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NEWSLETTER**



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**MARCH 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 **\$10,628.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$13,672.00 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:

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Send to: **HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
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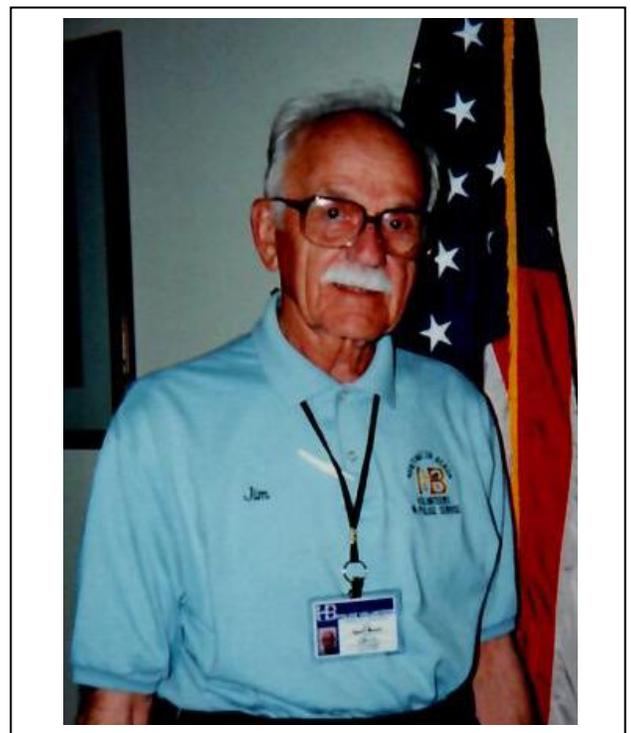
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Attn: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.

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**Jim Townsend**



**Thank you for the service you provided and the sacrifices you made to help keep us and the community safe.**

**You will be deeply missed.**

## **WE NEED YOU!**

### **We're Looking for a few Good Retired Volunteers!**

The Huntington Beach Police Department's RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is comprised of men and women over the age of 55 from all walks of life. Many people that want to join the program say they would like to give back to the community by sharing their time, talents, wisdom, and knowledge with the Police Department.

Some of the duties assigned to our RSVP's may include but are not limited to:

- Conduct Vacation House Checks
- Remove illegally posted signs
- Staff Substations and Police Dept Front Desk
- Work within the Department
- Be "Extra eyes and ears" for the Department
- Volunteer at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, National Night Out, Community Special Events, etc.
- Perform many other miscellaneous activities as needed



Prospective applicants are selected after passing an oral interview, background check, and a positive assessment of their suitability for the various duties performed by the Police Department.

Participants must live in Huntington Beach, have a valid driver's license, be in good physical health, and be able to volunteer a minimum of twenty-four hours a month.

Applications **will be accepted for the next RSVP academy through May 19, 2017.** For more information or to request an application, please contact Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933, E-Mail [nberndt@hbpd.org](mailto:nberndt@hbpd.org)



## **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 45 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 10,500 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. If you would like to receive your Newsletter on-line, send a request via e-mail to [nberndt@hbpd.org](mailto:nberndt@hbpd.org). Be sure to include the following: If you presently receive the newsletter by mail, your name and address as it appears on your mailing label (so you can be deleted from that list). If this is a new subscription, include the e-mail address where you want it sent and write "New Subscription".

**We are asking our readers to complete the survey below so we can better evaluate how the newsletter will be distributed in the future. You may call in your survey to (714) 536-5933; if you reach a recording, please leave your answers via voicemail.**

**Please circle the following questions and return to:**

**HB Neighborhood Watch Board**

**P O Box 5667**

**Huntington Beach, CA 92615**

- 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

## Jeans for Justice Day Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Denim Day is an event in which people are encouraged to wear jeans (denim) in order to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault.

**Background :** In Rome in 1997, a 45-year-old driving instructor was accused of rape. When he picked up an 18-year-old girl for her first driving lesson, he allegedly raped her for an hour, then told her that if she was to tell anyone he would kill her. Later that night she told her parents and her parents agreed to help her press charges. While the alleged rapist was convicted and sentenced, the Italian Supreme Court overturned the conviction in 1998 because the victim wore tight jeans. It was argued that she must have necessarily have had to help her attacker remove her jeans, thus making the act consensual ("because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them... and by removing the jeans... it was no longer rape but consensual sex"). The Italian Supreme Court stated in its decision "it is a fact of common experience that it is nearly impossible to slip off tight jeans even partly without the active collaboration of the person who is wearing them." As of 2008, the Italian Supreme Court has overturned their findings, and there is no longer a "denim" defense to the charge of rape.

