:  
Just Say No**

From Consumer Action  
([www.consumer-action.org](http://www.consumer-action.org))  
(continued from January 2015)



**CROOKED SCHEMES AND SCAMS**

**Home improvement scams.** Door-to-door con artists pressure and even intimidate homeowners by telling them that they need urgent home improvements such as driveway paving, roofing, or siding repair. Then they perform shoddy work or fail to finish, but still try to collect money. They may even demand more than agreed and threaten to foreclose on the home.

**FIGHT BACK:** Work only with licensed and insured contractors. Call your state contractors licensing board to verify licenses and ask all contractors to provide proof of insurance. Check customer references. Get other bids for the work.

**Foreign lottery prizes and sweepstakes.** "You have won the Canadian lottery. Just give us your bank account or credit card information and we'll send you the money." Such calls and e-mails are bogus—the crooks make money by convincing victims to pay for processing taxes or delivery, or provide bank account information in order to "verify" their identities.

**FIGHT BACK:** When someone says you've won a lottery or contest that you didn't enter, that is a lie. Any money you send will be lost.

**Investment fraud.** Everyone would like to see his or her money grow faster. Con artists know this, and they try to convince people to buy phony investments with promises of unusually high returns.

**FIGHT BACK:** Do your homework about investments.

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# Senior Scams: Just Say No

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**FIGHT BACK (cont.):** Learn how much you can expect to earn in the market. If you are targeted with questionable investment offers, file a complaint with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Fake Emergency Appeals.** In this con, someone phones you anonymously and asks, “Do you know who this is?” They hope you will assume it is a friend or relative. Then the caller claims to be in jail or in desperate need of cash. Many people have been tricked into wiring money to a stranger.

**FIGHT BACK:** Never volunteer information to someone who calls you on the phone. Hang up on people who will not identify themselves. Before you wire money check with other family members to make sure there is a legitimate emergency.

**Charitable solicitations.** Some solicitations on behalf of police and firefighter organizations and other charities are made by dishonest professional fundraising firms. They can be persistent and may imply that if you don’t donate, your safety will be jeopardized. Solicitors often ask for donations to groups with names that are similar to reputable charities—don’t be fooled by “sound-alike” names.

**FIGHT BACK:** Ask how much of your contribution will go to the agency you wish to help. Before you give, check with a charity watchdog organization such as Charity Watch ([www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org); 773-529-2300). Call your police and fire departments and ask how to make a donation directly to them.

**Drug plans.** Seniors are often targeted by phony direct mail, TV, radio, and newspaper offers about Medicare drug plans. The sales materials may be designed to look like official government documents. But if you send money to these companies, usually you’ll receive just a useless card.

**FIGHT BACK:** Companies offering Medicare drug plans are not allowed to call, send e-mails, or come to your home unless you ask them. If you are interested in the benefits available to you as a Medicare beneficiary, visit the federal government’s Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). You also can call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227).

**Credit card fraud.** Keep an eye on your credit cards at all times, even when you hand them to a waiter or shop clerk. Devices called “skimmers” allow unscrupulous employees to steal the information from your credit card and sell it to people who make counterfeit cards. Crooks also look for discarded credit card statements and receipts to use to create fake cards.

**FIGHT BACK:** Always review your bill when it arrives and call your credit card issuer immediately if you see any charges you didn’t authorize. Before you throw away old credit card statements, shred them so that thieves won’t get your account numbers.

**Identity theft.** A crook steals personal information, such as your name, Social Security number, birth date or mother’s maiden name to establish credit, take over your financial accounts, and run up debts in your name.

**FIGHT BACK:** Legally, victims of ID theft are not responsible for lost money when crooks make unauthorized use of their credit information—but it can be difficult and time-consuming for victims to prove that fraud occurred. Get free copies of your credit reports each year by calling 877-322-8228 or visiting [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). Check your reports to make sure no one else has been using your credit. Visit the Federal Trade Commission’s identity theft website ([www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)) to learn more.

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## Huntington Beach Police Department

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**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**

42 reported 12/16/14 – 01/15/15

44 reported 11/14/14 – 12/15/14

Thirteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Seventeen of these burglaries were committed during the day; three were committed at night, and twenty-two at an unknown time.

There were four garage entries.

