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**MAY 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 **\$15,076 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we still have \$9,924 to go** by June 30 2010. 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 citizen 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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***Stay Alert and Be Aware***

**THE HUNTINGTON BEACH  
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
THE HB NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!**



Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch is everyone's business. Police staff, a few members of the community, and merchants cannot do it alone.

Did you know the *safest neighborhoods* are where neighbors know one another?

- ❖ *Where neighbors* keep each other informed about things happening in the neighborhood; especially on their block.
- ❖ *Where neighbors* do not hesitate to call the Police Department to report a suspicious vehicle or person.
- ❖ *Where neighbors* take a vested interest in each other and their community.
- ❖ *Where neighbors* take the time to get together with police personnel to discuss what is occurring in their neighborhood.
- ❖ *Where neighbors* implement safety procedures to harden the target and discourage criminal activity.

We need you to be part of our team and be an extra set of eyes and ears for us in the community. By working together, we will make it harder for criminals and criminal activity to exist in Huntington Beach.

Have you met your Neighborhood Watch Board members?

Tom Doti: President  
Jim Dwyer: Vice President  
Feng Gao-Vogt: Treasurer

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## ***Stay Alert and Be Aware***

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Michelle Grantham: Secretary  
Members-at-large and Speakers Bureau: Gudelia Ramirez and Ken Kirkup

These people volunteer approximately 2 to 4 hours a month to help keep you and our city safe. They are also responsible for some of the information you find in this newsletter.

Board members meet once a month at the Police Department. We are currently recruiting Board members and people for our speakers bureau. Please consider getting involved. We need your assistance, and it only takes a few hours a month. We meet at the HBPD in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. For more information please call the HBPD Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933 or contact one of your Neighborhood Watch Board members.

## **Internet Safety for Children and Adults**

Studies have shown almost 67% of children 13 – 17 years old have profiles on social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook. The same studies show that the majority of these children have access to the Internet with NO adult supervision.

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been arresting adults on a regular basis that are using the Internet to make contact with children for sexual encounters. These adults are willing to search for children victims online, create online relationships with them, and drive to meet them in person. The best tool to keep everyone safe is for parents and children to be aware of these dangers so that a child won't become a victim.

The link <http://www.onguardonline.gov/pdf/tec04.pdf> has a publication by the Federal Trade Commission called *Net Cetera – Chatting with Kids About Being Online*. It is a good publication to assist parents in starting conversations about internet privacy and safety.

***Be life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for.***

***----David Starr Jordon (1851 – 1931)  
Educator and writer***

## **Fireworks in Huntington Beach**



There are 3 basic forms of fireworks:

- Commercial
- Dangerous
- Consumer (commonly known as “Safe and Sane”)



**Commercial firework** displays are typically used for display for large public audiences. They are maintained and monitored by licensed pyrotechnicians and the H.B.F.D. during the setup and launching process. A permit from the city is required to possess and discharge such pyrotechnics.



**Dangerous fireworks** are explosives such as M-80's firecrackers and even small firecrackers known as "Ladie Fingers". It is illegal to possess (12677 H&S) or discharge (12680 H&S) such fireworks anywhere in California.

**"Safe and Sane" fireworks** are legal in some California counties, unincorporated areas and cities. In Huntington Beach, it is **illegal** to possess or discharge any fireworks (78.202 HBFC) even if they were legally purchased outside of the city. It is even illegal to possess those items on the beach under the same law.

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Additionally, the dangerous practice of **shooting a gun into the air is illegal** (9.76.010 HBMC). Please consider your fellow neighbors and remember these bullets come down with deadly velocity.



**RIDE THE SURF CITY DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE – FREE! – STARTING MAY 22!**

The free Huntington Beach Surf City Downtown Shuttle will make its inaugural voyage from City Hall to downtown Huntington Beach on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Running through September 5, the Shuttle will make stops at the northwest corner of Main Street and Orange Avenue, and on 5<sup>th</sup> Street at The Strand. The surf-themed shuttle resembling a classic woody-style vehicle will operate on weekends from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The shuttle will also run on Memorial Day (May 31) and Labor Day (September 6), but will not be in service on Independence Day (July 4). Shuttle riders can take advantage of free parking in the Huntington Beach City Hall parking lot, located at 2000 Main

Street, at the corner of Main Street and Yorktown Avenue, and board the shuttle at one of the two available stops in the lot. The shuttle will run on a 3.5 mile continuous loop throughout the day, providing a quick, fun, and comfortable alternative to driving downtown on days when the demand for available parking spaces reaches its peak. Visitors can spend less time searching for parking, and more time enjoying shopping, dining, and strolling in downtown Huntington Beach.

