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JANUARY 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 **\$9,582.33 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$15,417.67 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.**

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



**A CALL TO
ALL BLOCK
CAPTAINS!**



The Huntington Beach Police Department has planned a special meeting for all Neighborhood Watch Block Captains:

**Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: HBPD Training Room A
2000 Main St.
Huntington Beach, CA**

(From outside the P.D. front door, walk down the steps towards the jail entrance and continue to the glass doors.)

Some of the topics to be discussed are crimes that can affect you, your family and your neighborhood, as well as the latest crime trends.

We will provide you with tools to assist in preventing you and your neighbors from becoming victims. These tools include checking on the health of your Neighborhood Watch Block Program and the importance of keeping it alive and active.

Lieutenant Russell Reinhart and several other special speakers will be present.

Seating is limited, so please RSVP to: Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933. Mark your calendar and reserve your seat today.



The HBPD Air Support Unit

(continued)

By Sgt. Ray Villescas



Today, the department operates three MD520N series turbine powered helicopters. Each aircraft is equipped with multi-channel communication equipment, “Night Sun” spotlights, FLIR cameras, Moving Map navigation systems and gyro-stabilized binoculars. All three aircraft are configured to mirror each other in terms of instrument placement and special equipment installation. A tradition of naming each helicopter began with the first MD520N. This aircraft was designated “Maverick” in honor of the former City Councilman/ Mayor, Jack Kelly, who played the role of Bart Maverick in a 1950s TV western series. The next two aircraft were designated “Guardian” and “Sentinel” by local elementary school students in Huntington Beach. The newest aircraft in the fleet has been designated “Ten-Henry” in commemoration of the unit’s 40th anniversary and in honor of our first aircraft’s radio call sign.

In the 1970’s, the Department divided the city into nine patrol areas. The helicopter’s call-sign was “Ten-Henry” effectively designating the skies above Huntington Beach as the 10th patrol area. This call sign was later changed to “HB1” when Orange County Communications adopted the International Phonetic Alphabet. The call sign “HB1” is currently used today.

The Huntington Beach Police Department Air Support Unit of today is part of the Traffic/Aero Bureau in the Uniform (Patrol) Division. The Traffic/Aero Lieutenant serves as the Air Support Unit Commander. When fully staffed, the unit consists of a sergeant, six officer/pilots, two helicopter mechanics and a part-time unit administrative clerk. Several of the officer/pilots are rated as Certified Flight Instructors (Rotorcraft) and are responsible for commercial pilot training within the unit. The helicopter mechanics possess Airframe & Power Plant (A&P) ratings, as well as Inspection Authorization (I.A.) ratings. The maintenance facility is rated as a FAA Certified Repair Station (Limited).

The primary mission of the Huntington Beach Police Air Support Unit is to fly in support of police, fire and marine safety operations. Those operations include, but are not limited to, patrol ground operations, surveillance, aerial photo/intelligence gathering missions, observation support for police, fire and marine safety operations, as well as SWAT operations

and Emergency/ Disaster surveying. Our primary goal is to provide a level of service that contributes to the overall success of the mission at hand. We understand that safety is critical to the successful outcome of any mission, so we strive to operate in as safe a manner as possible in all areas of our aviation operations.

The Huntington Beach Police Department Air Support Unit currently operates out of the Robert M. Morrison Heliport located in the City of Huntington Beach. The facility was dedicated to Lt. Morrison as a tribute to his vision, dedication, and never ending support of the airborne law enforcement community. Lt. Morrison served with the HBPD Air Support Unit from 1968 to 1989. He was also a founding member of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association, serving as association president, as a member of the board of directors, and as a regional officer. After his passing in March of 2008, a memorial service was held at the HBPD air support facility to celebrate his life and contributions to airborne law enforcement.

