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APRIL 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 **\$15,668 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$9,332 to go** by June 30 2009. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. Your \$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; a \$25 donation or more 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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Attn: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
2000 MAIN ST.
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

For more information please call (714) 536-5933.



**MAY 9 TO MAY 17, 2009
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
"BLUE RIBBON WEEK"**

National Police Week, which occurs each year during the week in which May 15th falls, recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc. in 2008 the line of duty deaths was 140. This means that 140 families that have lost a Husband/Wife, Dad/Mom, Grandfather/Grandmother, Son/or Daughter. **140 brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice to protect us and our families.** National Police Week allows us the opportunity to show our support and gratitude to our Police Officers for all they have done to make our community a safer place to live, work, and play in. It is the one week during the year when law enforcement **honors their fallen officers** and makes the citizens of America aware of the law enforcement officers that have given up their lives for perfect strangers.

Police Officers often miss holidays, birthdays and anniversaries with their families so we can be with ours. Please show your support by wearing a **blue ribbon** during this week; decorate your windows and tie blue ribbons on car antennas, trees or porch, or mail a thank you card to show support for law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty for the citizens they have served. Additionally, this will be a show of **support** for those who continue to **work the streets 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**

What is Auto Burglary and what can I do to prevent from becoming a victim?



Auto Burglary is theft of property (any value) from a **secured** vehicle. This is a felony.

Help Prevent Becoming a Victim:

1. Remove visible items from your vehicle. If you leave items visible in your car, *you are a target*. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, cell phone, or GPS system under your seat, especially at a gym. Take these items with you.

2. Lock it Up!

Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even for quick errands.

Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate to block access into the car.

Close all windows, including vent or wing windows and sunroofs.

Buy an alarm and use it!

Many people believe that alarms no longer make a difference; however, they do remain an effective deterrent to a burglar. Criminals will choose the easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from – one with an alarm and one without – they will burglarize the one without.

3. Park Safely!

At home, park in your **garage** if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors.

Park in a **well-lighted** area.

Check to see that your vehicle is **visible from pedestrian and vehicular traffic.**

Avoid alleys.

How can Auto Burglary Lead to Residential Burglary?

1. Vehicle Registration - Black out the address on your registration and photocopy it. Keep the copy, not the original, in your car. **Keep a copy with the name and address (per the vehicle code) with you when operating the vehicle. (This is legal.)**

2. Mail - Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your car, especially where visible. This has your name and address (and possibly Social Security, credit card, or bank account numbers) on it.

3. Garage Door Openers - Avoid leaving this in your car if possible. If you must keep it in your car, remove it from sight or lock it in your glove box.

4. Keys - Never leave keys in your car.

For more information about auto burglaries or the Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program please call the Huntington Beach Police Department Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933



**HELP NEEDED
For the Annual
Huntington Beach
4th of JULY PARADE**



The Huntington Beach Police Department's Volunteer support groups would like to have a float entry for the Huntington Beach Annual 4th of July Parade but need your assistance.

The volunteers are hoping someone will allow them the use of a **stake bed trailer or truck**. The dimensions are no larger than 20'x 50' overall but a much smaller truck is preferable.

If you have a stake bed trailer/truck we hope you will consider allowing the volunteers to decorate it (about 1 week before the parade) and use the truck in the Annual 4th of July parade. This will be wonderful for the community and the volunteers will be very grateful.

We have a deadline to meet for this project. The volunteer coordinator must submit the float sketch with our application no later than May 8th, 2009.

If you or someone you know can assist please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, H.B. P.D. Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933 as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this request.



