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 $11,101.31 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have $13,198.69 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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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

(from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center)

Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community. Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011). Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005).

Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006).

We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions.

When we all play a role we can prevent sexual violence. The first step is increasing education, awareness, and community involvement. It’s time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all.

I join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.  
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Because...

Did you know?

- Nearly 1 in 5 women in a national survey say they have been raped (CDCP)
- 1 in 10 women have been raped by their boyfriend or husband (CDCP)
- Half of female sexual assault victims were raped before age 18 (White House Report-Rape & Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action)
- Over 1/4 of male sexual assault survivors were raped before they were 10 (White House-Report Rape & Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action)
- 82% of rapes committed by an intimate are not reported to the police (RAINN/Dept. of Justice)
- Only 3 out of every 100 rapists will ever spend a single day in prison (RAINN/Dept. of Justice)
- The majority (54%) of rapes are still not reported (RAINN/Dept. of Justice)
- Only about 1 out of 4 reported rapes leads to an arrest. Similarly, only about 1 out of 4 arrests leads to a felony conviction and incarceration (RAINN/Dept. of Justice)
- 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime (National Institute for Justice and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
- 17.7 million American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape (National Institute for Justice and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
- 15,000-19,000 people with developmental disabilities are raped each year in North America (National Center on Domestic & Sexual Violence)
- 1 in 6 men have experienced abusive sexual experiences before the age of 18 (1in6.org)
- 44% of sexual assault and rape victims are under the age of 18 (USDOJ)
- Victims of sexual assault are 3 times more likely to suffer from depression, 6 times more likely to suffer from PTSD, 13 times more likely to abuse alcohol, 26 times more likely to abuse drugs, and 4 times more likely to contemplate suicide (WHO)
- Almost 2/3 of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim (USDOJ)
- 28% of male victims of rape experience their first rape when they were 10 years of age or younger (CDCP)
- Approximately 80% of female victims experienced their first rape before the age of 25 (CDCP)
- Every four hours a rape is reported in the United States Armed Forces (Military Rape Crisis Center)
- Women in the US Military are more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan than killed by enemy fire (Military Rape Crisis Center)

These statistics may represent you or someone you know. Join us and take a stand against sexual assault and rape. Rape is the least reported crime, and we need to speak up for survivors; be the voice that may have been silenced; how can you not get involved? It is our duty to remind a survivor it is not their fault. Regardless of what you wear or where you are. NO means NO!

Show your support by wearing a teal ribbon and encourage your friends and family to wear one too.
Jeans for Justice Day
Wednesday, April 29 2015

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.

Join us on April 29th, 2015; wear jeans in support of justice.

POTENTIAL RISKS FOR INTERNET USERS

A Consumer Action Publication
(continued from March 2015)

Create strong passwords - A strong password includes a seemingly random string of letters, numbers and symbols. It should never include personal information, such as your birth date, address or pet’s name. Include at least eight characters in your passwords. Longer passwords are harder for intruders to intercept or decipher.

Secure your wireless network - Leaving your network “unlocked” means that anyone within range of your Wi-Fi signal can access it – and possibly capture the data you send and receive. Securing your wireless network can be as simple as creating a strong password for your router and enabling its built-in encryption tool.

A special Note about Older Computers
If you have an older computer, you may no longer receive updates and security “patches” and the manufacturer probably does not offer support for your computer. New versions of browsers have important security features that may not run on older operating systems. Firewalls are relatively new and are activated by default by the manufacturer on newer computers. But firewalls may not be activated on older machines. As a result, older computers with “always on” high-speed Internet connections may be at risk for security and privacy breaches.

(Continued in May 2015)
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

36 reports 02/16/15– 03/15/15
38 reports 01/16/15– 02/15/15

Eleven of the entries were due to OPEN OR UNLOCKED windows or doors. Thirteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; six were committed at night, and seventeen at an unknown time.

There were six garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were four attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

58 reports 02/16/15– 03/15/15
33 reports 01/16/15– 02/15/15

GRAND THEFT AUTO

36 reports 02/16/15– 03/15/15
29 reports 01/16/15– 02/15/15

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 462-1   RD 475-1
RD 486-1

Streets: Huntington St., Keoki Cir., and Port Clyde Dr.

In RD 475, Keoki Cir., unknown suspect(s) entered the unlocked/open garage, stole items found inside and fled.

In RD 486, Port Clyde Dr., it appears the point of entry was the rear sliding glass door. The suspect(s) broke the window to remove a metal rod in the frame used to secure the door.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 463-1   RD 465-1
RD 477-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 456-1   RD 457-1

BEAT 3

3 Residential Burglaries
12 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 428-1   RD 436-1
RD 443-1

Streets: Ward St., Inverness Ln. and Brookhurst St.

