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**NOVEMBER DONATION UPDATE**

This year we have estimated we will need \$25,000 to cover various Neighborhood Watch expenses which include, but are not limited to, postage, returned newsletters, labels, and many other miscellaneous supplies. We also have a crew of from 35 to 90 volunteers that meet each month to help assemble the newsletters for distribution. Through September and October we had received **\$11,482--we have \$13,518 to go**. For the past 29 years, we have been able to raise this money through generous donations from you. We know rising costs have affected everyone, however, we hope that with your support, we can continue to provide this service in 2008. A \$6 donation pays for each subscriber's postage; a \$10 donation helps with postage and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 donation accomplishes the above, puts your name in the newsletter, plus you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a small token of appreciation. Remember, since we are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.

Make your checks payable to: **HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**Send to: HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
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**Or: HB POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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If you would like to volunteer to assist with our newsletter assembly, please call the Community Relations Department at (714) 536-5933.

**MAKING YOUR DONATIONS COUNT**

The holidays are quickly approaching and it seems that even more this year than ever we are being bombarded by people asking for our support and assistance for this cause or that cause. You may feel you have a little left over from your monthly budget and want to assist, but do you really know to whom and where your hard earned money is going? Below are some helpful tips that might help you in deciding to give or not to give.

Charities for Truth in Giving, a coalition of Orange County charities, offers this advice:

- **Be wary of an organization that wants to send someone over to pick up your check within the next couple of hours or days.**
- **Before you respond to a telephone solicitation, you have the right to ask for:**
  - **Name and address of the organization.**
  - **Telephone number where you may get additional information.**
  - **Percentage of the contribution going to the charity and the actual fund-raising expenses.**
  - **The charity's tax-exempt status and number.**
  - **If the caller hesitates to give you any of the above, SAY NO.**
- **If a solicitor refuses to give you this information, write down any information you can and send it to:**

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 Orange County District Attorney's Office  
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## **MAKING YOUR DONATIONS COUNT** **(cont. from page 1)**

### **ON THE TELEPHONE AND AT YOUR DOOR:**

- Never give a caller your credit card, phone card, social security or bank account number over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these numbers to verify a prize.
- Listen carefully to the name of a charity requesting money. Fraudulent charities often use names that sound like reputable, well-known organizations such as the American Cancer Association (instead of the American Cancer Society). Ask for a financial report before you donate; a reputable charity will always send you one.
- Criminals sometime pose as couriers delivering gifts. It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity (especially during the holidays) by going door to door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and then call information for the telephone number to verify they have sent people out asking for donations. Find out how the funds will be used.
- If you have concerns about a person on the phone just hang up. If you have concerns about the person at your door **just say NO**.
- For more information you can call the Huntington Beach Police Department, Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933.

## **RAISING STREETWISE KIDS** **A Parent's Guide**

By the National Crime Prevention Council

### **PROTECTING YOUR CHILD** **AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE**

- Let your child know that he or she can tell you anything and that you'll be supportive.
- Teach your child that no one – not even a teacher or a close relative – has the right to touch him or her in a way that feels uncomfortable, and that it's okay to say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult.
- Don't force kids to kiss or hug or sit on a grown-up's lap if they don't want to. This gives them control and teaches them that they have the right to refuse.
- Always know where your child is and who he or she is with.
- Tell your child to stay away from strangers who hang around play grounds, public restrooms, and schools.
- Be alert for changes in your child's behavior that could signal sexual abuse such as sudden secretiveness, withdrawal from activities, refusal to go to school, unexplained hostility toward a favorite babysitter or relative or increased anxiety. Some physical signs of abuse include bedwetting, loss of appetite, venereal disease, nightmares, and complaints of pain or irritation around the genitals.
- If your child has been sexually abused, report it to the police or a child protection agency immediately.

If your child is a victim of any crime, from stolen lunch money to sexual abuse, don't blame him or her. Listen and offer sympathy.

## **WOULD YOUR CHILD KNOW** **WHAT TO DO IF.....**

- He/She got lost at a shopping mall?
- A nice-looking, friendly stranger offered her a ride home after school?
- A friend dared him to drink some beer or smoke a joint?
- The babysitter or a neighbor wanted to play a secret game?

A great thing about kids is their natural trust in people, especially in adults. It's sometimes hard for parents to teach children to balance the trust with caution. But kids today need to know common-sense rules that can help keep them safe - and build the self-confidence they need to handle emergencies.