The Surf City Summer Shuttle is a pilot program for 2010. The City will evaluate the program throughout the summer to determine how the program can best serve the community in the future. The program is funded by Air Quality Management District funds. These funds are provided to the city annually to help alleviate congestion by providing viable alternatives to driving. For more information on the Surf City Downtown Shuttle, visit [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov) or contact the Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5542.

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*To the weak, difficulty is a closed door. To the strong, however, it is a door waiting to be opened.*

*---- Alfafuerte (1854 – 1917)  
 Argentine Educator*

*Cheerfulness is not the same as frivolity. Cheerfulness is born of a fighting spirit. Frivolity is one manifestation of cowardly escape.*

*---- Author unknown*



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**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**

37 entries April 15 - May 15  
56 entries March 15 - April 15

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

There were nine garage entries.

There were five attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

69 reported April 15 – May 15  
70 reported March 15 – April 15

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

31 reported April 15 – May 15  
35 reported March 15 – April 15

**BEAT 2**

3 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 475-2 RD 476 -1

Streets: Hudson Dr.

There were two attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 475-2 RD 476-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

N/A

**BEAT 3**

2 Residential Burglaries  
0 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 447-1 RD 457-1

Streets: Wesley Cr., Edye Dr.

In RD 447, Wesley Cr., suspects pry a small side window open and reach through to unlock the door to gain entry. Suspect(s) exited through the same door after ransacking the home.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

N/A

**Grand Theft Auto**

N/A

**BEAT 4**

6 Residential Burglaries  
7 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 432-2 RD 442-2  
RD 463-2

Streets: Florida St, Toronto Ave., Huntington St., Indianapolis Ave., Leeward Dr., Atlanta Ave.

In RD 432, Toronto Ave.; Suspect may be known. Attempted burglary but no entry made.

In RD 442, Huntington St.; unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's residence through an unlocked kitchen window after removing the screen. Once inside the residence, the suspect removed the victim's belongings from the living room while the victims slept and then exited the front door.

In RD 442 Indianapolis Ave; 2 suspects are in custody.

In RD 463 Leeward Dr.; suspect is possibly known.

In RD 442, stolen car was recovered; suspect is known.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 432-3 RD 443-1  
RD 452-1 RD 462-1  
RD 463-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 432-1 RD 442-1  
RD 453-1

**BEAT 5**

1 Residential Burglary  
0 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 424-1

Streets: Crescent Dr.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

N/A

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 426-1

**BEAT 6**

6 Residential Burglaries  
10 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 349-2 RD 359-1  
RD 431-1 RD 451-2

Streets: Pacific Coast Hwy, Acacia St., Lake St., 12<sup>th</sup> St., and 7<sup>th</sup> St.

In RD 349, Pacific Coast Hwy.; Suspect(s) entered the residence by using a cement stepping stone to break a 1-foot by 3-foot window next to the front door. The suspect(s) removed the victim's property and fled the location via the front door, leaving it wide open.

In RD 359, Pacific Coast Hwy; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 431, Lake St.; Suspect(s) remove the front door handle and lockbox, but do gain entry.

In RD 451, 7<sup>th</sup> St.; Suspect(s) take an unlocked bicycle from the garage.

In RD 451, Pacific Coast Hwy. stolen car was recovered; suspect is known.

There was 1 garage entry.

There was 1 attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 339-2 RD 348-1  
RD 349-1 RD 359-2  
RD 461-4

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 451-4

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**

**BEAT 7**

3 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
5 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 412-1 RD 413-2

Streets: Club Ln, Valley Cr, and Carolyn Ln.

In RD 413, Carolyn Ln; suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 412-1 RD 421-1  
RD 423-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 292-1 RD 293-1  
RD 411-1 RD 422-2

**BEAT 8**

3 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 178-1 RD 179-1  
RD 187-1

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 176-1 RD 177-1  
RD 179-2 RD 281-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

N/A

Streets: Warner Ave., Golden West St., and Wellbank Ln.

**BEAT 9**

3 Residential Burglaries  
8 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 263-1 RD 273-2

Streets: Heil Ave., Stanley Walk, and Waal Cr.

