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HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING

**THE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY,
MAY 13, 2008, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008



Amphitheatre Area
2000 Main St. @ Yorktown
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- ★ *Tours of the Jail, Dispatch, and Crime Lab* ★
- ★ *Static Display of the Helicopter* ★
- ★ *Child Fingerprinting* ★
- ★ *Patrol Vehicles* ★
- ★ *Motorcycles* ★
- ★ *SWAT* ★
- ★ *K-9* ★



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- ✓ **STOP BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND RSVP BOOTHS**
- ✓ **BRING YOUR CAMERA!**



Welcome

Nilda Patiño de Berndt joined the Huntington Beach Police Department on February 19, 2008 as the Community Relations Specialist, taking the position of the recently retired, long-time employee, Suzie Wajda, who will certainly be missed.



Nilda began her law enforcement career in 1984 with the Bell Police Department as a Community Services Officer, working in the field taking cold crime reports; coordinating the Police Technician program;

assisting Patrol Officers and Detectives with various duties including DUI check points; and as the department Training Manager.

In 1995 she joined the Placentia Police Department as the Community Relations/Crime Prevention Officer, and also became the first Skills and Assets for Excellence (SAFE) Officer.

As the SAFE Officer, Nilda taught a 10-week curriculum to all six grade students in Placentia. The course is designed to teach students life skills based on the "40 Developmental Assets" developed by the Search Institute, located in Minnesota.

As the Community Relations/Crime Prevention Officer she oversaw all citywide crime prevention programs and was responsible for implementing and maintaining any new programs that were beneficial to the city.

Nilda has been giving presentations and/or teaching programs for the past 20 years. She speaks to groups of all sizes and ages, from community to professional, on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, personal safety, identity theft, internet safety, senior safety, business watch, organized retail crime, Neighborhood Watch, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. She coordinated and/or conducted multiple meetings and/or events throughout the year including the first AmberWatch Foundation's "Be Safe" training for all Southern California police agencies.

Nilda looks forward to the opportunity to serve the residents and business members of Huntington Beach. Please call her at (714) 536-5933, stop by, or e-mail her at nberndt@hbpd.org to set up a meeting, discuss a concern, or just to meet.

Farewell

In the November 2007 Newsletter, I informed residents that I would be retiring from the Huntington Beach Police Department at the end of 2007. I am sure the readers were surprised to continue getting the Newsletter listing me as editor and finding me still working at the Police Department.

Before retiring, I had informed the Police Department that I would be happy to stay on part-time until they found the right person to become the new Community Relations Specialist. Although it took a little longer than I expected, Nilda Berndt was hired in February. When you've read her bio, you will see that she is well qualified. I will be training and introducing her to the community until my last day, Thursday, April 17th. I feel confident she will do a wonderful job as your community liaison and will help you in your future needs.

As I mentioned before, I feel very privileged that I have worked in the community where I live for the past 43 years. I hope I have made it a better and safer place for us to live.

Thank you for all your support these past 30 years. I will continue to live in Huntington Beach--if you see me in the local stores, please stop me and say hello.

Goodbye, take care, and stay safe--your friend,

Suzie Wajda

THE HUNTINGTON BEACH WETLANDS CONSERVANCY

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DEFEND YOURSELF, WITHIN REASON

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Question: *Can I shoot and kill someone who breaks into my house?
Will I get in trouble if I do?*

Answer: It depends on how scared you are and whether the guy is running away from you when you decided to play God. I really hope that plasma TV he was trying to cart off was worth it and that he kissed his mother goodbye. If some guy breaks into your house, it may just be his day to die.

It goes to the "a man's home is his castle" idea. There just aren't too many reasons why a stranger waltzes into your home uninvited. He wants to hurt you or rob you.

"If somebody threatens your life, you have the right to defend yourself," said Sgt. Andy Ferguson of the Sheriff Department's south investigations team.

By jimmying open your slider or slithering in through Fido's doggie door, the crook is taking his life into his hands. If you're the type who watches the evening news with a 12-gauge shotgun locked and loaded, well that's his bum luck.

Pay close attention to this next part. In no way am I advocating you race over to your local gun shop and stock up so you can walk around your house packing heat like a one-man militia. But, it's good to know your options.

Under California law, you have to have an imminent fear that the intruder is going to hurt you and that fear would have been felt by a "reasonable person" (a persona used by legal eagles to decide what your average Joe would decide to do in your particular situation.) Murder, mayhem, rape, and robbery are all forcible and life-threatening crimes under California law.

"You have to take each situation on a case-by-case basis," said Susan Schroeder, a spokeswoman for the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Sometimes being reasonable is shooting the guy 50 times. Sometimes it's shooting the guy once and holding him for the police.