**Reaction:** This ruling sparked widespread protest. The day after the decision, women in the Italian Parliament protested by wearing jeans and holding placards that read "Jeans: An Alibi for Rape." As a sign of support, the California Senate and Assembly followed suit. Soon Patricia Giggans, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women, (Now Peace Over Violence), made Denim Day an annual event. As of 2011, at least 20 U.S. states officially recognize Denim Day in April. Wearing jeans on this day has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

## FTC Releases Annual Summary of Consumer Complaints

### **Imposter scams are now the second most common source of consumer complaints**

The most widely reported method of payment (58 percent) for those who reported losing money to fraud was a wire transfer. Of those who noted in their fraud complaint how they were first contacted, 77 percent said it was by phone.

The FTC urges consumers to be wary of any caller asking for a wire transfer. The government will not ask a consumer to wire money, and it is illegal for telemarketers to ask you to pay by wire. Consumers who get a suspicious call should take their time and check it out. Call the government agency on a phone line you know to be real -- not the phone number given by the suspicious caller.



**Save The Date: National Law Enforcement Week is May 14- 20**  
**Remember to Wear Blue!**

# ATTENTION: NEW CRIME STATISTICS FORMAT

**Crime period: February 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017**

In order to have HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter crime statistics match what is reported by the HBPD crime analysis team to the Department of Justice, our crime statistic page formats have changed. Although it may look a little different, residential burglaries will still be reported as well as a small narrative of how the crimes may have occurred. Vehicle burglaries are in another chart broken down by Beat and RD, and Grand Theft Auto can be found in the large chart broken down by Beat. You will also find other crime statistics on the chart, such as rape, robbery, thefts from vehicles, etc. To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on page 7.

We would like you to provide us with your feedback. If you send back the survey on page 2, please include a few comments about pages 4 and 5 of the newsletter. You may also call the Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933; if you get a recording, please leave a message.

## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Beat	RD	Date	Street	Crime	Details
2	452	2/15	DELAWARE ST	Burglary - Garage	Force – Garage lock damaged.
2	476	2/19	BROOKHURST ST	Burglary - Garage	Garage possibly left open –bike stolen.
3	436	2/04	SIDCUP LN	Burglary - Residence	Suspect is possibly known.
3	436	2/19	MOORE CI	Burglary - Garage	Open- bike stolen.
3	436	2/21	CORNWALL DR	Burglary - Residence	Suspect is known.
3	437	2/20	SHANGRI LA DR	Burglary - Garage	Open- bike stolen- ARREST MADE.
3	442	2/04	MEMPHIS AV	Burglary - Residence	Force to window screen.
3	446	2/07	CARLSBAD LN	Burglary - Residence	No force – Opened rear slider. Suspect described as: M/W 20-30 yrs.
3	446	2/27	BIG BEND LN	Burglary - Residence	Fumigation burglary – tent was cut.
4	338	2/09	MORNING TIDE DR	Burglary - Residence	Point of entry: unlocked rear sliding glass door.
4	451	2/24	7TH ST	Burglary - Residence	Force – Smashed window to door, ARREST MADE.
5	412	2/12	SHAFFER CI	Burglary - Residence	Unknown suspect broke into the residence and their vehicle. Various items were taken.
5	422	2/23	YORKTOWN AV	Burglary - Garage	Attempt ONLY – Damaged door lock.
6	272	2/23	KEELSON LN	Burglary - Garage	Suspect(s) enter an unlocked garage.
6	282	2/07	LIBERTY DR	Burglary - Garage	Suspect opened the garage door via unknown means.
6	282	2/13	NEWMAN AV	Burglary - Residence	Residence is under construction; tools were stolen.
7	252	2/24	SHER LN	Burglary - Residence	Force was used to open the door.
7	252	2/24	ALHAMBRA DR	Burglary - Residence	Cat burglar.
8	152	2/11	MALDEN CI	Burglary - Residence	Force was used to gain entry through the balcony window.
8	166	2/12	NEWFIELD CI	Burglary - Residence	Force – smashed rear slider.
8	167	2/06	DONLYN DR	Burglary - Residence	Force– side door open & bath window.
8	176	2/25	DUNBAR DR	Burglary - Residence	
9	128	2/08	CHALET LN	Burglary - Residence	Force– Smashed rear slider, loss is a safe with various items.

