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FEBRUARY 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 **\$10,143.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$14,157.00 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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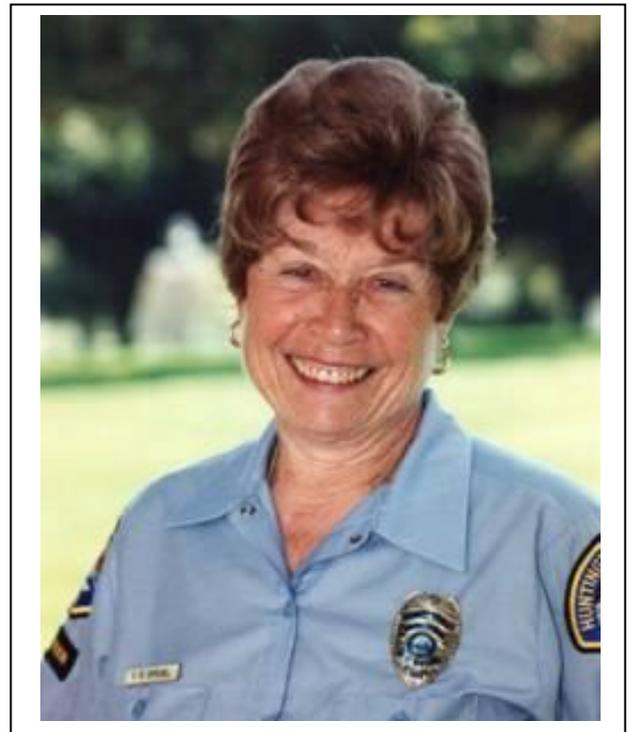
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Shirley Spiegel



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

You will be deeply missed.



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 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

Can You Hear Me Now? *(Better Business Bureau)*

“Can you hear me now?”

These words might be the *last* you hear before you open yourself up to an insidious scam that’s plaguing the nation. According to the [Better Business Bureau](#), if you answer “yes” to the crafty query, your recorded answer could be used against you “to sign you up for a product or service and then demand payment.” If you refuse to pay up, “the caller may produce your recorded ‘yes’ response to confirm your purchase agreement.” The truly tricky thing about this scam is that most anyone is likely to automatically respond “yes” in an effort to reassure a questioning caller. And sometimes “Can you hear me?” is replaced by another question designed to elicit an affirmative response (for instance, “Are you the homeowner?” or “Are you over 18?”). Recently, scammers have also been “identifying” themselves first—as government employees, cruise line reps, or home security agents (seemingly reputable, non-threatening entities). And it’s not just your voice that scammers are after; it’s also your digits. If you so much as press a button when prompted, you’re reassuring robocallers and other crooks that you have an active number. *(see page 3)*

CSLB Warns Homeowners to Do Their Homework Before Undertaking Storm Repairs

(Contractors State License Board, CSLB #17-02)

SACRAMENTO – This week Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. declared a state of emergency in most counties throughout California in response to a series of severe storms that swept through the state. The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) reminds homeowners to take the proper steps before hiring a contractor to work on their home, and warns unlicensed contractors that with the declaration come stronger potential penalties.

Flood victims should do their research and be aware of construction laws so they don't become victims a second time. The first step is hiring a licensed contractor. It is against California law to contract for home improvement or construction jobs, from debris removal to rebuilding, valued at \$500 or more in combined labor and material costs without a state-issued contractor license.

CSLB is also reminding contractors that they must hold a valid license with CSLB, in the appropriate classification, in order to perform most work on homes and other structures damaged by the recent California flooding and mudslides. It is illegal and punishable as a felony to perform contracting work in a declared disaster area without a California contractor license. Punishment may include up to 16 months in state prison or a fine of up to \$10,000.

"While many homeowners are eager to get storm damages repaired, we'd encourage them to be sure to do their homework," said CSLB Registrar Cindi Christenson. "Taking a few minutes to check the CSLB website for a license, required insurance, and other information, could save you from becoming a victim of someone trying to take advantage of the situation."

To become licensed, a contractor must pass a licensing examination, verify at least four years of journey-level experience, carry a license bond, and pass a criminal background check. A contractor's license can be verified on [CSLB's website](#) to see if it is active and in the correct classification for the work to be done. You can also check for legal complaints, the correct business name and address, and workers' compensation insurance coverage for employees.

