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**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FISCAL
YEAR END JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

We have estimated we will need approximately \$25,000 this fiscal year to cover various program expenses which included, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, stickers, special events, donor gifts, etc.

In the past, the generous donations we received from **you the residents**, a few **merchants**, and **our advertisers** have more than sustained this program. The donations even allowed us to build up a small reserve account. **We greatly appreciate your generosity.**

This year has been very difficult for many people and we realize that many of you as well as the HBNW program have had to tighten our belts due to the economy. This year we only received **\$17,929 in donations** and **newsletter advertisements**, leaving us **short \$7,071**. Fortunately, because of the reserve account, we were able to carry the burden of the shortage this year. However, doing this will almost deplete our reserve account. We feel it is very important for each and every one of you to receive the HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter. Included in each issue are crime statistics, important telephone numbers, crime prevention tips, alerts, our advertisers, a map of the city, and much more. If you are not presently receiving the newsletter please contact the Community Liaison Unit at (714) 536-5933 or e-mail nberndt@hbpd.org and let the Community Relations Specialist know you want to sign up to be a new subscriber. Also let us know if you want to receive a hard copy through the U.S. Mail or if you want to receive the newsletter electronically so we can add you to the appropriate list. If you presently receive a hard copy of the newsletter and would like to switch to the electronic version include your last name and address as it appears on the mailing label. If you wish to send a **tax deductible donation** we will gladly accept it but remember it is a donation and you are under no obligation to send one. What is **important** to us is that you learn some helpful crime prevention tips to help keep you, your family, and this community a safe place to live, work, and play in.

If you have any questions, want to learn how you can become one of our Neighborhood Watch Board Members, or

would like to review the HBNW program budget and expenses please call the Community Liaison Team at 714-536-5933 to arrange an appointment.

JULY 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 \$25,000 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 **\$417 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we still have \$24,583 to go** by June 30 2011. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$6 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.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either electronically or through the mail. 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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TOP 10 TIPS FOR IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION



1. ***Protect your Social Security number:*** Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. If your health plan (other than Medicare) or another card uses your Social Security number, ask the company for a different number.
2. ***Fight "phishing" -- don't take the bait:*** Scam artists "phish" for victims by pretending to be banks, stores, or government agencies. They do this over the phone, in e-mails and in the regular mail. Don't give out your personal information --- unless you made the contact. Don't respond to a request to verify your account number or password. Legitimate companies will not request this kind of information in this way.
3. ***Keep your identity from getting trashed:*** Shred or tear up papers with personal information before you throw them away. Shred credit card offers and "convenience checks" that you don't use.
4. ***Control your personal financial information:*** California law requires your bank and other financial services companies to get your permission before sharing your personal financial information with outside companies. You also have the right to limit some sharing of your personal financial information with your companies' affiliates.
5. ***Shield your computer from viruses and spies:*** Protect your personal information on your home computer. Use strong passwords with at least eight characters, including a combination of letters, numbers and symbols, easy for you to remember, but difficult for others to guess. Use firewall, virus and spyware protection software that you update regularly. Steer clear of spyware. Download free software only from sites you know and trust. Don't install software without knowing what it is. Set Internet Explorer browser security to at least "medium." Don't click on links in pop-up windows or in spam e-mail.
6. ***Click with caution:*** When shopping online, check out a Web site before entering your credit card number or other personal information. Read the privacy policy and look for opportunities to opt out of information sharing. (If there is no privacy policy posted, beware! Shop elsewhere.) Only enter personal information on secure Web pages with "https" in the address bar and a padlock symbol at the bottom of the browser window. These are signs that your information will be encrypted or scrambled, protecting it from hackers.
7. ***Check your bills and bank statements.*** Open your credit card bills and bank statements right away. Check carefully for any unauthorized charges or withdrawals and report them immediately. Call if bills don't arrive on time. It may mean that someone has changed contact information to hide fraudulent charges.
8. ***Stop pre-approved credit offers.*** Stop most pre-approved credit offers. They make a tempting target for identity thieves who steal your mail. Have your name removed from credit bureau marketing lists. Call toll free 1-888-5OPTOUT (567-8688)
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Swimming Pool Safety Tips

From Dipika Mirpuri, former About.com Guide

Drowning is one of the major causes of accidents resulting in serious injury and death in children. Parents should not be fooled into thinking that their child is safe just because he/she knows how to swim. In a lot of these cases accidents happened even though the child knew how to swim. Accidents in the swimming pool can happen very suddenly without warning. It is very important that all parents follow these basic safety precautions especially if there is a swimming pool at home.

