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DECEMBER 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 **\$7,245.33 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$17,754.67 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:

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**RING IN
THE NEW
YEAR**



HBNW hopes your holidays were very enjoyable. The New Year is here and most of us will be pledging to make all sorts of New Years resolutions; lose weight, run a marathon, clean out household drawers, spend more time with friends and family, etc. Something that most of us neglect to add to our New Year's list is: What can I do to better protect my home and my family? Well, below are some helpful reminders of things you can do now and throughout the year:

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- 2) Look at your home as a criminal would, during the day and at night:
 - Check that all your window and doors close and lock properly.
 - Trim bushes around the house so criminals cannot use them to hide.
 - Consider using thorny landscape plants around windows and doors.

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The HBPD Air Support Unit

By Sgt. Ray Villescás



The summer of 1968 marked the beginning of a new dimension to law enforcement in the City of Huntington Beach. Sergeant Bob Morrison had submitted a 'Helicopter Report' for the consideration of the purchase of a Hughes Model 300 helicopter. The helicopter was to be used by the police department as an added service to the citizens of the city.

The report addressed concerns for the economic feasibility of such a program in Huntington Beach, as well as a potential for a noticeable reduction in overall crime. It also addressed the positive aspects and the versatility of helicopters as compared to the conventional patrol car. Forty years later, the versatility of the helicopter is still the strongest benefit of the program. Sergeant Bob Morrison was successful in getting the idea of airborne law enforcement accepted by police administrators and city officials. His persistence made the Huntington Beach Police Department the first agency in Orange County, California, to initiate a helicopter patrol program and the fifth such unit in the United States.

On January 22, 1969, the first training flight in a city owned helicopter took place. Sergeant Bob Morrison and his civilian flight instructor John Crawford conducted flight training at the nearby Long Beach Airport. During one training flight, they were summoned to Huntington Beach to search for a missing five-year-old boy. After five minutes of flying over the area, Sergeant Morrison saw the missing boy. He landed the helicopter, picked up the boy and delivered him to his grandfather's house by landing in a residential street. It would be difficult to cite a more timely or beneficial example of the positive aspects of airborne patrol. The first official patrol shift was flown on June 5th, 1969 by Sgt. Morrison and Officer Jim Lail.

The recession of the early 1970's took its toll on the Air Support Unit. The long hours being flown by two helicopters brought the need for a third aircraft to the forefront. A budget request for a third helicopter was denied, but the purchase of a short take off and landing fixed wing airplane was authorized. In August, 1972, a used Maule 'Rocket' M-4 was purchased. Existing pilots were trained and certified as fixed wing pilots. The first patrol over the city in the fixed wing aircraft was flown by Lieutenant Morrison on May 9, 1974.

The use of the fixed wing was not as efficient as the helicopters and was ultimately eliminated from use in the Air Support Unit inventory.

In the early 1980's efforts to update the aircraft used by the department received a big boost when the U.S. Army released several hundred surplus helicopters to qualifying agencies. The department was authorized to purchase four Bell 47-G3B helicopters for \$350.00 each. The aircraft were taken to Huntington Beach, eventually rebuilt, and put into service. By 1982, the Huntington Beach Police Department had four operational police-equipped helicopters (Bell 47s). The Hughes model 269B helicopter that served as the maiden ship in the fleet had been replaced by the military surplus Bell 47s. All of these aircraft had done an admirable job and their flying record stands as a tribute to the mechanics and pilots who kept them in the air. The program had proven to be an unqualified success but time and technology demanded that the fleet be modernized.

On November 26, 1984, the department was authorized to purchase a used McDonnell Douglas 500E helicopter equipped with a "quiet" four-bladed tail rotor. The department became the first law enforcement agency in the world to use this reduced noise system and dubbed the aircraft "The Quiet Knight." By 1987, the Air Support Unit had upgraded its entire fleet and had three of the "quiet" ships in service. In 1992, the first NOTAR, MD520N, was placed in service. These Aircraft were the latest version in quiet helicopter technology. It was designed to be 30% quieter than the previous tail rotor models.

(Part 2 continued in the February edition of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)



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Ring in the New Year

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- Take inventory of all your personal property. Go through your home with a hand held video recorder and narrate what you are recording, Keep a list with serial numbers and pictures of expensive jewelry etc.
 - Etch personal property with your driver's license number and keep a log of the item and the serial number. Make 2 copies; one for you to keep, the other to be placed in a safety deposit box or another safe accessible location.
 - Check outside lighting; make sure it is adequate and there are no dark spots.
- 3) Always stay alert when exiting or entering your home or garage. If there is an entrance to your home from the garage, keep that door locked and secured even when you are home.
 - 4) Make an emergency preparedness kit for you and every member of your family including your pets. Remember you should have at least a 3 day supply of items for everyone.
 - 5) Update your emergency telephone number and contact list; be sure everyone knows where it is kept.
 - 6) Talk to your neighbors about hosting a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting.