CSLB urges consumers to follow these tips when dealing with a building contractor:

- Hire only California state-licensed contractors and ask to see the license.
- Verify the contractor's license with CSLB online or by calling toll-free at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752).
- Don't rush into decisions and don't hire the first contractor who comes along.
- Get three bids, check references, and get a written contract.
- Don't pay more than 10 percent down or \$1,000—whichever is less.
- Don't pay cash, and don't let the payments get ahead of the work.
- Contact CSLB if you have a complaint against a contractor.

CSLB, operating under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs, licenses and regulates almost 290,000 contractors in California and is regarded as one of the leading consumer protection agencies in the United States. In fiscal year 2015-16, CSLB helped recover almost \$41 million in ordered restitution for consumers.

Can You Hear Me Now? *(continued from page 2)*

Once you do that, you've signed yourself up for even more phone-stalking (a vicious cycle if we've ever heard of one). So what to do? Don't pick up the phone if you don't recognize the number. If you *do* pick up, don't answer any questions from an unknown source. Make the words of Super Bowl [halftime star](#) Lady Gaga your motto when it comes to phone scammers: "Call all you want but there's no one home. And you're not gonna reach my telephone."

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

**43 reports 01/16/16- 02/15/17
24 reports 12/16/16- 01/15/17**

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

There were five garage entries.

There was one carport entry.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**44 reports 01/16/17- 02/15/17
42 reports 12/16/16- 01/15/17**

GRAND THEFT AUTO

**34 reports 01/16/17- 02/15/17
51 reports 12/16/16- 01/15/17**

BEAT 2

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 455-2 RD 456-1**

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 462-1 RD 463-2
RD 464-1 RD 471-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 263-1 RD 462-1
RD 463-1**

Streets: Ellsworth Dr. and Tiller Cir.

In RD 456, Tiller Cir., it appears the suspect(s) shattered, by unknown means, a glass sliding

door. It was undetermined if the suspect(s) entered the property.

BEAT 3

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 435-1 RD 436-1
RD 442-2 RD 446-1**

Streets: Cape Cod Dr., Sidcup Ln., Memphis Ave., Nashville Ave. and Carlsbad Ln.

In RD 435, Cape Cod Dr., it appears the suspect walked up to the porch of the home and took a package from the front door area. The suspect is described as: male, light skinned, possibly having a beard, wearing a grey t-shirt, dark colored jacket, jeans and wearing a beanie. Suspect vehicle is described as a green colored 2-door Nissan Altima coupe.

In Rd 446, Carlsbad Ln., it appears suspect gained entry through an unlocked side gate, then entered an open/unlocked rear sliding door. The resident was home and saw the suspect who then fled out the front door. Suspect described as: Male Hispanic or black, height about 5'10", thin build, baseball hat, two toned hooded sweater, jeans and blue and black basketball style shoes.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 442-3 RD 445-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 436-2 RD 447-1**

BEAT 4

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 338-1 RD 441-1**

Streets: Morning Tide Dr. and Pine St.

In RD 338, Morning Tide Dr, It appears unknown suspect(s) entered the home through the unlocked rear sliding glass door.

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 349-1 RD 359-1
RD 451-2**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 441-1**

BEAT 5

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 319-1 RD 412-1
RD 413-1 RD 422-3
RD 432-1**

Streets: Silverspur Ln., Shaffer Cir., Maplewood Cir., Delaware St., Pompano Ln., Coenson Cir., and Florida St.

In RD 319, Silverspur Ln., it appears unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by breaking the window pane on the front door. Once the suspect(s) broke the window, they were able to unlock the deadbolt lock on the front door and enter the residence. Suspect(s) rummaged through the home and stole various items.

In RD 422, Delaware St., it appears suspect(s) gained entry to the detached garage by forcing open the roll up door. Various items were stolen including an inflatable boat and trailer.

There were three garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 411-1 RD 412-1
RD 421-1 RD 422-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 412-1 RD 422-2
RD 432-1**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**BEAT 6**

4 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 273-2 RD 282-2

Streets: Friesland Dr., Beach Blvd., Newman Ave., and Liberty Dr.

