OCTOBER 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 $6,519.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have $17,781.00 to go by June 30, 2017.

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:

HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

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

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2000 MAIN ST.
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

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

HOLIDAY TRAVEL SEASON

The holidays are almost here and many of us will be traveling to visit family and friends. HBNW wants to remind you the Huntington Beach RSVP’s will be happy to provide you with a Free Vacation House Check service during the time you are away. They are out patrolling the city every day (except weekends) and would be glad to check on your home.

They will make sure all your doors and windows are locked and secured and will also pick up any papers that might be placed on your front door step. If anything looks out of place, they will immediately report it to the Police Department for assistance.

When you return they will send you a detailed report for each day they checked your home. Remember, the RSVP’S will not check your home if it is being fumigated and they are not allowed to remove U.S. mail from your mailbox. Please be sure to make other arrangements.

For online requests, go to www hbpd org. Scroll down, and on the left hand side you will see Vacation House Check, click it, complete the form, and hit submit. Remember to give at least one week notice and make sure you leave a phone number where you can be reached in case there are any questions.

If you have any difficulty logging onto the form, you can always call the RSVP office at (714) 374-1507 or Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at (714) 536-5933.

Have a safe trip! Remember, stay alert, always be aware of your surroundings, and report all suspicious activity to the local Police or Sheriff.
Tips to Help You Stay Cybersafe on Your Holiday Travels

Kristin Keckeisen, AARP Fraud Watch Network

We’ve teamed up with the Department of Homeland Security to help you stay “Cybersafe” this holiday season.

The holidays are right around the corner, which for many of us means traveling to celebrate with friends and family. Whether you are just traveling for a weekend to see family or going on a long winter vacation, it is important to be cyber secure. Travelers are often easy prey for hackers as they are forced to rely on public computers and Wi-Fi and may need to leave their electronic devices unattended in hotel rooms. Follow these simple steps before and during your journey to help stay protected the next time you’re away from home.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

Along with confirming your itinerary and packing, add these to-dos to your checklist:

1) Minimize the number of electronic devices you bring on your travels to just those you can carry on your person. It is less likely for your device to get stolen or compromised if you have it with you all the time.

2) Update your mobile software before you go. Keep the operating system software and apps on your mobile device updated. This will improve your device’s ability to defend against malicious software also known as ‘malware’.

3) Turn off Wi-Fi and remote connectivity when idle. Some devices will automatically seek and connect to available wireless networks. Bluetooth, for example, enables your device to connect wirelessly with other devices, such as headphones or automobile infotainment systems. Disable these features when you aren’t using them so that you only connect to trusted wireless and Bluetooth networks.

4) Create strong passwords. Before you leave home, make sure you have strong passwords on all of your electronic devices. Passwords should be at least eight characters in length with both numbers, letters and special characters (@!$?). Create unique passwords for each device.

5) Enable stronger authentication. Stronger authentication (also known as two-factor or multi-factor authentication) adds an extra layer of security beyond using a password to access your accounts. Most major e-mail, social media, and financial platforms offer multi-factor authentication to their users. Be sure to ask your service provider if you can activate this feature before departing on your trip. To learn more, visit the White House’s new stronger authentication campaign at www.lockdownyourlogin.com.

WHILE YOU’RE AWAY:

Be mindful of your Internet activity and how you can protect your privacy as well as your device:

1) Keep your phone locked. Always lock your device when you are not using it. Even if you only step away for a few minutes, that is enough time for someone to steal or destroy your information. Use strong PINs and passwords for your accounts and lock the screen.

2) Think before you connect. Before you connect to any public wireless hotspot such as those in an airport, hotel, train/bus station, or café, be sure to confirm the name of the network and exact login procedures with appropriate staff to ensure that the network is legitimate. Many fake networks have seemingly legitimate names.

3) Protect your money and your information. Do not conduct sensitive activities, such as online shopping, banking, or sensitive work, using a public wireless network or a public computer.