For more information or to set up a meeting please call the Community Liaison Unit at 714-536-5933.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Board is looking for energetic and dependable people with creative talent to join us!

HB Neighborhood Watch is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting the Police Department and educating the general public about crime prevention, assisting at special events, conducting Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings, and much more.

To join, you will have a brief interview, be required to attend at least 3 regular board meetings, and complete a background package. Pending results of your

background check, present members will consider you for appointment to the Neighborhood Watch board.

This is a great way to meet people throughout the community and volunteer for a worthwhile program.

For more information please call the Community Liaison Unit at (714)536-5933.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES



The Huntington Beach Police Department has created a Facebook fan page and Twitter account as additional avenues of communicating with the public. These additional forms of social media will complement the existing police department webpage.

Social media continues to grow in popularity with all demographics and is not just for younger generations. As traditional forms of media are declining, the police department sees these as important tools in staying connected with the community.

In addition, earlier this year, the police department added the online service CrimeReports.com to the HBPD webpage to allow citizens to follow crime related activity and police calls around their neighborhood.

The Facebook fan page and Twitter will provide the police department with additional resources for:

- Crime investigations
- Soliciting tips on crimes
- Notifying the public of crime problems
- Notifying the public of ways to access emergency information
- Crime prevention activities
- Community outreach and citizen engagement
- Public relations
- Recruitment

The links are available from the police department webpage at www.hbpd.org or by accessing directly at:

- Facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice
- Twitter.com/HBPD_PIO

The courage to meet and talk with people is absolutely crucial. Choosing dialogue is itself the triumph of peace and of humanity.

*Buddhist Philosopher
Daisaku Ikeda*

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

42 entries Nov. 16 – Dec. 15
31 entries Oct. 16 – Nov. 15

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

There were six garage entries.
There were four attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

68 reported Nov. 16 – Dec. 15
41 reported Oct. 16 – Nov. 15

GRAND THEFT AUTO

30 reported Nov. 16 – Dec. 15
29 reported Oct. 16 – Nov. 15

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 475-1 RD 485-1
RD 486-1

Streets: Kiowa Ln., La Jolla Cir., Jonesport Ln.

In RD 485, La Jolla Cir.; Suspect(s) is possibly known.

In RD 486, Jonesport Ln.; Suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 476-3 RD 485-1

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 446-1 RD 454-1

Streets: Cathay Cir., Biscayne Ct.

In RD 446, Cathay Cir.; Attempt only, suspect(s) did not gain entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

None reported

Grand Theft Auto

RD 454-1

BEAT 4

6 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 432-1 RD 442-3
RD 452-2

Streets: Whitesands Dr., Oswego Ave., Huntington St., England St., Frankfort Ave., and Alabama St.

In RD 442, Oswego Ave.; It was determined the suspect(s) used bolt cutters to remove padlocks. Once the padlocks were removed the suspect(s) slid the locks to the open position allowing access to the garage. It was not determined if entry was gained.

In RD 442, Huntington St.; Suspect(s) removed a padlock to gain entry to the garage.

In RD 452, Alabama St.; Suspects described as follows: Suspect #1: male, white, 16-19 years old, approx. 5' 9" tall, 115 lbs, medium length hair, wearing a white T-shirt and jeans. Suspect #2: male, white, 16-18 years old, 5' 9" tall, 115 lbs, longer dark hair, wearing distinct gold and black plaid long sleeved jacket and black jeans.

There were three garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 442-1 RD 443-1
RD 462-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 442-1

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 435-2 RD 436-1

Streets: Waterbury Ln., Lotus Ln. and Bromley Ln.

In RD 435, Waterbury Ln.; Suspect was known and is in custody.

In RD 435, Lotus Ln.; Suspect gained entry through the rear unlocked sliding door.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 426-1

BEAT 6

8 Residential Burglaries
12 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 349-3 RD 359-2
RD 431-1 RD 432-1
RD 441-1

Streets: 13th St., 14th St., 21st St, Pacific Coast Highway, Pine St., and Lake St.

In RD 349, 21st St.; Suspect was known and is in custody.

In RD 349, 14th St.; Suspect is known and is in custody.

In RD 349, 14th St.; the suspect smashed out a corner piece of the kitchen window. The suspect then reached inside the window and released the latch. The suspect then pushed the window open and entered the residence.

In RD 359, 13th St.; it appears that an unknown suspect cut the garage door lock with metal cutters.

In RD 431, Pine St.; attempt only, suspect did not gain entry. The residential alarm activated and scared off the suspect.