### **START WITH THE BASICS**

- Make sure your children know their full name, address (city and state), and phone number with area code.
- Be sure kids know to call 9-1-1 or "0" (and how to call) in an emergency also how to use a public phone, or cell phone. Practice making emergency calls with a make-believe phone.
- Tell them never to accept rides or gifts from someone they and you don't know well.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk, security guard, or police officer for help if lost in a mall or store or on the street.
- Set a good example with your own actions - lock doors and windows and see who's there before opening the door.
- Take time to listen carefully to your children's fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts.

### **AT HOME ALONE**

- Leave a phone number where you can be reached. Post it by the phone, along with numbers for a neighbor and emergencies – police and fire departments, paramedics, and the poison control center.
- Have your child check in with you or a neighbor when he or she gets home. Agree on rules for having friends over and going to a friend's house when no adult is home.
- Make sure your child knows how to use the window and door locks.
- Tell your child not to let anyone into the home without your permission (not even people they know), and never to let a caller at the door or on the phone know there's no adult home. Kids can always say their parents are busy and take a message.
- Work out an escape plan in case of fire or other emergencies. Rehearse with your children. Be sure they know where it is safe to go and with whom. Be sure they have a back-up plan.

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***"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it." ---- Unknown author***



## RAISING STREETWISE KIDS A Parent's Guide (cont. from page 2)

### AT SCHOOL AND PLAY –

- Encourage your children to walk and play with friends, not alone. Tell them to avoid places that could be dangerous – vacant buildings, alleys, playgrounds or parks with broken equipment and litter.
- Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists, and to walk away when others are arguing. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies (ask them how they would feel if someone did or said something not nice to them).
- Make sure your children are taking the safest routes to and from school, stores, and friends' houses. Walk the routes together and point out places that are dangerous or they could go for help.
- Encourage kids to be alert in the neighborhood and tell an adult – you, a teacher, a neighbor, a police officer - about anything they see that doesn't seem quite right.
- Check out the school's policies on absent children – are parents called when a child is absent?
- Check out daycare and after-school programs – look at certification, staff qualifications, rules on parent permission for field trips, reputation in the community, parent participation, and policies on parent visits.
- Check babysitter references.

To learn more safety tips or to set up a "SAFE ESCAPE" (child abduction prevention program) presentation for parents and children at your child's school please call the Huntington Beach Police Department, Community Relations Specialist, at (714) 536-5933.



### CRIMES VIA TEXT MESSAGING

Crimes via text messaging can occur at any time. Just another reason to always stay alert, be cautious and remember it is better to take a little time to check things out than to be sorry later.

A woman recently changed her habit of how she lists her names on her mobile phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her husband from a pay phone telling him what had happened, he told her he had received her text message asking about their PIN number and that he had replied a little while ago.

Immediately they rushed to their bank; the bank staff told them all the money from their bank account was withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got hold of their PIN number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral of the story: Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.

Most importantly, when sensitive information is asked of you through texts, CONFIRM by calling back the party. When receiving a text from your friends or family to meet them somewhere that is not planned, be sure to call them back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet 'family and friends' who text you. NEVER GIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION VIA TEXT or EMAIL. Provide information **ONLY IN PERSON**.

Please call the Huntington Beach Police Department Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933 for more helpful tips.

#### **Word to the Wise:**

**The toughest thing about raising children is making them understand that you have seniority.**



### CHAT ROOM AND PHONE TEXTING ABBREVIATIONS (for answers, see page 6)

- |             |     |      |
|-------------|-----|------|
| 1) AEAP     | 6   | E123 |
| 2) B4YKI    | 7   | EM?  |
| 3) 143/ 459 | 8)  | EOD  |
| 4) 182      | 9)  | F2F  |
| 5) BRT      | 10) | FOAF |

**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**

44 entries in October  
25 entries in September

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

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

112 reported in October  
61 reported in September

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

31 reported in October  
19 reported in September

**BEAT 2**

7 Residential Burglaries  
11 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 476-5 RD 485-2

Streets: Brookhurst, Molokai, and Islander

There were 4 storage shed entries and 1 garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 466-1 RD 476-10

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 464-1 RD 484-1

**BEAT 3**

2 Residential Burglaries  
2 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 445-2

Streets: Bushard and Romona

There were 2 garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 447-1 RD 457-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
None Reported

**BEAT 4**

5 Residential Burglaries  
6 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 432-1 RD 433-1  
RD 442-1 RD 453-1  
RD 473-1

Streets: Delaware, Edgewood, Huntington, Farnsworth, and Newland.