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NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION WEEK
APRIL 19-25, 2009

The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) utilizes volunteers for various programs, projects, and events. Below is some information about three HBPD volunteer programs:

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program):

To qualify for the program, an RSVP must be at least 55 years old, go through the RSVP academy, and must volunteer at least 6 hours per week or 24 hours per month. Department RSVP's were credited last year with volunteering over 18,449 hours- providing thousands of dollars of service for no cost to the city. Some of the duties and services they provide include the following: vacation house checks, child fingerprinting, police department tours, school visits, unauthorized sign removal, assistance in the police department's detective bureau, front desk, and sub stations, and the distribution of crime prevention information. You will often see them driving around in their marked white RSVP vehicles throughout the city. The next time you have the opportunity, please stop by and tell them thank you for their service.

VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service):

To become a VIPS volunteer, you must first attend a 12 week Citizens Police Academy. VIPS must volunteer 20 hours per year but most volunteer much more. Presently the HBPD has almost 50 VIPS. Although many of their duties and responsibilities are similar to the RSVP's, they do not do vacation house checks. Some of their duties include assisting at special events, working at the front counter at police sub stations, distribution of HB Neighborhood Watch newsletters, sitting members of the HBNW Board, clerical work, and many other duties as needed. The VIPS can be identified either because of their identification cards or their grey pull over shirts with the VIPS logo.

HB Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW):

This program has the most diverse group of volunteers. Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are members who have attended a Neighborhood Watch block meeting and agree to be pro-active in crime prevention, keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and agree to report what they see to the police department. There are approximately 50 volunteers that meet every month for 4 to 5 hours to collate and prepare about 15,000 Neighborhood Watch newsletters for mailing or distribution by hand. HBNW Board members serve as speakers at Neighborhood Watch block meetings, assist in distributing crime prevention information at various events, and meet monthly to discuss programs or events they can assist with.

The Police Department would not be able to provide many services without the assistance and support of our volunteers. The department sees the volunteers as our ambassadors. During this week, or when you have the opportunity, please stop and tell our volunteers that give so unselfishly THANK YOU for their service.

If you want to understand the causes made in the past, look at the results as they are manifest in the present

It is human nature to desire recognition and to want to look better than what we are

Real optimism should not be confused with a carefree outlook on life, one in which we forfeit responsibility for our lives

The purpose of life is to become happy

Poverty is nothing to be ashamed of

The exclusive pursuit of one's own interests cannot bring true happiness

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

23 entries in March
26 entries in February

Fourteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Eight of these burglaries were committed during the day; six were committed at night, and nine at an unknown time.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

58 reported in March
59 reported in February

GRAND THEFT AUTO

23 reported in March
21 reported in February

BEAT 2

0 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 476-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 476-1

BEAT 3

0 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
None reported

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 4

6 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 432-1 RD 442-1
RD 452-3 RD 473-1

Streets: Huntington St., Baltimore Ave., Newland St., and Toronto Ave.

In RD 452 Suspect possibly used a key.
In RD 473 Suspect entered through an unlocked window. Victim sees suspect climbing through window and shouts out, suspect flees but is apprehended later.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 443-1 RD 453-1
RD 463-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 442-1 RD 443-1
RD 452-1

BEAT 5

0 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 436-3 RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 6

5 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 349-1 RD 359-1
RD 441-1 RD 451-2

Streets: 21st Street, 15th Street, 13th Street, and 10th Street

In RD 349, suspect may possibly be known.
In RD 359, suspect may possibly be known.
In RD 451 Suspect(s) remove various keys from residence.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 349-4 RD 451-1
RD 461-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 349-1 RD 451-2

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 412-1 RD 423-2

Streets: Main St., Yorktown Ave., and Queens Port Ln.