4) Delete your cookies and cache. If you use the Internet on a public computer (such as at a hotel or café) while you are traveling, be sure to delete your cookies in the web browser after you have finished. When you are on the Internet, a browser saves your information and this saved data is called a “cookie.”

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Your Attention Please!!!

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Survey

The Huntington Beach Police Department and the HB Neighborhood Watch Program are always looking for ways to improve on the information provided to those who work and live in this great city. Technology and the way the police department tracks criminal activity is one of those areas which is continually evolving.

The Police Department has a desire to move the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter to a more interactive, electronic online format. This will improve on the accuracy of the information provided to the citizens and provide direct access to crime trends in your neighborhood.

For the past 40 years, the newsletter has served the community as the main source of information by either US Mail or local pick up locations. The total cost of this newsletter is approximately $31,000 annually between printing and postage. We currently print 11,500 copies and mail approximately 8,000 newsletters to households throughout HB. Your HB Neighborhood Watch Program has always paid the postage and other expenses with the money collected from your most generous donations.

We ask those readers who wish to continue receiving the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter via US Mail to complete the survey below so we can better evaluate how the newsletter will be distributed in the future.

Please circle the following questions and return to:
HB Neighborhood Watch Board
P O Box 5667
Huntington Beach, CA 92615

You may call in your survey to (714) 536-5933; if you reach a recording, please leave your answers via voicemail.

1) I would like to continue receiving the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter via U.S. mail. Yes No
2) I would like to be able to continue picking up the newsletter at my local market. Yes No

Tips to Help You Stay Cybersafe on Your Holiday Travels (from page 2)

This data, which can include login credentials or other personal information, can then be accessed by other individuals that may use the computer. Please read the Federal Trade Commission’s Onguard Online article to find out more about cookies and how you can remove them.

5) Don’t broadcast your location. Many social media platforms offer location-tagging as part of their features, which allows users to include their location when they post online. Avoid using these location features and do not announce on social media that you will be out of town. You could be telling stalkers exactly where to find you or telling a thief that you are not home.

To learn more about how you can defend against cyber threats, please visit the Department of Homeland Security's Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign website. The Campaign is a national awareness program that exists to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empower the American public to be safer and more secure online.

If you are concerned your computer has been compromised, please file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). IC3.gov is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National White Collar Crime Center. Additionally, if you are concerned your personal information may have been compromised through a cyberattack, visit identitytheft.gov to report the incident.
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**
37 reports 09/16/16- 10/15/16
31 reports 08/16/16- 09/15/16

Seventeen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Eleven of these burglaries were committed during the day, sixteen were committed at night, and ten at an unknown time.

There were six garage entries.

There was one carport entry.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were four attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**
54 reports 09/16/16- 10/15/16
49 reports 08/16/16- 09/15/16

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**
41 reports 09/16/16- 10/15/16
28 reports 08/16/16- 09/15/16

**BEAT 2**
5 Residential Burglaries
13 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**
RD 457-1  RD 463-1
RD 476-1  RD 485-2

Streets: Suburbia Ln., Sailors Bay Ln., Brookhurst St., and Malibu Ln.

In RD 457, Suburbia Ln., it appears the resident was awoken by a barking dog. When they investigated the back yard, they discovered a male suspect at their rear door. Suspect is described as male, white, age early 20’s, height 5’11” to 6’2”, thin build with dark hair. He was wearing a green shirt with graphics and dark colored shorts.

In RD 485, Malibu Ln., it appears unknown suspect(s) removed the window screen from an unlocked window in the master bedroom to gain entry. Suspect(s) removed various items and fled.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**
RD 453-2  RD 462-1
RD 463-5  RD 466-1
RD 476-4

**Grand Theft Auto**
RD 452-1  RD 453-1
RD 455-1  RD 463-1
RD 474-1  RD 476-1

In RD 455, vehicle was recovered.