1. Never allow your youngster to swim alone without any adult supervision. It is quite common to develop a cramp underwater, or for accidents like hitting your head while diving for example, to occur. It is paramount that there should be persons around to help in such situations.
2. Do not allow children with no knowledge of swimming in or around the pool. For good pool safety make sure that all kids above the age of 4 attend a certified swimming class, or at least learn basic flotation techniques and life saving techniques in case of accidents. Children younger than 4 should always be accompanied by their parents in the pool.
3. Enclose your pool with high fences, which can be locked. Do not leave the pool open and accessible since children can fall inside. Keep your pool safe, and keep your kids away from the poolside.
4. Avoid leaving your kids alone even with small portable pools or water bodies like buckets, fountains, and barrels. There is always a danger of drowning occurring even in small bodies of water.
5. In case of a backyard swimming pool, make sure that the cover of the pool is completely lifted over the pool. Do not

partially open the pool. Also make sure that your child does not walk over the pool cover.

6. Spas and Hot Tubs must also be avoided, especially in the case of younger children who are susceptible to overheating. For good pool safety, make sure that there is always a life saving floatation device handy near the pool. Also, every parent should be conversant in basic CPR techniques in case of any accident.
7. The last, but not least, thing to ensure swimming pool safety is to be observant. Watch what your kids are up to and supervise their activities. Do not leave them alone.

Hair Entanglement in Spas and Hot Tubs

A drowning risk can occur when a bather's hair becomes entangled in a drain cover; as the water and hair are drawn through the drain. Never allow children (or anyone) to play with their head underwater in a spa.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission helped develop a standard requiring two dome-shaped drain outlets for each pump. This reduces the powerful suction if one drain is blocked. Consumers with older spas should have new drain covers installed and may want to consider getting a spa with two drains to help prevent entrapment. If you have a swimming pool, have it checked as well.

Regularly have a professional check your spa or hot tub and make sure it is in good, safe, working condition and that drain covers are in place and not cracked or missing. Check the drain covers yourself throughout the year. Make sure you have a GFCI-protected power disconnect device installed, and know where and how to use it in an emergency.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. 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 entries June 16 – July 15
31 entries May 16 - June 15

Twenty-three of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Eighteen of these burglaries were committed during the day, Ten were committed at night, and Fifteen were committed at an unknown time.

There were eight garage entries.

There were six attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

59 reported June 16 - July 15
32 reported May 16 – June 15

GRAND THEFT AUTO

28 reported June 16 – July 15
22 reported May 16 – June 15

BEAT 2

6 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 464-1 RD 465-1
RD 466-1 RD 485-3

Streets: Sand Dollar Ln., Santiago Dr., Effingham Dr., Christine Dr.

In RD 485, Christine Dr.; Three burglaries occurred between 06/13/10 and 07/11/10. It appears victims were away on vacation when the burglaries occurred. Suspects were arrested.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 476-3 RD 495-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476-1

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 445-1 RD 455-1

Streets: Shorewood Cr. and Woodcrest Dr.

In RD 455, Woodcrest Dr; suspect is possibly known

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 446-1

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 4

6 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 432-1 RD 452-4
RD 453-1

Streets: Utica Ave., Elmira Ave., Alabama St., California St., and Alvarado Dr.

In RD 432, Utica Ave.; Suspects are in custody.

In RD 452, Elmira Ave.; The front window was partially opened but had a nail placed in the frame to prevent it from being opened up completely. It appears the suspect(s) removed the window screen to reach in and remove a computer from the table top. Suspect(s) then flee.

In RD 452, California St.; Suspect is possibly known.

There were two attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 252-1 RD 433-1
RD 442-1 RD 443-1
RD 462-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 463-2 RD 472-2

BEAT 5

1 Residential Burglary
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 434-1

Streets: Trident Ln

In RD 434, Trident Ln.; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

None reported

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 6

7 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 349-3 RD 441-2
RD 451-1 RD 461-1

Streets: 9th St., 15th St., 17th St., Lake St., Adams Ave., and Walnut Ave.

In RD 349, 15th St.; Suspect(s) cut the exterior screen and climbed through an open bedroom window.

In RD 441, Lake St.; suspect(s) remove a GT Zowe bicycle from the unlocked garage.

In RD 461, Walnut Ave.; Suspect(s) entered through an open (10" x 28") bathroom window.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 348-3 RD 349-1
RD 359-3 RD 451-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 451-2 RD 461-2

BEAT 7

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
8 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 293-1 RD 411-1
RD 412-1 RD 422-1
RD 423-1

Streets: Sterling Ave., Coolwater Ln., Racquet Ln., Owen Dr., and Beach Blvd.

In RD 411, Coolwater Ln.; Suspect(s) enter an unlocked garage side door and stole four bicycles.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292-1 RD 413-2
RD 422-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 412-1 RD 422-3
RD 423-4

BEAT 8

1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 188-1

Streets: Edwards St.