2008 marked the 40th anniversary of the Huntington Beach Police Department Air Support Unit. The unit has enjoyed the continuing support of the Police Department, the Huntington Beach City Council and the citizens of the community. But, in the words of Lieutenant Robert M. Morrison, “None of this could be possible without the dedication and determination of the officers and maintenance personnel who made it work. Those who elected to strap themselves into a cramped, uncomfortable seat, put on a helmet or headset that has up to five radios tuned in and launch themselves into some of the busiest airspace in the United States. They learned to live with the noise, vibrations, fatigue and polluted air in their non-air-conditioned office environment. These are the guys who experimented with, developed, or pioneered new equipment until it worked... so they could better serve their fellow officers on the ground and further prove the benefit of aircraft utilization in law enforcement.”

HBPD VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AND HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) utilizes volunteers for various assignments, programs, projects and events throughout the year. Recently the department held an Annual Recognition and Holiday Luncheon to honor our volunteers who give unselfishly of their time. To see and read more about some of the duties and responsibilities of our various groups just log on to the police department webpage at www.hbpd.org or our Facebook fan page directly at [Facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice](https://www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice)



Frequently Asked Questions

How can I set up a Neighborhood Watch Block Meeting for my neighborhood?

It's very simple to schedule a meeting:

1. Talk with your neighbors (even the ones that live behind you) and select a few dates to hold the meeting. Please try to give us at least 2 or 3 weeks notice. We usually schedule Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, around 7:00 P.M. Meetings will last between 1 ½ to 1 ¾ hours.
2. Call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933 to schedule the meeting.
3. Usually the host will provide cookies, punch or coffee. If seating is a problem you can always ask your neighbors to bring their own lawn chairs.
4. We will provide a trained speaker to discuss the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will give you crime prevention tips that can help lessen the chances of you becoming a victim. You'll receive a good neighbor sheet and have the opportunity to sign up for the Neighborhood Watch newsletter.
5. One of the HBPD Patrol Officers will also try to stop by to discuss the crimes that are occurring in your area and answer any concerns you may have.
6. There must be at least 12 people in attendance to be considered a meeting. We require 75% of the households per street to participate in order for the residents to order a Neighborhood Watch Street Sign. The cost per street sign is \$15.00 each; the city will gladly install them.
7. Remember "The best crime deterrent is a good neighbor". Don't put off organizing and educating your block today.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDER ON CALIFORNIA LAW REGARDING CELL PHONES AND DRIVING



A law passed by the California Legislature made it an infraction to talk on a cell phone while driving effective July 1, 2008. On January 1, 2009, an additional law was enacted making it an infraction to use any type of electronic wireless communication device to write, read or send text based communications.

Adults are allowed to talk on a hands free cell phone device while driving. Anyone under 18 years old is not allowed any use of a cell phone while driving, not even with a hands free device. No one is allowed to write, read or send text based communications while driving.

The law is stricter on teen drivers because of their lack of experience in driving. Also, teen drivers are more likely to be distracted while driving. The best practice is to turn off a cell phone while in a vehicle. If it is on and rings, do not answer it until you have safely reached your destination. The only allowable exception is to contact law enforcement, the fire department or a health care provider in an emergency situation.

A police officer can stop any motorist seen using a cell phone, or similar device, to issue them a traffic citation. The Huntington Beach Police Department strictly enforces these laws. In 2010, Huntington Beach police officers have issued 2,748 traffic citations for these offenses.

For more information about the use of electronic wireless communication devices while driving, visit the California DMV webpage at <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws/index.htm> or view the DMV video on cell phone laws from the Huntington Beach Police Department Facebook page www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice.

For a list of all the ways technology has failed to improve the quality of life, please press three...

Alice Kahn

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

39 entries 12/16/10 – 01/15/11
42 entries 11/16/10 – 12/15/10

Sixteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Eleven of these burglaries were committed during the day, nine were committed at night, and nineteen were committed at an unknown time.

There were nine garage entries.

There were 3 storage unit entries.

There were 2 attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

44 reported 12/16/10 – 01/15/11
68 reported 11/16/10 – 12/15/10

GRAND THEFT AUTO

23 reported 12/16/10 – 01/15/11
30 reported 11/16/10 – 12/15/10

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 475-1 RD 476-1
RD 485-1

Streets: Adelia Ci., Brookhurst St. and Gateshead Dr.

In RD 475, Adelia Ci; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 485, Gateshead Dr.; Suspect enters garage and steals items from the unlocked vehicle parked inside.