There were five attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

45 reported 12/16/14 – 01/15/15

45 reported 11/14/14 – 12/15/14

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

30 reported 12/16/14 – 01/15/15

26 reported 11/14/14 – 12/15/14

**BEAT 2**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 453-2      RD 462-1**  
**RD 465-1      RD 466-1**  
**RD 485-1**

Streets: Indianapolis Ave., Huntington St., Bowsprit Ln., Pinetree Ln., and Lanai Cir.

In RD 453, Indianapolis Ave., it appears the suspect(s) pulled out the master bathroom door from the wooden frame to gain entry.

In RD 453, Indianapolis Ave., it appears the suspect(s) entered the home through the unlocked French doors.

In RD 462, Huntington St., unknown suspect(s) shattered the rear door

window with an unknown object to gain entry into the residence.

In RD 465, Bowsprit Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered via the unlocked doggie door.

In RD 485, Lanai Cir., it appears the suspect(s) entered the residence through the unlocked door leading from the garage into the kitchen.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 462-1      RD 463-1**  
**RD 476-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 462-1      RD 463-2**  
**RD 467-1**

**BEAT 3**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 423-1      RD 435-4**  
**RD 436-4      RD 437-2**  
**RD 442-1**

Streets: Wenlock Cir., Occidental Ln., Inverness Ln., Brookhurst St., and Knoxville Ave.

In RD 423, Wenlock Cir., the rear sliding door appeared to have been pried open; this appears to be the point of entry.

In RD 435, Occidental Ln., the suspect(s) entered the rear yard and forced entry into the house via the bathroom window. Once inside they either did not find any valuables they wanted or were scared off when the resident returned home.

In RD 435, Occidental Ln., it appeared the suspect(s) pried off the screen from the bedroom window to gain entry and exited through the sliding glass door located in the kitchen.

\* There were four burglaries on the 19600 block of Occidental Ln. during a 4 week period.

In RD 436, Inverness Ln., suspect is known.

In RD 436, Inverness Ln., suspect is in custody.

In RD 436, Inverness Ln., it appears the suspect(s) pried open the small sliding window on the back door to gain entry.

\* There were five burglaries on Inverness Ln.; four were at the same location by the same suspect.

In RD 437, Brookhurst St., the unknown suspect(s) broke the guest bedroom screen and entered through the open window.

In RD 442, Knoxville Ave., it appeared the suspect(s) pried open the kitchen window to gain entry. Suspect(s) was startled by the resident and fled.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 433-1      RD 436-1**  
**RD 442-1      RD 443-1**  
**RD 445-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**None reported**

**BEAT 4**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 441-1      RD 451-2**  
**RD 461-1**

Streets: 12<sup>th</sup> St., Olive Ave., 8<sup>th</sup> St., and 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

In RD 451, 8<sup>th</sup> St., it appears the suspect(s) shattered a glass panel on the front door to gain entry.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 348-1      RD 451-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 359-1      RD 451-1**

**BEAT 5**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**None reported**

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

RD 292-1    RD 293-2  
RD 412-1    RD 413-3  
RD 432-2

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 293-2    RD 413-1  
RD 422-1

**BEAT 6**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 272-1    RD 273-1  
RD 282-1    RD 283-1

Streets: Emerald Ln., Friesland Dr., Slater Ave., and Cameron Ln.

In RD 283, Cameron Ln., it appeared the suspect(s) walked into the open garage, picked up the items of property they wanted, and walked out with them

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 281-1    RD 283-2

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 264-1    RD 272-2  
RD 273-2    RD 282-1

**BEAT 7**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 169-1    RD 179-3  
RD 189-1    RD 262-2

Streets: Brad Dr., Gibson Cir., Goldenwest St., Warner Ave., Aracena Dr., and Rhine Dr.

In RD 169, Brad Dr., the resident noticed pry marks on the front door. They did not notice anything out of place or missing, therefore it appears the suspect(s) did not make entry.

In RD 179, Goldenwest St., it appears the suspect(s) cut the screen from a front window and pushed open the unlocked glass window.

In RD 179, Warner Ave., it appears the suspect(s) used force to push or pull open the kitchen window.

In RD 189, Aracena Dr., it appears the suspect(s) used an unknown tool to cut a hole in the backyard window. It does not appear that entry was made into the residence.