In RD 188, Edwards St.; Suspect is described as male, Hispanic, late 20's or early 30's height 5'8" to 5'9", thin build, mustache and goatee. He was wearing a light colored shirt and light colored baseball cap.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176-1 RD 177-1
RD 179-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 281-1

BEAT 9

5 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 272-2
RD 282-2

Streets: St. Cloud Cr., Queens Ln., Jacquelyn Ln., Talbert Ave., Bell Cr.

In RD 263, St. Cloud Cr.; Suspect(s) entered residence through an open bathroom (11"x16") window.

In RD 272, Queens Ln., Susp. known.

In Rd 282, Bell Cr.; Suspects described as follows: Suspect #1: White, female, age 20 years, height 5'4", weight 120 lbs, hair blonde/strawberry, blue eyes, wearing a white T-Shirt, blue jeans and flip-flops, with black glasses. Suspect #2: aka "Adam", male, white, age 20 years, height 5'11", weight 160 lbs, short brown hair, brown eyes, wearing a gray shirt, black shorts, clean shaven, with tattoos on his arms. Suspect #3: White, male, age in his 20's, "thick face", wearing a black shirt with a white design on it

and a black baseball cap. Vehicle description: 2006 2 door silver Honda Civic, black tinted windows and a pink bandana on the drivers side visor.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 272-1
RD 273-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-1

BEAT 10

1 Residential Burglary
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 165-1

Street: Island Cr.

In RD 165, Island Cr.; Suspect(s) vandalize victim's vehicle but do not steal anything. Suspect(s) also left a ladder and tent from an adjoining garage lying on the east wall of the victim's garage.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 152-1 RD 165-1
RD 174-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 154-1

BEAT 11

3 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 159-1 RD 166-1
RD 168-1

Streets: Bridgewater Dr., Pearce Dr., Warner Ave.

In RD 159, Bridgewater Dr.; Suspect is described as white, male, 20 to 30 years old, height 6', weight 170 lbs, thin build, wearing a turquoise T-shirt and a red baseball cap.

In RD 166, Pearce Dr.; It is believed the suspect(s) used the garage door opener found in vehicle left unlocked in driveway to gain entry into the garage and the unlocked vehicle in the garage.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 157-2 RD 166-1
RD 168-1 RD 169-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 156-1 RD 157-1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 139-1 RD 155-1

Streets: Newcastle Ln., Fantasia Ln.

In RD 155, Fantasia Ln.; Suspect(s) enter through an unlocked door, ransack the interior of the residence and stole various items including a 9 mm Ruger blue steel handgun.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 138-1 RD 139-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 147-1 RD 149-1

BEAT 13

4 Residential Burglaries
13 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 252-3 RD 253-1

Streets: Holt Ave., Sher Ln., Volga Dr., and San Angelo Dr.

In RD 252, Volga Dr.; Suspects described as: Suspect #1: White, female, late 20s to early 30s, shoulder length black hair, height 5'5", weight 130 lbs, and wearing jeans. Suspect #2: White male, in his 30's, shaved head, wearing a dark colored T-Shirt and dark baseball-type hat. Suspects are possibly known.

In RD 253, San Angelo Dr.; Suspects enter an unlocked garage. Using a sharp object, the suspect cuts an approx. 10" hole in the soft vinyl convertible top of the victim's vehicle.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241-1 RD 242-3
RD 253-7 RD 261-1
RD 262-1

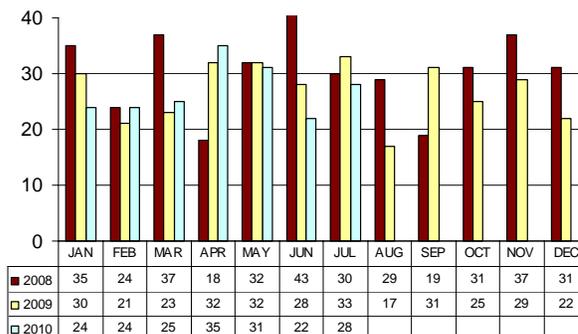
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RD 262-1