In RD 473, a suspect removed a screen from an open window. The victim heard and saw the suspect. The victim said to the suspect, "Can I help you?" Then the suspect fled.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 432-1 RD 433-1  
RD 443-1 RD 463-3

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 432-1

**BEAT 5**

2 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 435-1 RD 437-1

Streets: Gloucester and Constellation

In RD 437, the suspect used an opened/ unlocked dog door to access the garage and entered the house through an unlocked adjacent door.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 437-3

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 434-1

**BEAT 6**

6 Residential Burglaries  
9 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 349-3 RD 431-2  
RD 441-1

Streets: 16<sup>th</sup> St., 17<sup>th</sup> St., Newfoundland, Pine, Lake, and Indianapolis

In RD 441, the victim knows the suspects

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 327-2 RD 348-2  
RD 359-2 RD 451-2  
RD 461-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 349-1 RD 359-1  
RD 451-2

**BEAT 7**

7 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 319-1 RD 421-1  
RD 422-4 RD 423-1

Streets: Alamitos, Garfield, Owen, England, Delaware, and Newland

In RD 422, the suspects also took the victim's vehicle.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 7, continued

In RD 423, 2 firearms were taken from the residence.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292-1 RD 319-1  
RD 423-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 293-1 RD 412-1  
RD 422-1

BEAT 8

5 Residential Burglaries  
8 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 177-1 RD 179-1  
RD 188-1 RD 189-2

Streets: Springdale, Warner, Lewis, Montoya, and Vista Del Sol

In RD 177, the suspects entered through a 2<sup>nd</sup> story open sliding door. In RD 188, prescription medications were taken.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176-2 RD 177-3  
RD 178-1 RD 188-1  
RD 189-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 176-1 RD-178-1  
RD 179-1

BEAT 9

3 Residential Burglaries  
23 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 273-2 RD 282-1

Streets: Stanley Walk, Newman, and Jefferson

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 264-1  
RD 271-6 RD 272-9  
RD 273-2 RD 282-3  
RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 263-1 RD 272-3  
RD 273-1 RD 282-1

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries  
10 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 154-1 RD 163-1

Streets: Saybrook and Bolero

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 153-2 RD 163-2  
RD 164-4 RD 174-1  
RD 175-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 155-1

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary  
9 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 157-1

Street: Castle

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 157-2 RD 158-1  
RD 159-1 RD 166-1  
RD 168-4

Grand Theft Auto

RD 157-1 RD 166-1  
RD 168-1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries  
7 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 128-1 RD 149-1

Streets: Sunny Crest and Belfast

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 127-1 RD 128-1  
RD 137-1 RD 138-1  
RD 139-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 126-1

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries  
21 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 232-1 RD 262-1

Streets: Cascade and Warner

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241-2 RD 242-5  
RD 252-1 RD 253-7  
RD 261-4 RD 262-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-1 RD 251-1  
RD 252-2 RD 253-1  
RD 262-1

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IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING.

WE HAVE HAD AN INCREASE IN VEHICLE BURGLARIES. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE, REMOVE YOUR VALUABLES AND/OR KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT (EVEN IF YOU ARE PARKED AT HOME).

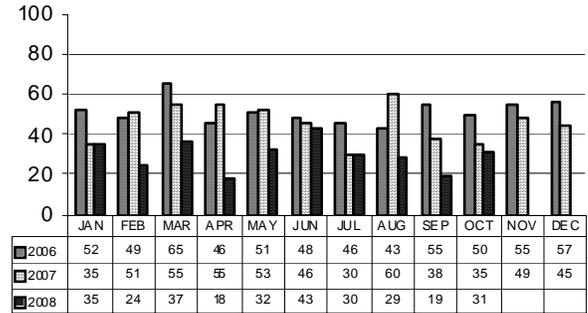
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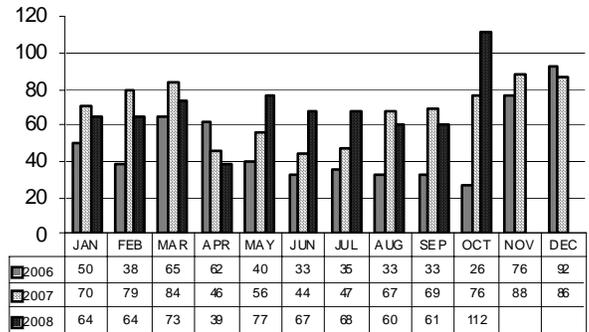
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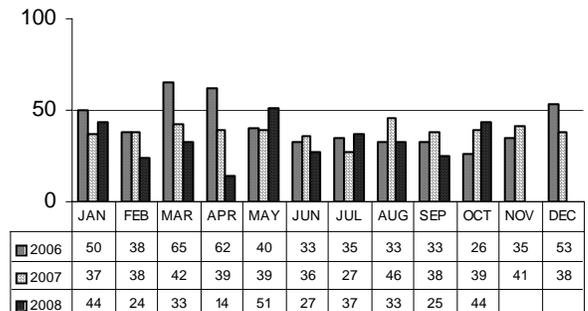
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**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**