In RD 263, Heil Ave.; Suspect(s) enter unlocked garage to gain entry to unlocked house.

In RD 273, Waal Cr.; suspect is possibly known.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 263-4 RD 282-1  
RD 283-3

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 263-2 RD 272-1  
RD 273-1 RD 282-1  
RD 283-1

**BEAT 10**

0 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

N/A

**Vehicle Burglaries**

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

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 151-1 RD 165-1  
RD 175-1

**BEAT 11**

2 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 158-1 RD 167-1

Streets: Softwind Dr., Donlyn Dr.

In RD 158 Softwind Dr., burglary attempted; entry was not made.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 157-2 RD 167-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

N/A

**BEAT 12**

3 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 116-1 RD 148-1  
RD 149-1

Streets: Harold Pl., Royalist Dr., and Red Coach Dr.

In RD 148, Royalist Dr.; a neighbor was checking on the victim's home while they were away. He noticed an unknown person in the garage so he went home to call the police. He noticed the suspect exiting via the open garage door and get on a BMX-style bicycle to flee. Suspect was described as; male, white, 18 to 20 years old, height 5'10", weight 160 to 170 lbs, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, a black baseball cap, and khaki shorts.

There were 2 garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 137-1 RD 139-3  
RD 146-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 117-1 RD 127-1  
RD 149-1

**BEAT 13**

5 Residential Burglaries  
20 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 251-1 RD 253-1  
RD 262-3

Streets: Bridge Ln., San Angelo Dr., Viewpoint Ln., and Warner Ave.

In RD 253, San Angelo Dr.; suspects removed padlock from storage container.

In RD 262, attempted Grand Theft Auto. Car was not stolen.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 232-1 RD 241-1  
RD 242-5 RD 252-1  
RD 253-4 RD 261-2  
RD 262-6

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 241-2 RD 242-1  
RD 253-2 RD 262-1

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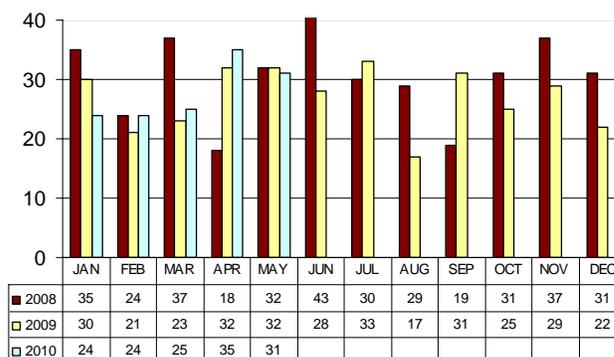
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There's absolutely NO fee for this service and it's easy to sign up. You may call the HBPD RSVP office at 714-374-1507 to complete the form over the phone or you can check out the HBPD web page at [www.hbpd.org](http://www.hbpd.org) and click on "Vacation House Check". Please provide at least 1 week notice before you leave on your trip.