In RD 412; Suspect is in custody.
In RD 423, Queens Port Ln; Victim awakes when he hears a noise. He looks up and sees suspect in front of his bed. Suspect says something and flees.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
None reported

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 8

0 Residential Burglaries
 9 Vehicle Burglaries
 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None reported

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 177-1 RD 178-2
 RD 179-2 RD 187-1
 RD 189-2 RD 198-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 189-1

BEAT 9

0 Residential Burglaries
 10 Vehicle Burglaries
 5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None reported

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-3 RD 264-1
 RD 272-3 RD 273-1
 RD 282-1 RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-2 RD 282-2
 RD 273-1

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
 0 Vehicle Burglaries
 0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 162-1 RD 164-1

Streets: Peale Ln., and Morning Star Dr.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

None reported

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
 5 Vehicle Burglaries
 2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 158-1

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158-1 RD 166-2
 RD 168-1 RD 169-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 156-1 RD 168-1

BEAT 12

3 Residential Burglaries
 5 Vehicle Burglaries
 3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 116-1 RD 117-1
 RD 149-1

Streets: Chinook Dr., and Glen Dr.,

In RD 149; the suspect used a ladder to open an unlocked bathroom window to gain entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 126-1 RD 128-1
 RD 137-1 RD 138-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 126-1 RD 137-1
 RD 139-1

BEAT 13

3 Residential Burglaries
 15 Vehicle Burglaries
 5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 252-1 RD 261-2

Streets: Parkside Ln., Gothard St., and Toulouse Dr.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241-1 RD 242-9
 RD 253-4 RD 261-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-1 RD 251-1
 RD 261-2 RD 262-1

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IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

MEETING

IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY OR IF YOU KNOW ABOUT A VEHICLE BURGLARY ON YOUR STREET.

REMEMBER THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

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

As long as we are human, we are bound to make mistakes....

It's foolish to be obsessed with past failures....

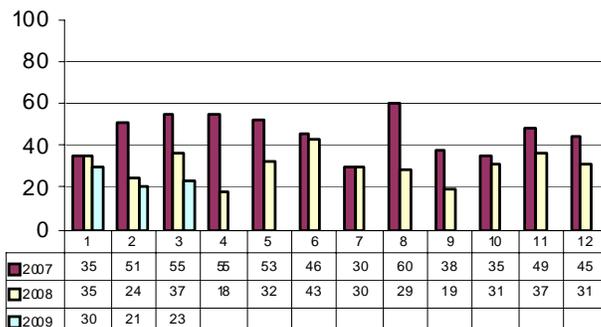
It's important to have the courage to say what needs to be said at the crucial moment....

No matter how wonderful our dreams, how noble our ideals, or how high our hopes, ultimately we need courage to make them a reality.