Beat	RD	Date	Street	Crime	Details
9	139	2/15	VICTORIA LN	Burglary - Residence	Force – pried window.
9	242	2/20	HUNTINGTON VILLAGE LN	Burglary - Residence	ARREST MADE.
9	242	2/28	EDINGER AV	Burglary - Residence	ARREST MADE.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

**BEAT 2**

RD 455-2 RD 463-1  
RD 464-1 RD 466-1

**BEAT 4**

RD 349-1 RD 359-2  
RD 451-1

**BEAT 6**

RD 264-1 RD 282-1  
RD 283-1

**BEAT 8**

RD 151-1 RD 164-1  
RD 165-1 RD 166-1  
RD 177-1

**BEAT 3**

RD 436-1 RD 445-1  
RD 446-1

**BEAT 5**

RD 293-1 RD 411-1  
RD 412-3 RD 413-1  
RD 422-2 RD 432-2

**BEAT 7**

RD 178-3 RD 179-4  
RD 252-2 RD 253-4  
RD 262-2

**BEAT 9**

RD 137-1 RD 149-1  
RD 146-1 RD 242-9

**FEBRUARY CRIMES REPORTED BY BEAT**

	<i>Beat 2</i>	<i>Beat 3</i>	<i>Beat 4</i>	<i>Beat 5</i>	<i>Beat 6</i>	<i>Beat 7</i>	<i>Beat 8</i>	<i>Beat 9</i>
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Rape</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	2	1	3	1	3	12	4	1
<b>Burglary</b>	6	8	2	4	4	5	6	9
<i>Commercial</i>	2	1	0	2	1	3	2	5
<i>Garage</i>	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0
<i>Residential</i>	2	5	2	1	1	2	4	4
<b>Larcenies</b>	17	27	19	34	28	43	23	39
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	12	10	7	16	13	28	11	16
<i>From Building</i>	3	4	5	5	4	4	2	7
<i>Shoplifting</i>	0	4	3	4	5	5	2	12
<i>Vending</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>All Other / Bike</i>	2	9	4	9	6	6	8	4
<b>Auto Theft</b>	3	2	2	3	4	11	2	2

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The on-line Coyote Incident Reporter reporting form can be accessed via the City's website ([www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov)) by going to the "I Want To" link followed by the "Report" link.

H.B. Neighborhood Watch Board members provide speakers and materials for *Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings*.

To arrange a *Neighborhood Watch Block Meeting*, please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt at 714-536-5933.

**BEWARE OF TIMESHARE  
 RESALE SCAMS**  
 (AARP Fraud Watch Network)

**Buying timeshare vacation properties used to be fraught with fraud risks. Now, it's when you sell. Timeshare owners, beware of this scam!**

How it Works: You receive a phone call from a company that claims to have a buyer for your timeshare property. The caller even gives you the name and number of the prospective buyer, who confirms interest in the sale. The caller faxes you signed documents that appear to be legitimate, along with a request for your credit card number to pay to set up escrow and title services with a promise you'll get that money back once the deal closes. Weeks pass, and then months. You never hear back from the company and you've lost the upfront fee, which could be in the thousands of dollars.

What you should know: Timeshare owners who get caught up in this scam often have no recourse. By the time they realize they have been scammed, it's usually too late to open a dispute with the credit card company.

What you should do: If you're looking to sell your timeshare, visit the [Resale Center of the American Resort Development Association](http://www.resalecenter.org) and heed these three basic rules:

1. Don't expect much: Timeshares are a product, not an investment. Unless the property is in a very desirable location, you're probably not going to get much for it.
2. Ask the resort if it has a formal resale program.
3. If you receive a call from someone telling you they have a buyer and all you have to do is pay some upfront money, hang up.

Please share this important alert with friends and family.

