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APRIL DONATIONS 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 **\$16,881.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$7,419.00 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**

**Or: HB POLICE DEPARTMENT
Attn: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
2000 MAIN ST.
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648**

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



**NATIONAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT WEEK
(Aka: **BLUE RIBBON WEEK**)
MAY 14, 2017 TO MAY 21, 2017**

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. The law was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, signed by President Bill Clinton, directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year. While the actual dates change from year to year, National Police Week is always the calendar week, beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15th.

While the public should recognize the bravery, courage, honor and integrity shown by our nation's law enforcement officers every day, there is one day each year set aside to show how much we value their service and protection of our communities.

Every year the [National Concerns of Police Survivors](#) (C.O.P.S.) encourages everyone to show support for the more than 900,000 law enforcement officers in America. National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) is a way to show the men and women in blue how much we value them.

There are a number of ways to show support from planned events to simply changing your social media profile picture. Other ways to show support include shining a blue light from your home, hanging a Blue ribbon on your porch or around your trees. You can

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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 4th 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



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 9,000 copies and mail approximately 7,500 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. 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



Identity Theft for Taxpayers

(Internal Revenue Service)



Identity theft places a burden on its victims and presents a challenge to many businesses, organizations and governments, including the IRS. The IRS combats this crime with an aggressive strategy of prevention, detection and victim assistance.

What is tax-related identity theft?

Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses your stolen Social Security number (SSN) to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. If you become a victim, we are committed to resolving your case as quickly as possible.

You may be unaware that this has happened until you e-file your return and discover that a return already has been filed using your SSN. Or, the IRS may send you a letter saying it has identified a suspicious return using your SSN.

Know the warning signs

Be alert to possible tax-related identity theft if you are contacted by the IRS about:

- More than one tax return was filed for you,
- You owe additional tax, have a refund offset or have had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return, or
- IRS records indicate you received wages or other income from an employer for whom you did not work.

Steps for victims of identity theft

If you are a victim of identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission recommends these steps:

- File a complaint with the FTC at identitytheft.gov.
- Contact one of the three major credit bureaus to place a 'fraud alert' on your credit records:
 - www.Equifax.com 1-888-766-0008
 - www.Experian.com 1-888-397-3742
 - www.TransUnion.com 1-800-680-7289
- Close any financial or credit accounts opened by identity thieves
- If your SSN is compromised and you know or suspect you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, the IRS recommends these additional steps:
 - Respond immediately to any IRS notice; call the number provided or, [if instructed](#), go to IDVerify.irs.gov.
 - Complete IRS [Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit](#), if your e-file return rejects because of a duplicate filing under your SSN or you are instructed to do so. Use a fillable form at IRS.gov, print, then attach form to your paper
 - Continue to pay your taxes and file your tax return, even if you must do so by paper.
 - If you previously contacted the IRS and did not have a resolution, contact us for specialized assistance at 1-800-908-4490. We have teams available to assist you.

More information is available at: IRS.gov/identitytheft or FTC's identitytheft.gov.