In RD 441, 13th St.; suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 338-1 RD 348-4
RD 349-1 RD 359-2
RD 451-2 RD 461-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 326-1 RD 348-1
RD 451-3 RD 461-1

BEAT 7

5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 411-1 RD 412-4

Streets: Upper Bay Dr., Kithira Cir., and Florida St.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

In RD 411, Upper Bay Dr.; Items were stolen during an open house.

In RD 412, Kithira Cir., Attempted burglary. Suspect is described as: male, white, approx 20-30 years old, 5' 10", 175 lbs. short brown hair, short facial hair, average build, wearing a khaki jacket and brown sunglasses.

In RD 412, Florida St.; there were 3 burglaries over a one month period committed by a similar method.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 291-1 RD 292-1
RD 412-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 412-1 RD 423-1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 179-1 RD 187-1

Streets: Warner Ave. and Falkirk Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 179-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 179-2

BEAT 9

2 Residential Burglaries
21 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 264-1 RD 283-1

Streets: Magnolia St. and Beard Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 271-1 RD 272-13
RD 273-5 RD 283-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 271-1 RD 272-1
RD 273-1 RD 282-1

BEAT 10

1 Residential Burglary
5 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 152-1

Streets: Pacific Coast Highway

In RD 152, Pacific Coast Highway; Suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 155-1 RD 165-2
RD 174-1 RD 175-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 163-1 RD 165-2
RD 261-1

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 168

Streets: Warner Ave.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 166-1 RD 168-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 158-1 RD 166-1

BEAT 12

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 117-1 RD 128-1
RD 139-1 RD 146-1
RD 149-1

Streets: Stardust Dr., Royal Oak Dr., Salisbury Ln., Pelican Ln., and Castine Dr.

In RD 128, Royal Oak Dr.; It appears the suspect did not gain entry.

In RD 146, Pelican Ln.; The point of entry appeared to be an unlocked rear sliding door.

In RD 149, Castine Dr.; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 136-2 RD 139-1
RD 146-2

Grand Theft Auto

None Reported

BEAT 13

4 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 252-1 RD 253-1
RD 261-1 RD 262-1

Streets: Volga Dr., San Angelo Dr., and La Mancha Cir.

In RD 252, La Mancha Cir.; It appears entry was through an open bedroom window.

In RD 262, Viewpoint Ln.; Suspect #1 is described as: male, Hispanic, approx 20-30 years old, 5' 4", shaved dark hair and wearing a white jacket. Suspect #2 is described as: female, white or light skinned Hispanic, age early 20's, 5' 6", heavyset around 150 lbs, with long, very curly brownish-blond hair. Suspect #3 is described as: male, black, age early 20's.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242-7 RD 262-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-3 RD 242-3
RD 262-1

What is the best crime prevention tool?

A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL OR VEHICLE BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. REMEMBER, THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL NILDA PATIÑO de BERNDT, HYPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST AT (714) 536-5933.