In RD 262, Rhine Dr., it appeared the suspect(s) point of entry to the residence was the window west of the front door.

There were two attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 157-1    RD 188-1  
RD 252-3    RD 253-3  
RD 262-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 168-1    RD 179-1  
RD 262-3

**BEAT 8**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 155-1    RD 156-1  
RD 157-1    RD 164-1  
RD 165-1    RD 174-1  
RD 177-1

Streets: La Villa Ln., Edinger Ave., Boardwalk Dr., Haskins Ln., Roundhill Dr., and Glenstone Dr.

In RD 156, Edinger Ave., it appeared the suspect(s) drilled the lock box, removed the key for the front door, and used it to enter.

In RD 164, Boardwalk Dr., it appears the suspect entered the apartment by accessing the balcony.

In RD 174, Roundhill Dr., it appeared the suspect(s) entered the residence via the rear slider using an unknown type pry tool to gain entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 153-1    RD 158-1  
RD 166-3    RD 171-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 156-1    RD 162-1  
RD 166-1

**BEAT 9**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 146-1    RD 149-1

Streets: Sparrow Dr., and Red Coach Dr.

In RD 146, Sparrow Dr., no entry was made into the residence.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 117-1    RD 138-1  
RD 139-1    RD 242-5

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 127-2    RD 136-1  
RD 137-1    RD 242-2

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H.B. Neighborhood Watch Board members provide speakers and materials for *Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings*. To arrange a meeting, please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933 or ask one of your Neighborhood Watch Board Members.

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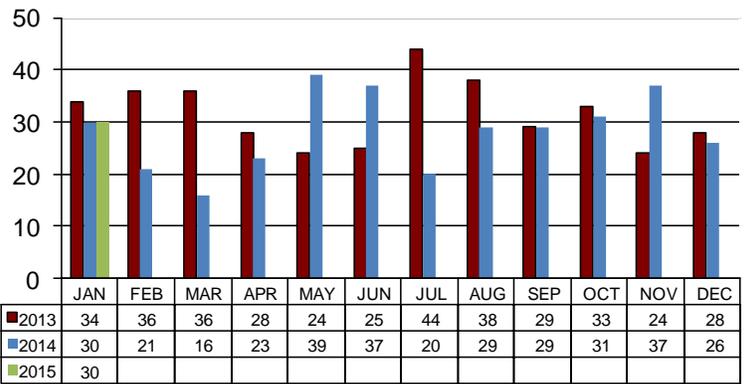