- **NOTE: The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels.**

ATTENTION: NEW CRIME STATISTICS FORMAT

Crime period: March 1, 2017 to March 31, 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	Location	Crime	Entry
2	462	3/27	21000 BALERMA LN	Garage	Open garage
2	462	3/27	21000 PACIFIC COAST HY	Residence	Unknown force
2	476	3/2	21000 VACATION LN	Residence	Unknown force
3	425	3/31	9000 HYDE PARK DR	Garage	Unknown force
3	434	3/29	8000 CLIPPER DR	Residence	Attempt force
3	445	3/20	9000 CLOUDHAVEN	Residence	Pried rear slider
3	446	3/18	20000 BIG BEND LN	Garage	Attempt force
4	431	3/4	1900 PARK ST	Residence	Unlocked rear door
4	451	3/1	600 LAKE ST	Garage	No force
4	451	3/27	600 7TH ST	Garage	Unknown force
5	413	3/12	8000 GARFIELD AV	Residence	Pried window
6	273	3/13	17000 STANLEY LN	Garage	Damaged lock
6	273	3/13	17000 STANLEY LN	Garage	Damaged lock
7	179	3/30	6000 WARNER AV	Residence	Attempt force
7	189	3/18	6000 LOS AMIGOS CI	Garage	Open garage
7	252	3/2	7000 VOLGA DR	Residence	Upstairs window
7	253	3/23	8000 SAN ANGELO DR	Garage	Unknown force
7	262	3/15	16000 VIEWPOINT LN	Residence	Unknown force
8	153	3/8	16000 RASCAL LN	Garage	Unknown force
8	154	3/10	16000 SAN CLEMENTE CI	Garage	Unlocked side ped door
8	154	3/16	16000 SANTA BARBARA LN	Garage	Unlocked side ped door
8	154	3/19	16000 SANTA BARBARA LN	Garage	Open garage
8	157	3/11	5000 EDINGER AV	Residence	Unlocked front door
8	164	3/15	16000 EDGEWATER LN	Garage	Unknown force
8	165	3/12	4000 LAGO DR	Garage	Remote used
8	177	3/26	5000 ROGERS DR	Residence	Smashed rear slider
9	139	3/1	15000 YORKSHIRE LN	Residence	Attempt force
9	139	3/8	15000 HANOVER LN	Residence	Smashed rear slider
9	139	3/25	6000 SORENTO CI	Residence	Smashed rear slider

Beat	RD	Date	Location	Crime	Entry
9	139	3/27	15000 NOTTINGHAM LN	Residence	Pried rear door
9	147	3/6	15000 TAFT LN	Garage	Open garage
9	149	3/13	15000 WICKLOW LN	Garage	Unlocked side ped door
9	241	3/3	7000 EDINGER AV	Garage	Unknown force

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

BEAT 2

RD 456-2 RD 476-1

BEAT 4

RD 195-1 RD 348-1
 RD 349-2 RD 359-1
 RD 431-1 RD 441-1

BEAT 6

RD 271-1 RD 272-2
 RD 283-1

BEAT 8

RD 154-1 RD 156-1
 RD 165-2 RD 171-1
 RD 175-1

BEAT 3

RD 436-1 RD 437-1
 RD 442-1 RD 444-1

BEAT 5

RD 291-1 RD 293-1
 RD 411-1 RD 413-3
 RD 422-1 RD 432-3

BEAT 7

RD 158-1 RD 159-1
 RD 169-1 RD 178-1
 RD 179-3 RD 189-1
 RD 252-2 RD 162-1

BEAT 9

RD 117-1 RD 137-1
 RD 139-2 RD 232-2
 RD 241-2 RD 242-5

MARCH 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>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Robbery	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Aggravated Assaults	3	0	4	0	6	2	5	0
Burglary	5	8	3	2	6	8	12	11
<i>Commercial</i>	2	4	0	1	4	3	3	4
<i>Garage</i>	1	2	2	0	2	2	6	3
<i>Residential</i>	2	2	1	1	0	3	3	4
Larcenies	26	27	38	35	33	40	35	42
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	6	14	18	21	11	18	19	21
<i>From Building</i>	5	3	3	5	5	6	3	4
<i>Shoplifting</i>	3	5	5	2	6	7	5	12
<i>Vending</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>All Other / Bike</i>	12	5	12	7	11	8	8	5
Auto Theft	1	1	1	7	10	11	4	6

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BLUE RIBBON WEEK

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also tie a blue ribbon on your vehicle or simply send a card of support to your local Police Department.

If you would like to pick up some C.O.P.S. ribbons for your vehicles or to make a lapel ribbon please call the Community Liaison Unit at 714-536-5933. Have all your neighbors decorate in blue ribbons too!



Heroes: Line of Duty Deaths in California 2016

Please remember these California Police Officer's (and all 144 fallen Officer's nationwide) that paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect us.

"It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

Vivian Eney Cross, Survivor

Ballantyne	Scott	2/10/16
Carlisle *	Paul	12/1/15
De Guzman	Jonathan	7/28/16
Hopkins	Jack	10/19/16
Katherman	Michael	6/14/16
Lopez	Alfonso	10/24/16
Lucas	Rod	10/31/16
Owen	Steven	10/5/16
Taylor	Nathan	3/13/16
Vega	Jose	10/8/16
Wallace	Dennis	11/13/16
Zerebny	Lesley	10/8/16

* The officer's death occurred in a previous year but was determined in 2016 as a line-of-duty death.