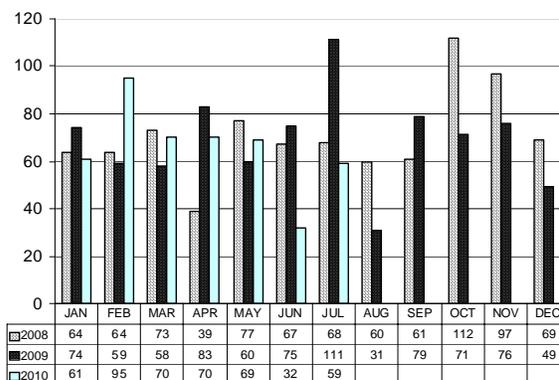
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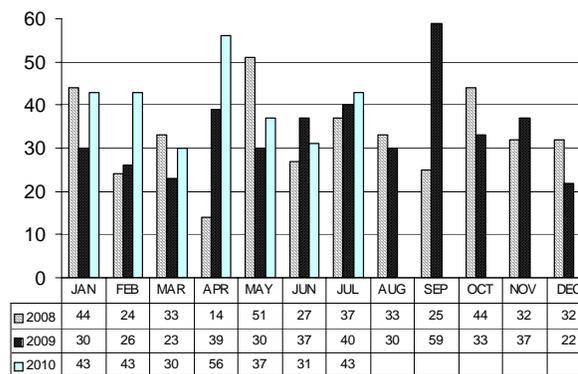
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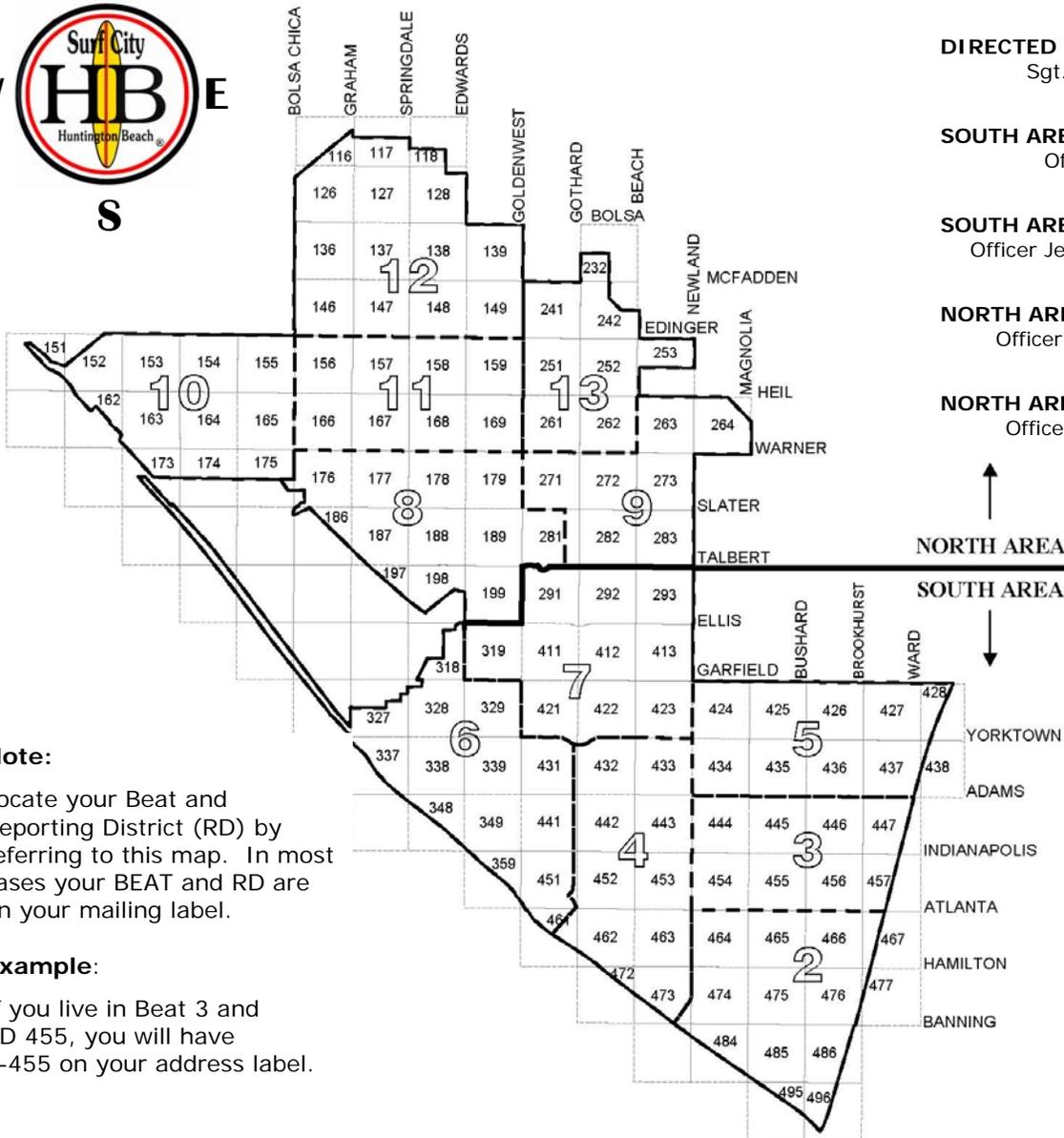
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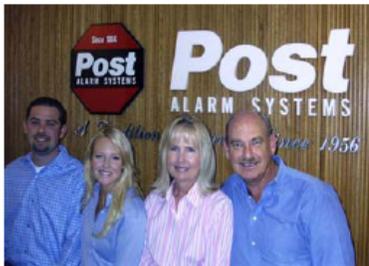
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