There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 465-1 RD 466-1
RD 476-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 476-1

BEAT 3

1 Residential Burglary
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 455-1

Street: Brookdale Ln

Vehicle Burglaries
None reported

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 4

9 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 432-1 RD 433-1
RD 442-4 RD 452-1
RD 453-2

Streets: Whitesands Dr., Vasile Ci., England St., Delaware St., Joliet Ave., Atlanta Ave., and Driftwood Dr.

In RD 432, Whitesands Dr.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 442, England St.; Suspect did not gain entry. Tried opening front door using handle but door was locked.

In RD 442, Delaware St.; Suspect removed the lock from a garage door to gain entry. Steals items from that garage then makes a hole in the wall of the adjoining garages and steals items from that garage also.

In RD 442, Joliet Ave., It appears suspect used a hard metal object such as a claw hammer to pierce the double pane sliding glass door, then pulled it outward to gain entry.

In RD 452, Atlanta Ave.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 453, Atlanta Ave.; It appears the suspect(s) backed a white van into the driveway, entered the house through the side yard and backdoor and stole property.

There were four garage burglaries

There was one attempted entry

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 452-4 RD 463-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 452-1

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 425-1 RD 436-1

Streets: Hyde Park Dr., and Claremont Ln.

In RD 425, Hyde Park Dr.; 2 suspects are in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries
None reported

Grand Theft Auto
RD 434-1

BEAT 6

5 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 349-2 RD 441-1
RD 451-1 RD 461-1

Streets: 18 St., 14th St., 12th St., 8th St., and Walnut Ave.

In RD 349, 14th St.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 441, 12th St.; It appeared suspect used the garage door opener stolen from the unlocked vehicle parked in front of the garage to gain entry into the garage. Suspect then stole a bicycle from the garage.

In RD 451, 8th St.; It appeared an intoxicated male entered an unlocked house and left when the resident called downstairs.

There was one garage entry.

There was one storage unit entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 348-1 RD 451-6
RD 461-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 451-1

BEAT 7

1 Residential Burglary
8 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 422-1

Streets: Owen Dr.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292-1 RD 293-1
RD 412-1 RD 413-4
RD 422-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 291-1 RD 423-1

BEAT 8

0 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None reported

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 178-1 RD 179-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 179-1

BEAT 9

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 282-2

Streets: Slater Ave., and Sampson Ln.

In RD 282, Slater Ave.; Suspect(s) used a bolt cutter to cut the lock off the storage unit to gain entry. The suspect fled when the alarm sounded. Vehicle was described as a white, older model mini van, with black handles and black molding.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 263-1 RD 272-2
RD 283-1

BEAT 10

4 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 152-1 RD 155-1
RD 164-1 RD 165-1

Street: Bordeaux Ln., Prelude Dr., Barefoot Ci., and Lynn Ln.

In RD 155, Prelude Dr.; Suspect is in custody and property was returned. In RD 164, Barefoot Ci.; Victim believes suspect may have observed

him punching his keypad code and used it to gain entry into his garage.

There were two garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 153-1 RD 163-1
RD 164-1 RD 165-1
RD 174-2 RD 175-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 165-1

BEAT 11

3 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 166-2 RD 168-1

Streets: Moody Ci., Pearce Dr., and Shields Dr.

In RD 166, Pearce Dr.; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

None reported

Grand Theft Auto

RD 158-1

BEAT 12

3 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 128-1 RD 137-1
RD 149-1

Streets: Edgeview Ln., Bolsa Ave., and Whiteoak Ln.

In RD 128 Edgeview Ln.; Victim parked their vehicle in the garage and goes inside their home, for approximately 5 minutes, leaving the garage door open. When they returned they found somebody had entered the garage and stolen a white Peugeot Ten Speed bicycle.

There was one storage unit burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 136-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 136-1 RD 139-1
RD 147-2

BEAT 13

6 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 242-1 RD 252-3
RD 261-1 RD 262-1

Streets: Huntington Village Ln., Sher Ln., Amazon Dr., Alhambra Dr., Tunstall Ln., and Viewpoint Ln.