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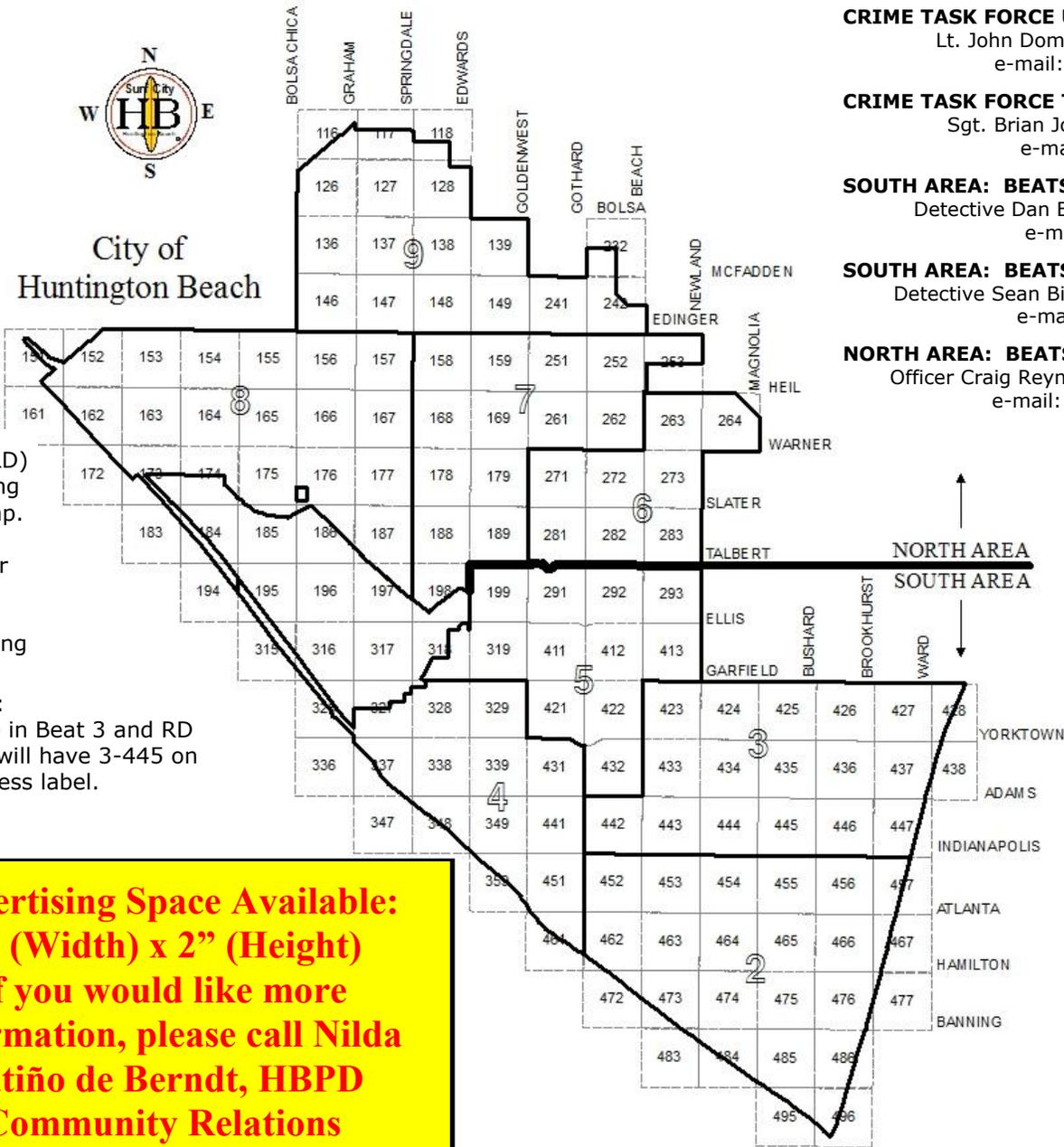
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Note:
Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

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



CRIME TASK FORCE UNIT

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