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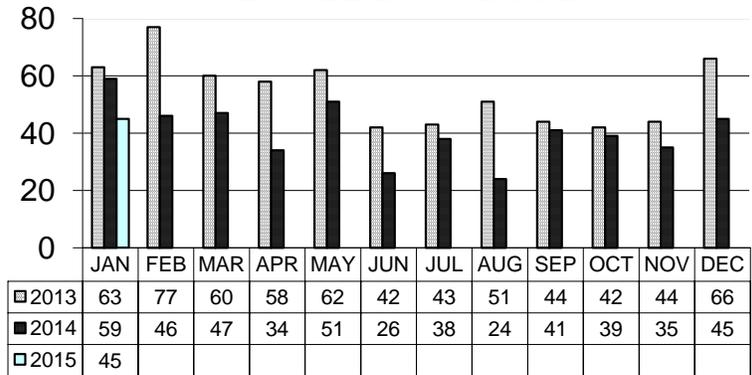
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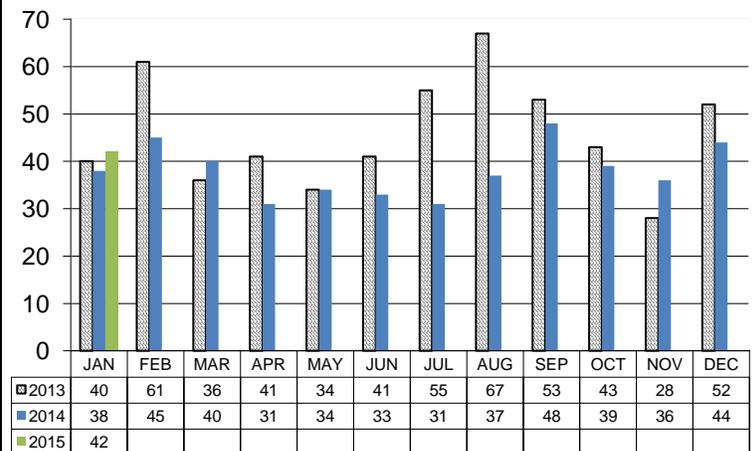
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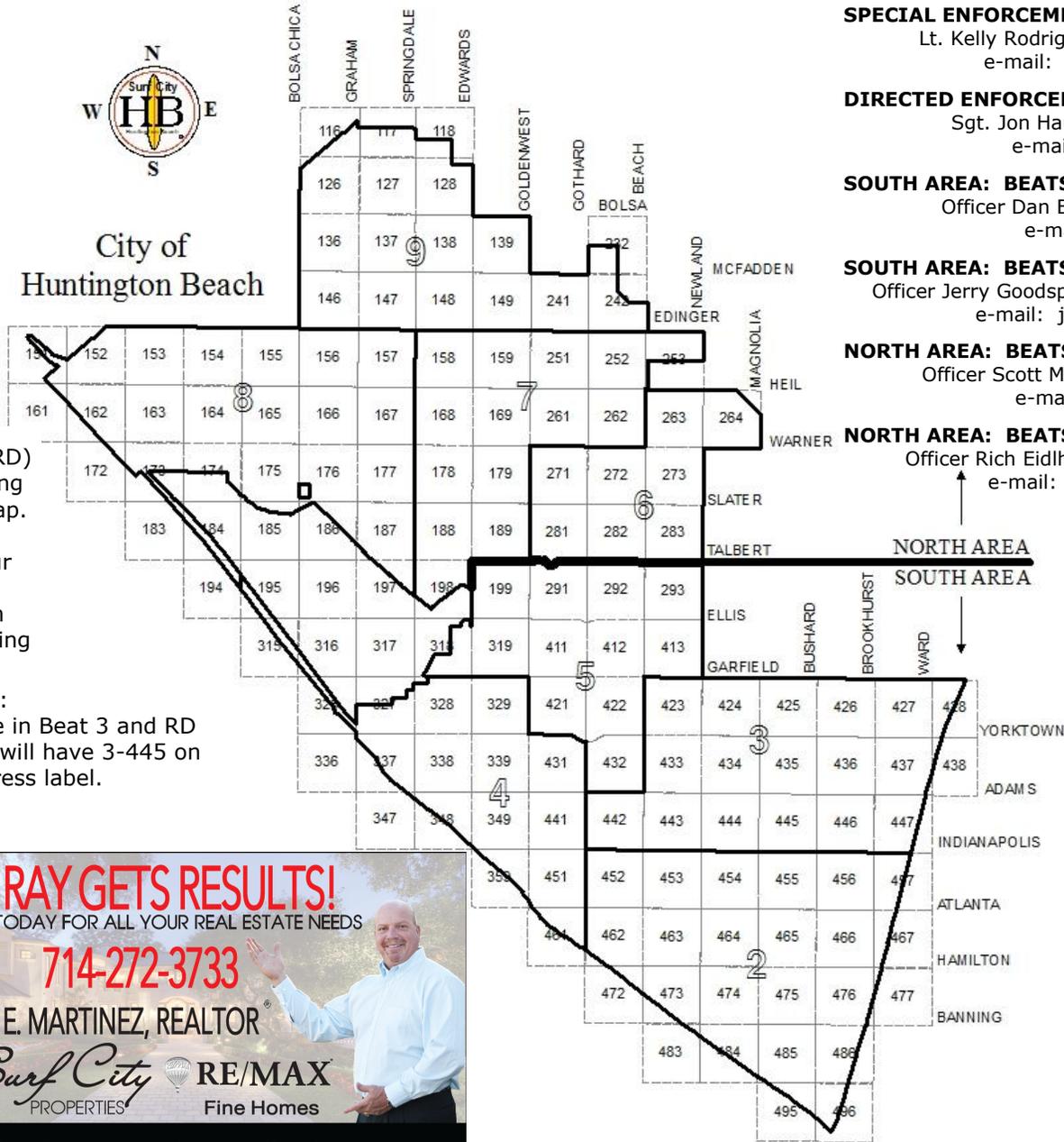
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