In RD 273, Friesland Dr., the suspect entered an open garage and stole various items. He is described as: Male, Hispanic, 25 -30 years old, weight 150-165 pounds, short black hair slicked back, black mustache, and a beard. He was wearing a light blue "Quicksilver" shirt, silver metal cross, blue jeans, and black sneakers with a white trim on the base. Suspect vehicle described as a silver GMC or Chevy Suburban with dents on the front side fender, side door and rear door.

In RD 273, Beach Blvd., suspect is in custody.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 264-2 RD 273-3
RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 262-2 RD 271-1
RD 272-1 RD 282-2
RD 283-3

BEAT 7

4 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
11 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 158-1 RD 168-1
RD 188-1 RD 252-1

Streets: Springdale St., Doyle Dr., Fenley Dr., and Parkside Ln.

In RD 168, Doyle Dr., it appears the unknown suspect knocked on the residence door and stated he was there to fix the fence. The resident led the suspect into the

back yard and left the front door unlocked. The resident believes when they walked the individual to the back yard another suspect entered the home and stole various items. Suspect #1 is described as: Male, Hispanic, height 5'6", thin build, groomed salt and pepper hair, around 50 years old, and wearing glasses. He was wearing a navy blue work shirt and tan pants. Suspect #2, no description.

In RD 188, Fenley Dr., it appears suspect(s) shattered a bedroom window to gain entry to the residence. Once inside, suspect(s) stole various items. A ladder was moved to the rear fence so possibly the suspect fled via the flood control channel located directly behind the home.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 158-1 RD 179-1
RD 252-2 RD 253-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 178-2 RD 198-1
RD 251-1 RD 252-1
RD 253-2 RD 262-4

In RD 178 and RD 198, suspect is in custody.

In RD 252, vehicle was recovered.

BEAT 8

10 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 152-1 RD 157-1
RD 164-1 RD 165-1
RD 166-2 RD 167-1
RD 171-2 RD 174-1

Streets: Malden Dr., Springdale St., Talisman Ln., Algonquin St., Airport Cir., Newfield Cir., Donlyn Dr., S. Pacific Ave (Sunset Beach), 9th St. (Sunset Beach), and Edgewater Ln.

In RD 152, Malden Cir., it appears suspect(s) gained entry

by shattering the glass door located on a second story patio. It was undetermined if items were stolen, but suspect(s) fled in a vehicle described as a silver SUV.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 152-1 RD 155-1
RD 164-1 RD 171-1
RD 173-1 RD 177-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 167-1 RD 173-1

In RD 167, vehicle was recovered.

BEAT 9

8 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 128-1 RD 139-1
RD 241-1 RD 242-5

Streets: Chalet Ln., Victoria Ln., Center Ave., and Edinger Ave.

In RD 242, Center Ave., suspect is in custody.

In RD 242, Edinger Ave., an unknown suspect(s) broke into the apartment complex's mailboxes by using a pry tool, or possibly a key. Suspect is described as: male, white, 25 - 35 years old, brown hair, wearing a gray baseball hat, and a "Vans" long sleeve shirt with white sleeves pulled up. He also had a heavy silver watch on his left wrist, a ring on his left ring finger, both arms and hands "sleeved" with tattoos, blue jeans, black athletic shoes with white soles, and red underwear visible from the rear.

This same occurrence happened on 4 separate occasions.

There was one carport entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 146-1 RD 232-2
RD 241-1 RD 242-6

Grand Theft Auto
RD 139-1

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

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

**APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH**

(National Sexual Violence Resource Center)

Crime reports

- Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to the police. Only 12% of child sexual abuse is reported to authorities.
- The prevalence of false reporting is between 2% and 10%. For example, a study of eight U.S. communities, which included 2,059 cases of sexual assault, found a 7.1% rate of false reports.

Ways to prevent sexual violence

Risk-reduction approaches seek to decrease a particular person's risk for victimization, such as self-defense classes. Some primary prevention approaches are:

- Be a role model for respectful relationships
- Speak up when hearing harmful comments or witnessing acts of disrespect or violence
- Create policies at workplaces and schools
- Talk with legislators and ask them to support prevention programs

Facts about sexual violence

Victims are never at fault for a sexual assault. Often, the media may unintentionally imply a victim is to blame by mentioning, for example, what the victim was wearing and if the victim was drinking. These comments lead to victim-blaming. People who sexually assault usually violate someone they know, and they often use coercion, manipulation or "charm." They may use force.