"The regular citizen has to use what's reasonable," Ferguson said. "You can't just exert justice on the guy. You can't just keep pounding on the guy."

The right to defend yourself and your house doesn't give you carte blanche to take care of pesky neighbors who just won't leave or take care of your teenage daughter's would-be suitors. If the facts come out later that you blew away the Avon lady because she was interrupting your Monday Night Football session, you may be looking at 25 to life.

Even if you, as an individual, might have imminent fear of harm, but that fear doesn't match up with what a "reasonable person" would do, you could still be charged with manslaughter. A jury could still send you down the river for a timeout behind bars.

Just something to think about before you get trigger-happy. While you're thinking about it, get up and check to see if your doors are locked. It makes it harder for the burglars to get in – and it's a lot simpler than loading a gun.

WRITTEN BY KIMBERLY EDDS, REGISTER COLUMNIST

★★★ Save the Date ★★★

April 17, 2008 -- 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Prevention Coalition of Orange County and Huntington Beach High School Friday Night Live will be hosting an

Over-the-Counter/Prescription Drug Town Hall Meeting

featuring physicians, law enforcement, and youth to increase community awareness of the dangers of OTC/Rx drug abuse.

LOCATION: Huntington Beach High School, 1905 Main Street, Huntington Beach

For more information, please contact Marianne Cadiz (949) 757-1906, ext. 289

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

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

33 entries in March
24 entries in February

Eighteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 55% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 8 garage entries out of 33 burglaries, or 28% of the entries. Seventeen entries were reported to have occurred during the day (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.).

Eight entries were reported to have occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.). Eight entries occurred during an unknown time span.

There were five attempts without entry. One entry by pry tool or force, nine entries were by unknown means with no force. (Two entries were through a 2nd story open window.)

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

73 reported in March
64 reported in February

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

37 report in March
24 reported in February

BEAT 2

5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 465 – 5

Streets: Hillsdale, Spurney, Santiago, and Dove. **ALL FIVE ENTRIES WERE THRU AN OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.** (One was thru an open upstairs window.) Two suspects arrested on 3-31 and are responsible for a total of 9 residential burglaries in RD 465, 433 and 319. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 474 – 1 RD 476 – 2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476 - 1

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 446 – 1 RD 455 - 1

Street: Hot Springs and Sunridge. **ONE ENTRY THRU AN OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry was by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 445 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

NONE

BEAT 4

3 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 433 – 1 473 – 1
RD 452 – 1

Streets: Hurstwell, Newland, California. **TWO ENTRIES THRU OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** (One was a 2nd story window).

There was one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries. Suspect in custody, see Beat 2.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 442 – 1 RD 462 – 2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 463 - 2

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 424 – 2 RD 426 - 1

Streets: Crescent, Windridge and Cliffside. One entry by unknown means; two attempts without entry. There were no garage entries. Suspects arrested, see Beat 2 for information.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 437 – 1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 426 – 1 RD 436 - 2

BEAT 6

2 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 329 – 1 RD 349 – 1

Streets: Redford and 13th St.. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED GARAGE DOORS**

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 327 – 2 RD 348 – 1
RD 349 - 1 RD 451 - 1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 451 – 1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 413 - 1

Street: Libra. One entry thru a garage by unknown means.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 292 - 1 RD 412 - 2
RD 422 - 1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 292 - 2 RD 412 - 1

BEAT 8

0 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
NONE

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 176 - 2 RD 177 - 1
RD 178 - 2 RD 281 - 1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 186 - 1 RD 187 - 1
RD 281 - 1

BEAT 9

6 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 263 - 1 RD 272 - 3
RD 273 - 1 RD 283 - 1

Street: A St., Koledo, Keelson, Elm Valencia, Camero. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One attempt without force, and two entries by unknown means. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272 - 5 RD 282 - 3
RD 283 - 2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 263 - 1 RD 273 - 1
RD 282 - 1 RD 283 - 2

BEAT 10

4 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 155 - 2 RD 162 - 1
RD 163 - 1

Streets: Kona, Heil, Channel, and Sea Witch. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One attempt without entry and one entry to a garage by unknown means with no force.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 155 - 1 RD 175 - 3

Grand Theft Autos
RD 163 - 1 RD 165 - 1

BEAT 11

2 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 157 - 1 RD 166 - 1

Streets: Edinger and Chadwick. One entry by unknown means, one attempt without entry (upstairs window.) There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 159 - 1 RD 167 - 1
RD 168 - 2 RD 169 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 158 - 2 RD 169 - 1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 128 - 1 RD 146 - 1