**BEAT 3**
3 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
8 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**
RD 433-1  RD 442-1
RD 444-1

Streets: Edgewood Ln., Huntington St., and Mansard Ln.

In RD 444, Mansard Ln., the resident was alerted on his cell phone via the house video surveillance system that someone had been at his front door. After reviewing the video, it appears suspect is possibly known.

**Vehicle Burglaries**
RD 425-1  RD 436-3
RD 437-1  RD 443-1
RD 444-1  RD 446-1

**Grand Theft Auto**
RD 423-1  RD 425-1
RD 426-1  RD 434-1
RD 437-2  RD 442-1
RD 443-1

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

**Residential Burglaries**
RD 349-2  RD 441-1

Streets: 13th St., 15th St. and 21st St.

In RD 349, 15th St., the resident lost the garage door opener earlier this day and believes the suspect(s) may have found it then used it to gain access into the garage.

In RD 349, 21st St., it appears the suspect(s) cut the window screen and entered the home through the unlocked window.

In RD 441, 13th St., it appears the unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the residence by smashing the double French doors which lead into the dining room.

**Vehicle Burglaries**
RD 326-1  RD 348-1
RD 359-1

**Grand Theft Auto**
RD 359-1  RD 431-1
RD 451-1  RD 461-1

**BEAT 5**
4 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**
RD 293-2  RD 319-1
RD 421-1

Streets: Taylor Dr., Silverbit Ln. and Kelter Dr.

In RD 319, Silverbit Ln., suspect is in custody.

In RD 421, Kilter Dr., it appears unknown suspect(s) pried open the “Out-going” mailboxes to
gain access to the handle that releases the doors. Suspect(s)
lifted the handle and opened the mail box doors, removed the
items located inside and fled.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 293-1  RD 422-1

In RD 293, suspect is in custody.

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 293-3  RD 413-1

In RD 293, one vehicle was recovered.

In RD 413, suspect is in custody.

**BEAT 6**

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 264-2  RD 272-1
RD 283-2

Streets: Rockcreek Cir., Ross Ln., Ash Ln., Cameron Ln., and Slater Ave.

In RD 264, Rockcreek Cir, suspect is in custody.

In RD 283, Cameron Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered a laundry room and pried open a washer machine coin box cover. Suspect(s) removed all coins and fled.

In RD 483, Slater Ave., it appears suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked door and stole a laptop computer.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 263-1  RD 273-1
RD 282-2  RD 283-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 282-2  RD 283-1
RD 292-1

**BEAT 7**

9 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 158-1  RD 168-1
RD 169-1  RD 188-1
RD 252-3  RD 261-1
RD 262-1

Streets: Palisade Dr., Warner Ave., Limelight Cir., Hamshire Dr., Aldrich Dr., Rhone Ln., Volga Dr., and Goldenwest St.

In RD 158, Palisade Dr., suspect came to the owner’s front door and informed resident that a neighbor was having electrical work done and she needed to shut off the owner’s electricity. It appears when the owner followed the suspect to the back yard, another unknown suspect entered the home and stole items. Suspect #1 described as female, age 35-45, height 5’4” to 5’6”, brown hair, brown eyes, wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes. Suspect #2 is unknown.

In RD 252, Aldrich Dr., suspect gained entry to residence through unknown means. When the resident came home they observed a male exiting the patio sliding door. The suspect is described as Hispanic, male, height 6’, weight 140-150, and black hair.

In RD 262, Warner Ave., it appears suspect gained entry by removing the screen and going through the unlocked and open window. The resident was asleep at the time and when awoke found the suspect at the foot of her bed. When resident screamed at the suspect, he fled without removing any property. He is described as male, black, approximately 23 years old, 5’10’ tall, with dark colored dreadlocks with white ends.

There was one attempted entry.

There was one garage entry.

There was one carport entry.
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Note: 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: If you live in Beat 3 and RD 445, you will have 3-445 on your address label.

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