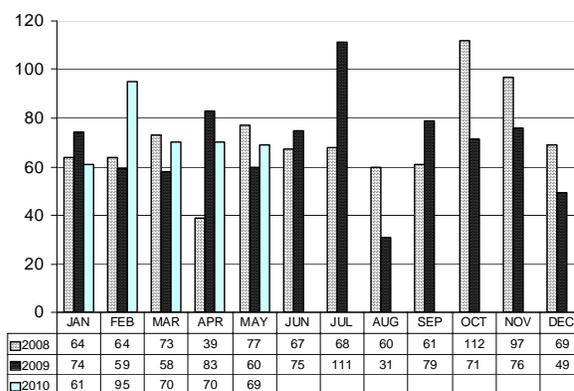
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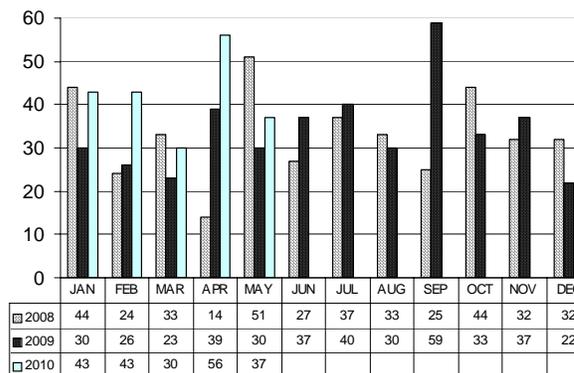
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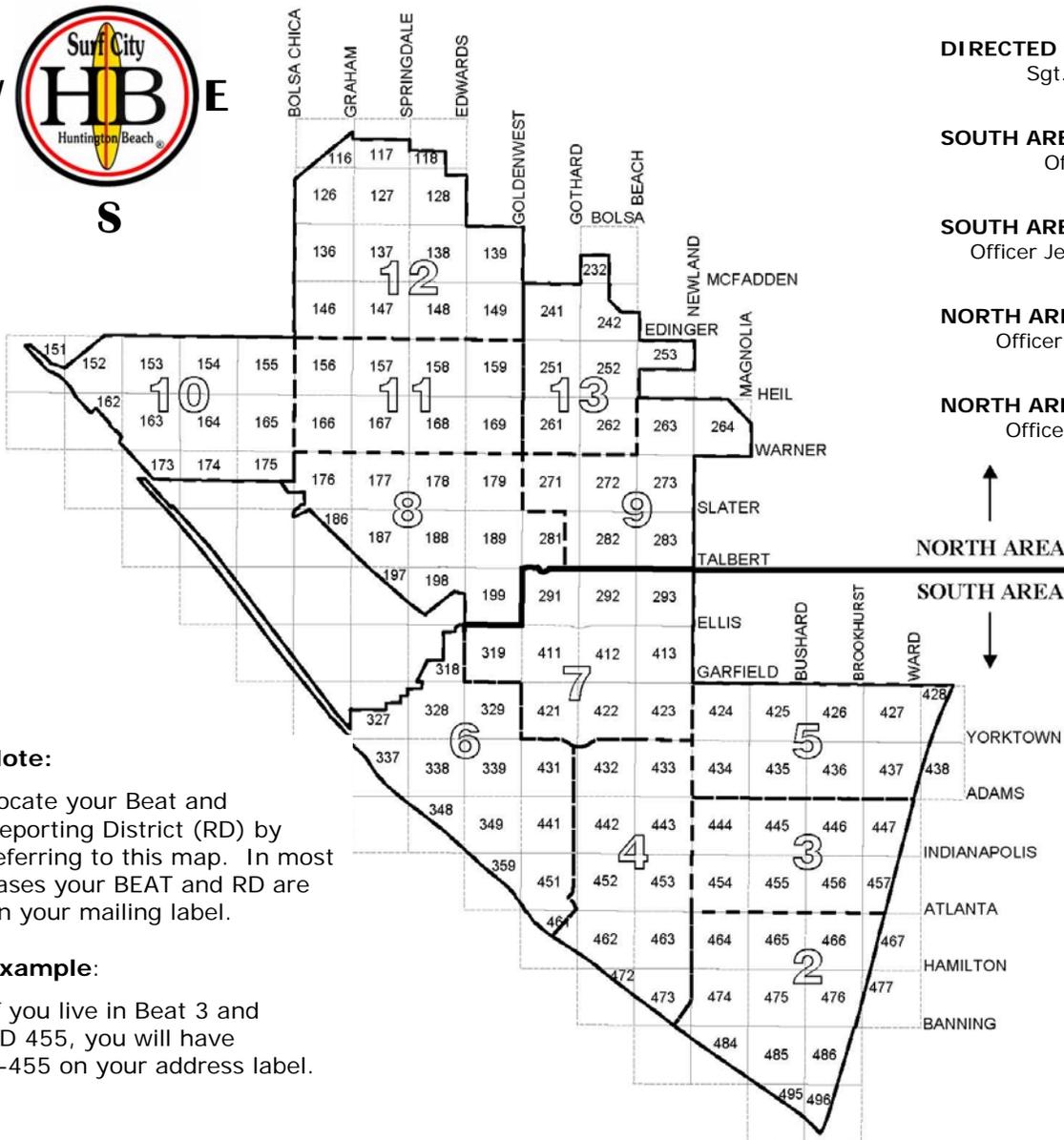
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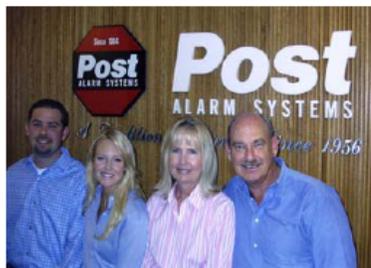
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