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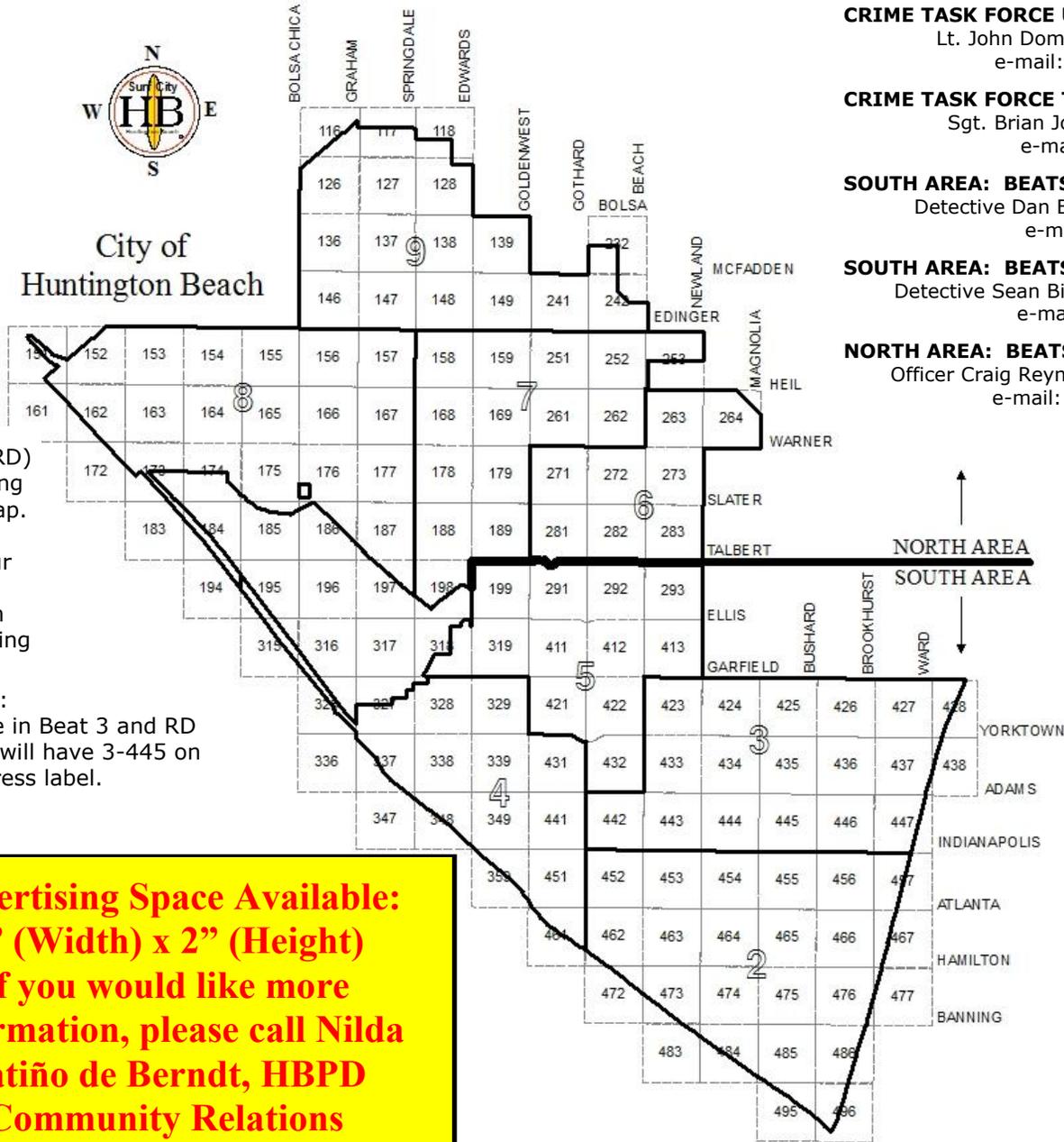
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City of Huntington Beach

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**Example:**  
If you live in Beat 3 and RD 445, you will have 3-445 on your address label.



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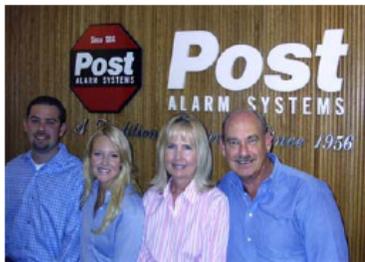
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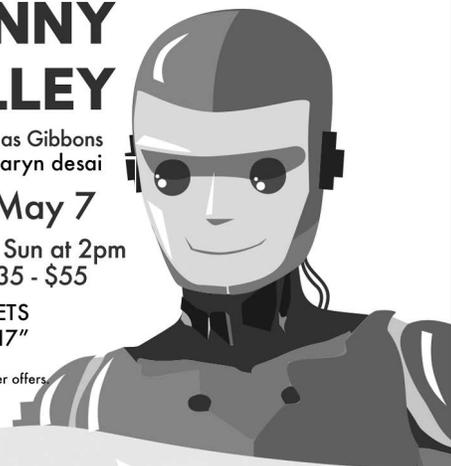
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