In RD 452, Amazon Dr.; Suspect(s) gained entry through the front open window. Victim left the window open approximately 6" and secured it with a dowel rod inside the windowsill. It appeared suspect(s) sliced the window screen then the sliding window was pushed out of the rails it normally slides on.

In RD 261, Tunstall Ln.; Suspect(s) removed the screen from an open window to gain entry.

In RED 262, Viewpoint Ln.; One suspect is in custody.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242-3 RD 252-1
RD 253-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 242-3 RD 252-1
RD 261-1 RD 262-1

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Do you wonder whom you should call to check on your home when you're going to be away for an extended period of time?

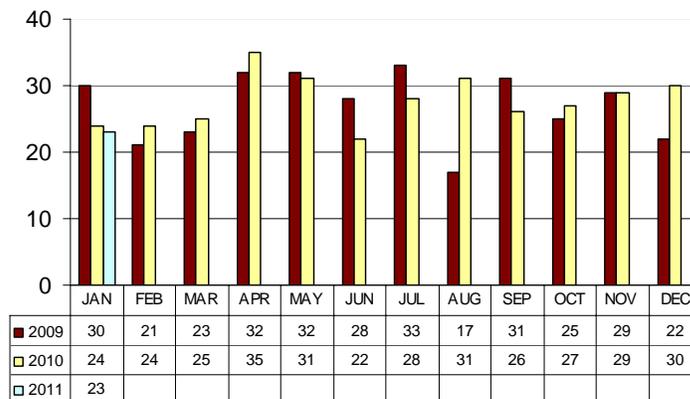
Well first you might want to ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home for you. Then you should call *The Huntington Beach Police Department Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for a vacation house check.*

There's absolutely NO fee for this service and it's easy to sign up. You may call the HBPD RSVP office at 714-374-1507 to sign up.