In RD 428 Ward St., the suspect is known.

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

In RD 443, Brookhurst St., suspect is known.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 423-1   RD 425-1
RD 433-1   RD 434-1
RD 437-2   RD 442-4
RD 443-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 436-1   RD 444-1

BEAT 4

2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 327-1

Streets: Woodlands Dr., Pacific Coast Highway

In RD 327, Woodlands Dr., it appears a ladder which was located at the front of the location was used to gain access to the second floor balcony.

After entering the second floor balcony, the suspect(s) broke a glass pane on the French doors and gained access into the residence.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 337-1   RD 349-1
RD 359-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 329-1   RD 451-1

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries
13 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 422-2   RD 432-1

Streets: Garfield Ave. and Florida St.

In RD 422, Florida St., the suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 292-2   RD 293-1
RD 412-4   RD 413-2
RD 432-4

Grand Theft Auto
RD 319-1   RD 411-1
RD 412-1   RD 413-2
RD 422-1

There was one shed entry.

BEAT 6

1 Residential Burglary
1 Vehicle Burglary
7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 273-1

Streets: Marken Ln.

In RD 273, the suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 272-5   RD 273-2
BEAT 7
11 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
8 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 169-1     RD 178-2
RD 179-4     RD 188-1
RD 252-2     RD 253-1

Streets: Farinella Dr., Evergreen Cir., Lido Ln., Warner Ave., Ireland Ln., Canis Cir., Wintergreen Dr., Alhambra Dr., and Edinger Ave.

In RD 169, Farinella Dr., it appeared entry to the house was made through the window that was pried off the frame.

In RD 178, Lido Ln., suspect #1 described as: male, height 5’10” to 5’11”, heavy set, dark skin complexion, weight 180 lbs. He was wearing an orange or rust colored baseball cap, a light greenish gray long sleeve shirt, with green pants and dark colored gloves. The reporting party said he looked like he was wearing a landscaper uniform. The male was carrying a metal rod over his shoulder in his right hand. The second suspect was described as: male, height 5’ 6” to 5’8”, heavy set, 160 to 170 lbs., light colored skin, short straight dark hair. Eyes were pin point and were dark brown. He was wearing a brown baseball cap, gray short sleeve shirt over a white long sleeve shirt with blue jeans. The second male was carrying a metal rod in his right hand down by his right leg.

In RD 179, Canis Cir., it appears an unknown suspect attempted to pry open an exterior side door. No entry was made.

In RD 179, Warner Ave., the unknown suspect(s) cut the screen and broke a window which is next to the south facing front door. The suspect reached inside the apartment and was able to unlock the door to gain access.

In RD 188, Wintergreen Dr., it appears an unknown suspect(s) removed the master bedroom window screen and opened an unlocked window to gain entry.

There were three garage entries.

There were two attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 158-1     RD 159-1
RD 168-1     RD 252-1
RD 253-4     RD 261-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 168-1     RD 179-1
RD 251-1     RD 253-1
RD 262-4

BEAT 8
7 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 157-2     RD 164-1
RD 177-1     RD 165-1
RD 187-2

Streets: Wild Rose Ln., Fairway Ln., Littler Dr., Phelps Ln., Green Ln., Padua Dr., and Pinon Dr.

In RD 77, Wild Rose Ln., the hallway bathroom had an open window and the screen was removed to gain access.

In RD 165, Green Ln., the suspect(s) forcibly kicked open the large doggy door that was on the south side of the garage.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 163-1     RD 175-1
RD 176-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 155-1     RD 164-1
RD 173-1     RD 175-1

BEAT 9
6 Residential Burglaries
14 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 127-1     RD 128-1
RD 139-2     RD 149-1
RD 242-1

Streets: Spa Dr., Royal Oak Dr., Cumberland Dr., Norwich Cir., Sunview Dr., and Center Ave.

In RD 127, Spa Dr., it appears the unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked door.

In RD 139, Cumberland Dr., the victim said it did not appear the suspect(s) were able to gain entry into the residence. When the victim spoke to other members of the Neighborhood Watch group they shared valuable and helpful information.

In RD 139, Norwich Cir., it appeared the suspect(s) forced entry into the victim's home through the rear bedroom door. The suspect(s) were interrupted by the homeowner and fled. Suspects described as: suspect #1, male black, height 6’ tall, weight 250 lbs., wearing a red hooded sweatshirt. Second suspect was described as: male black, height 5’7”, and skinny wearing a white shirt. The two suspects entered a white vehicle with Oregon license plate.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 117-1     RD 128-3
RD 137-1     RD 241-1
RD 242-8

Grand Theft Auto
RD 149-1     RD 241-2
RD 242-2
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