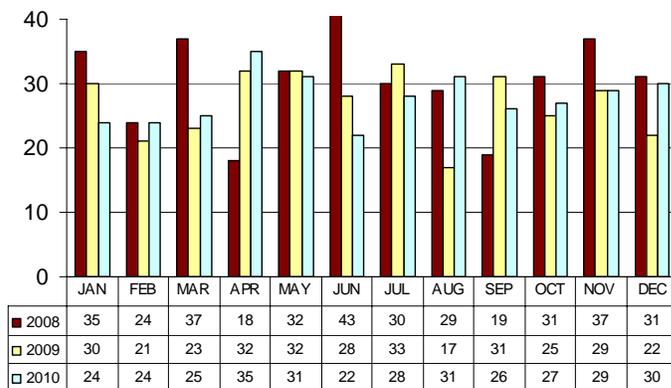
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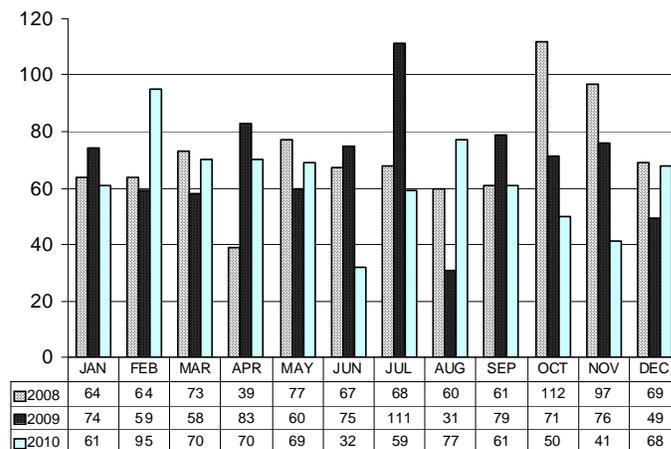
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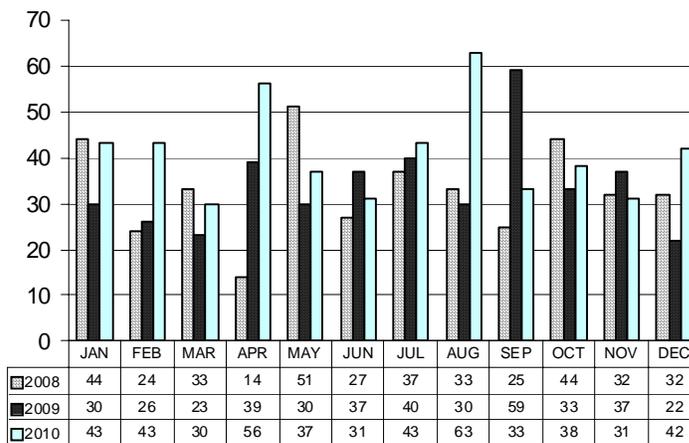
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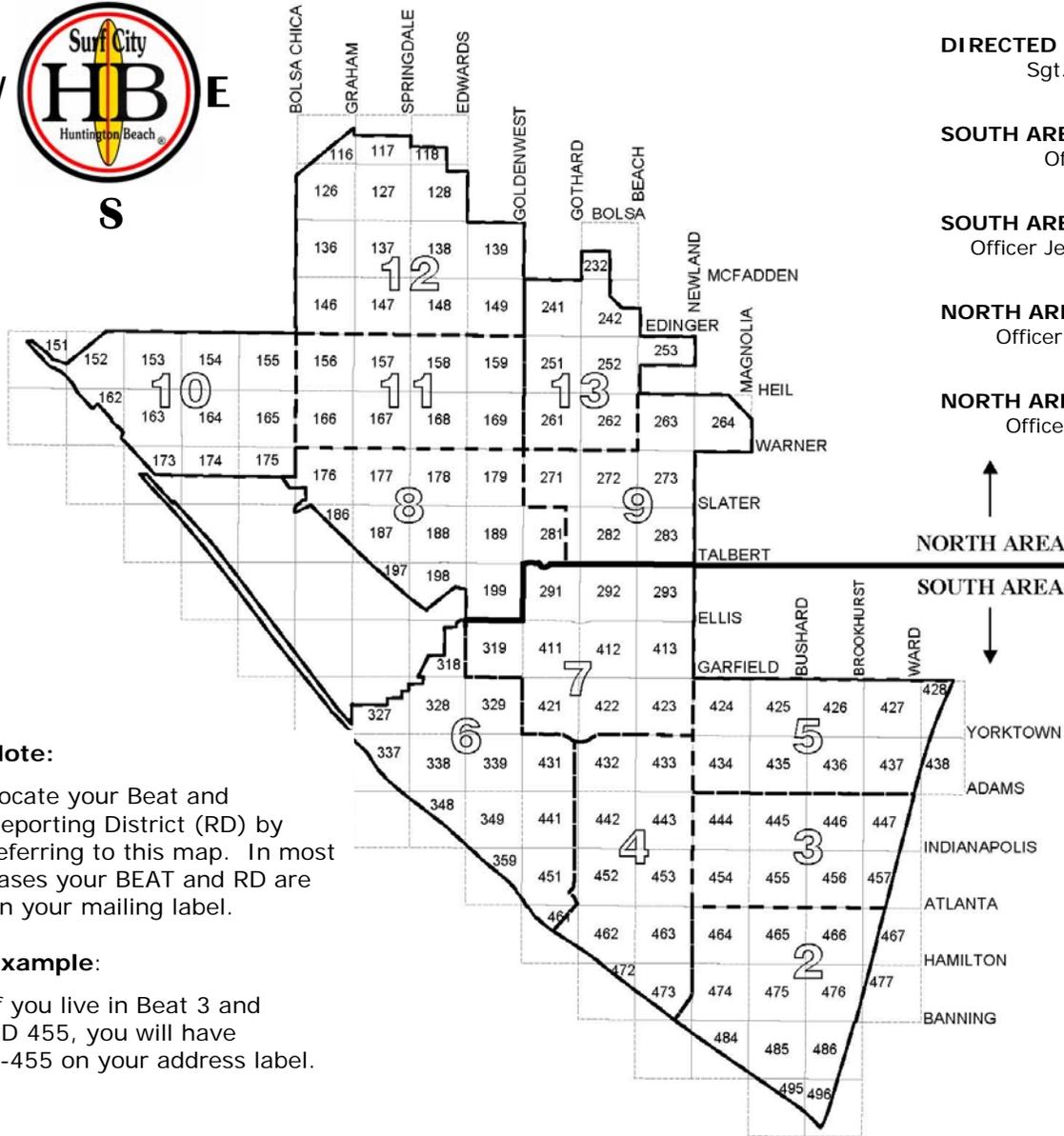
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