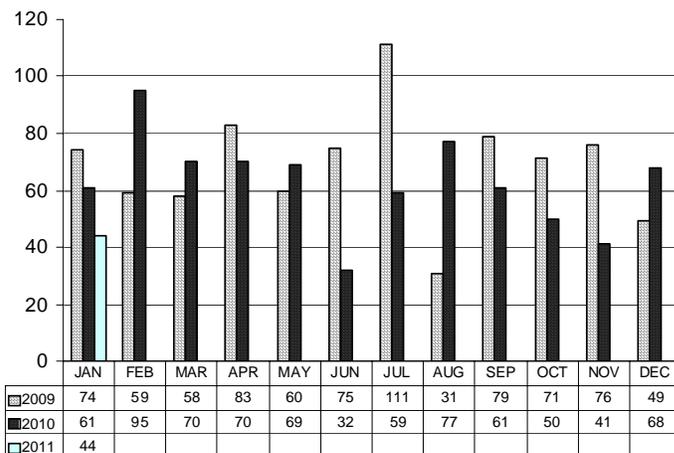
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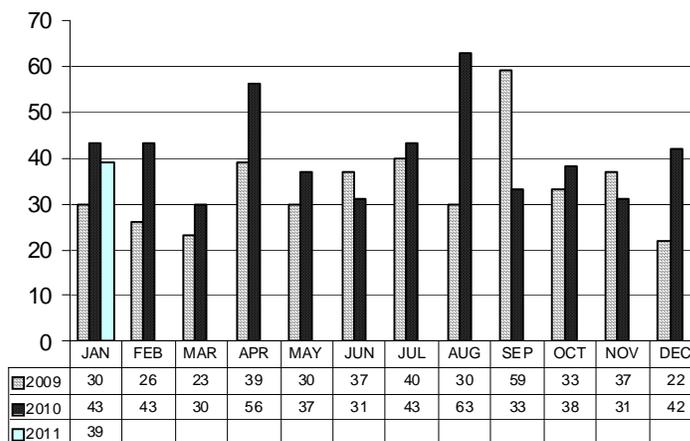
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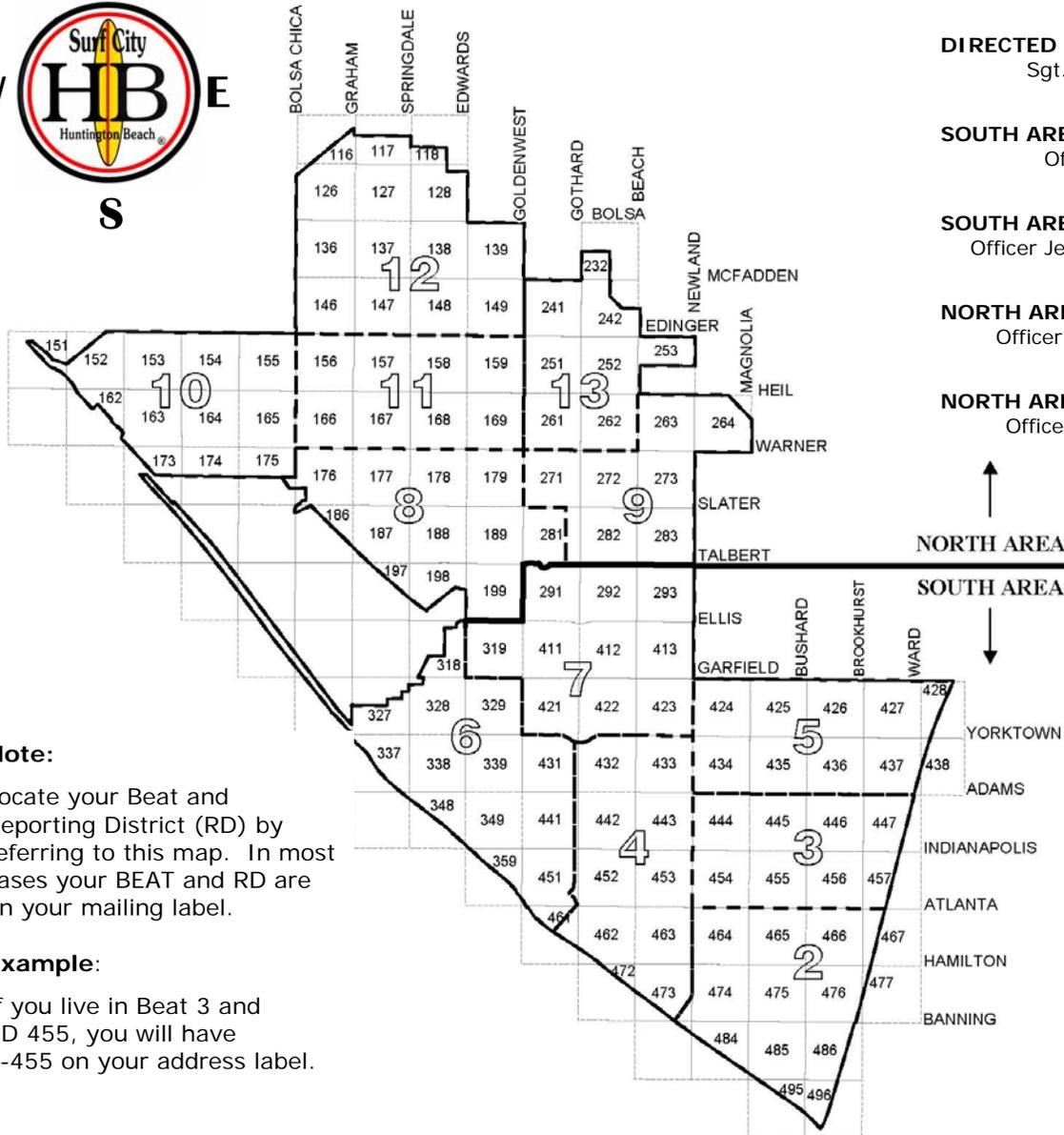
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Example:

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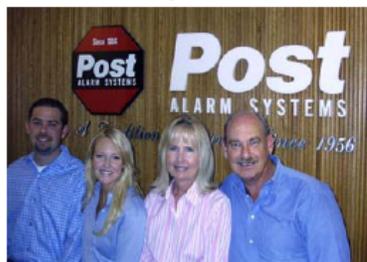
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