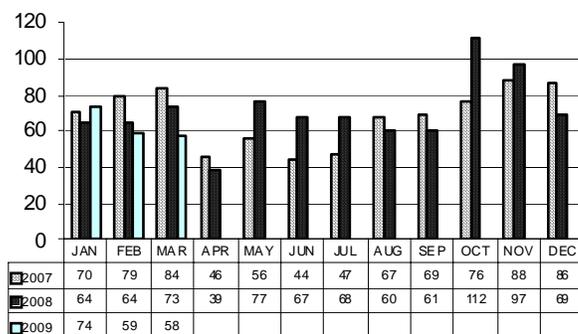
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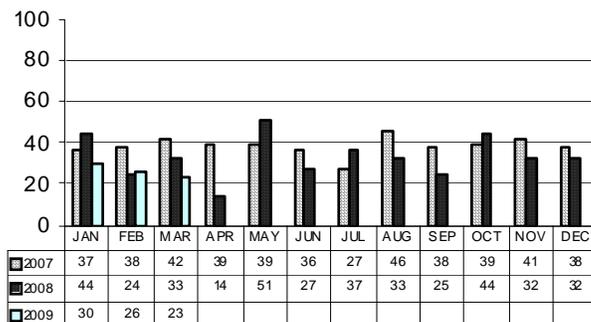
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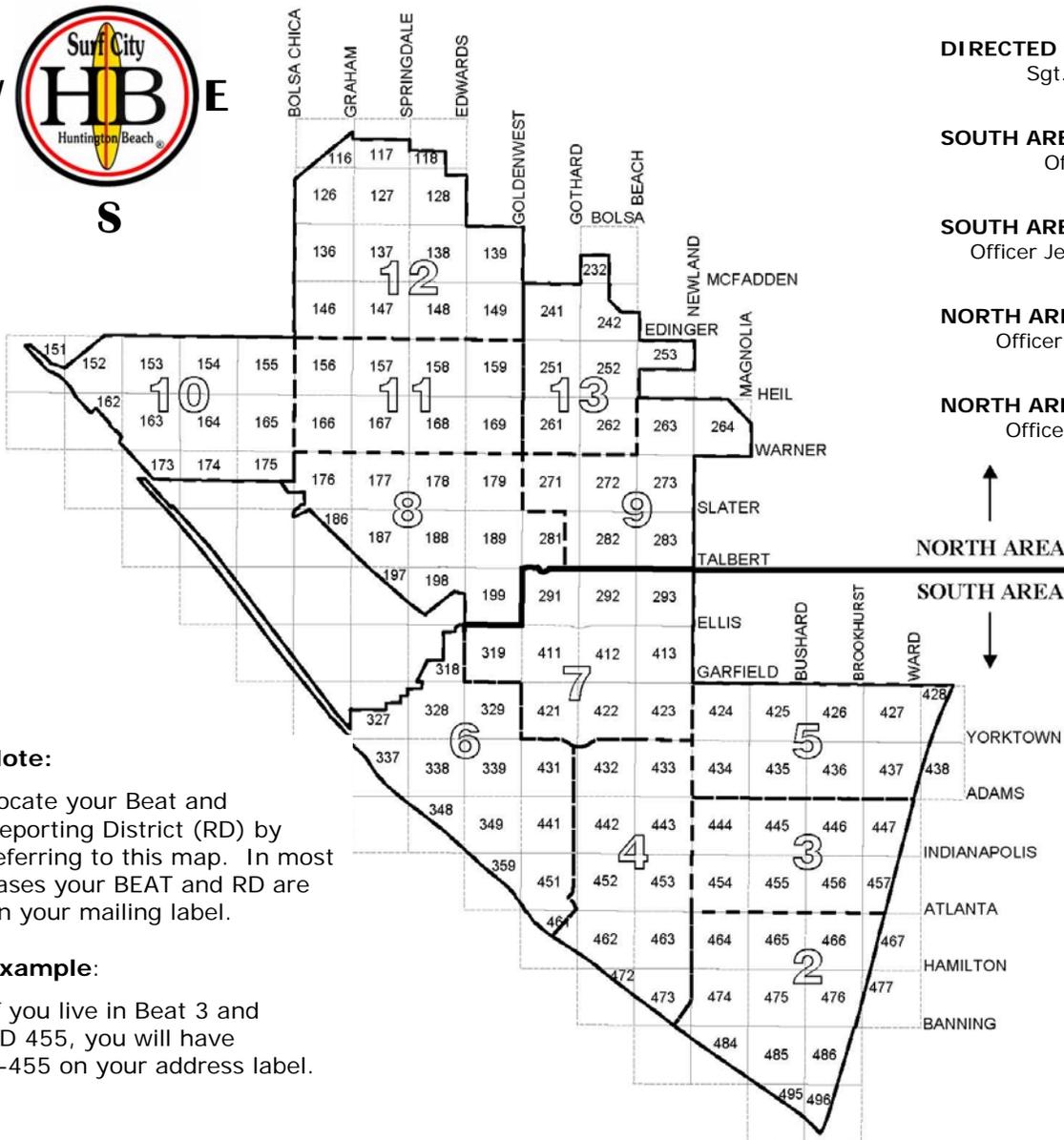
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A person's true nature is revealed at times of the greatest adversity

Life without hardships may seem more attractive, but it is a shallow, lackluster thing

No one can better bask in summer's balm than those who have endured winter's bite

Anyone can hit a wall



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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