Please join us in bringing awareness and education about Sexual Assault and Rape. Stand up and be the voice of someone that has been silenced.

For more information or assistance call:

CSP, Inc. Sexual Assault Victim Services

714-957-2737 24-hour crisis hotline

Or the [National Sexual Assault Hotline](#):

800-656-HOPE

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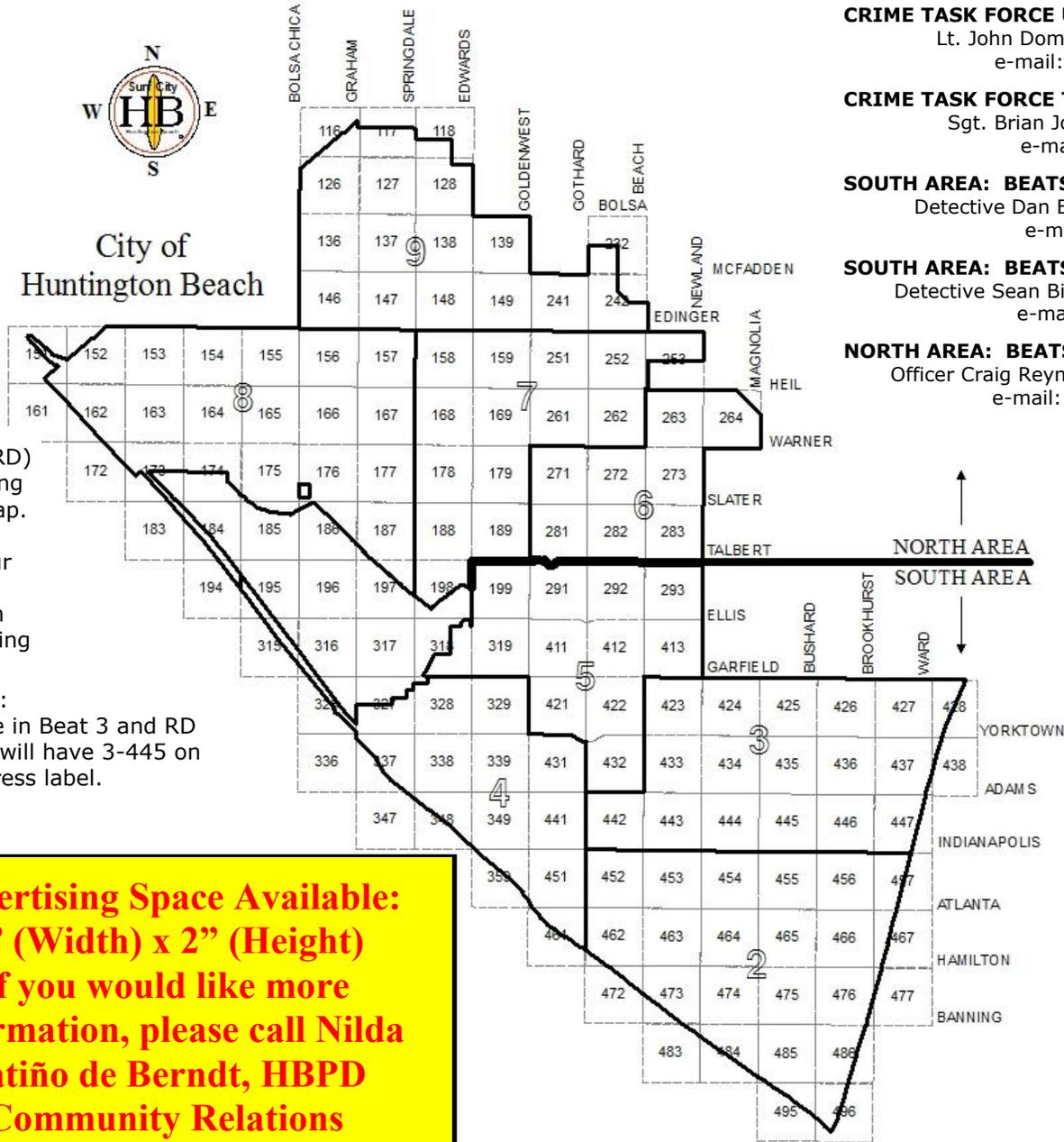
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Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

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



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