Street: Oaktree and Pelican Ln. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 127 - 1 RD 139 - 3
RD 148 - 1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 117 - 1 RD 137 - 2
RD 139 - 1 RD 148 - 1

BEAT 13

3 Residential Burglaries
26 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Autos

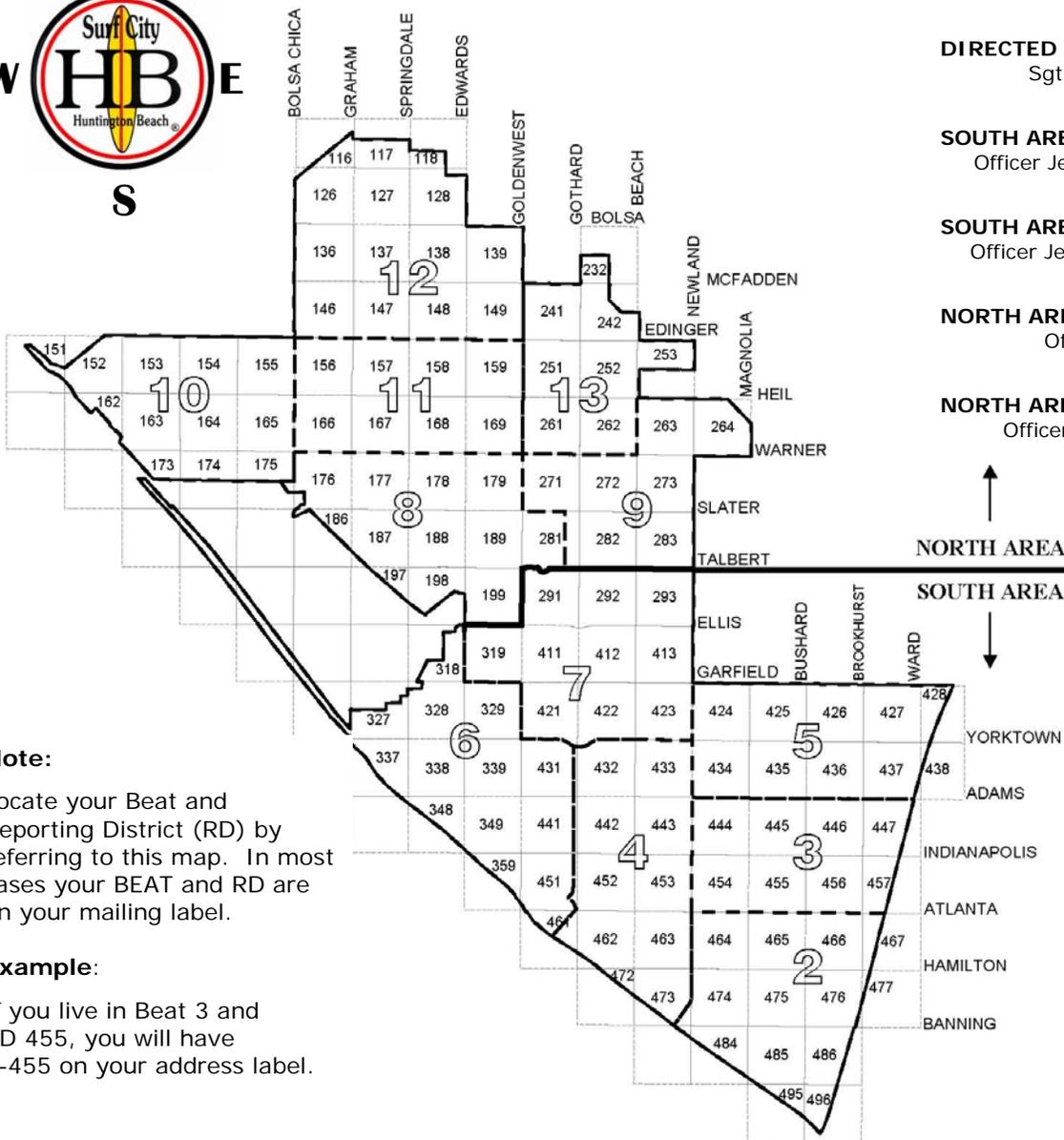
Residential Burglaries
RD 242 - 1 RD 262 - 2

Streets: Center and two entries on Viewpoint. Two entries by unknown means and one entry by force or pry tool. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 241 - 4 RD 242 - 4
RD 252 - 4 RD 262 - 14

Grand Theft Autos
RD 232 - 2 RD 242 - 3
RD 252 - 4

IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. PLEASE CALL (714) 536-5933 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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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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