**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**



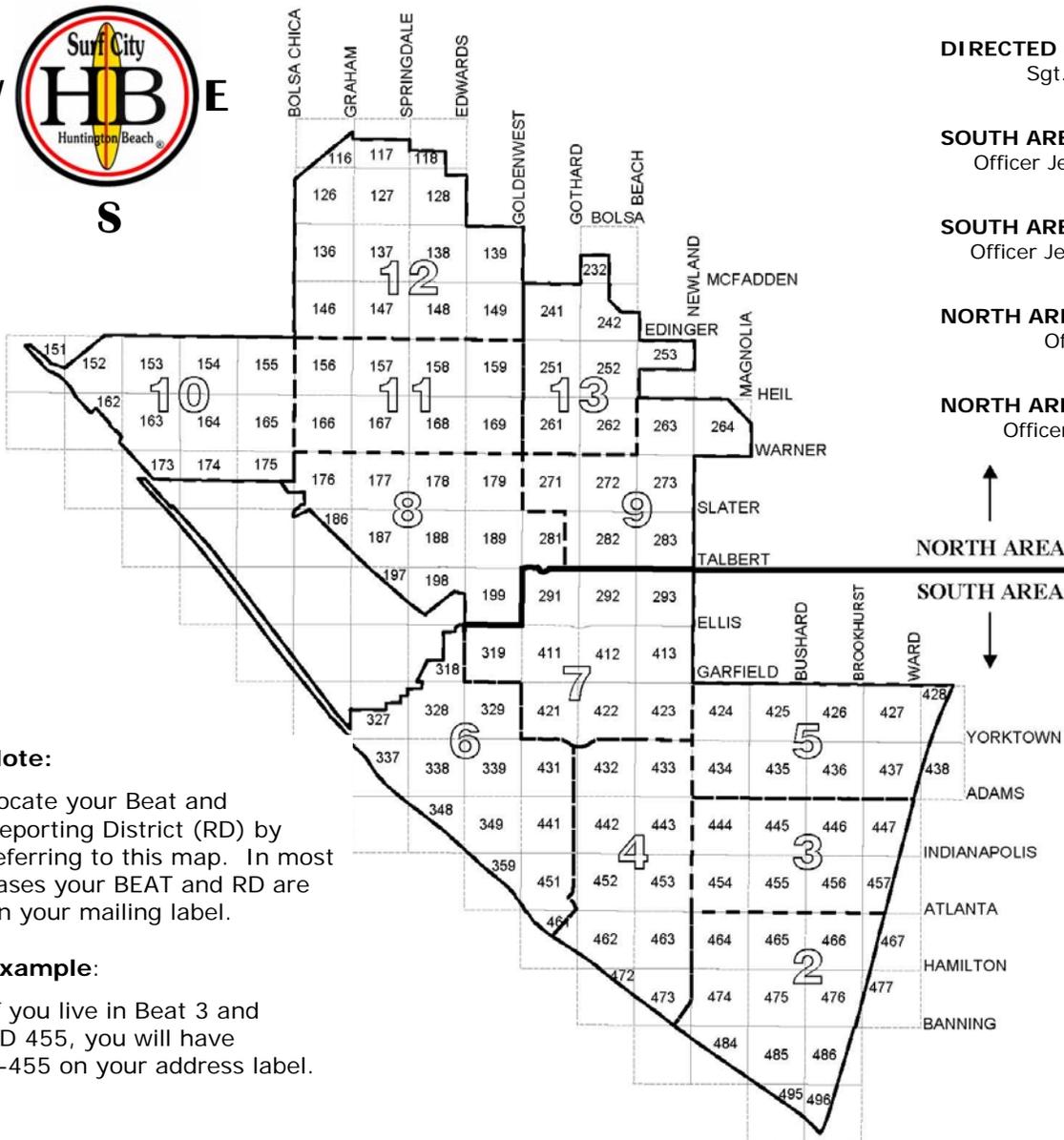
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**CHAT ROOM AND PHONE TEXTING ABBREVIATION ANSWERS** *(from page 3)*

- 1) AEAD= As early as possible
- 2) B4YK1= Before you know it
- 3) 143/ 459 = It means I love you
- 4) 182 = It means I hate you
- 5) BRT = Be Right There
- 6) E123= Easy as 1, 2, 3
- 7) EM?= Excuse Me?
- 8) EOD = End of Day
- 9) F2F = Face to Face
- 10) FOAF = Friend of a Friend



**Note:**

Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

**Example:**

If you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.

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