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MARCH 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 **\$11,427 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$13,573 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:

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**JEANS FOR
JUSTICE DAY
APRIL 21**



We encourage you to join millions of other people on April 21, 2010 for a special reason – to step forward and take a stand against rape. “Denim Day is an important opportunity to raise awareness and prevent sexual assault against women,” said a representative of the YWCA. “We urge everyone in the community to join us in wearing jeans on Denim Day.”

Wearing jeans during the month of April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month became an international symbol of protest against common attitudes about rape in 1999 when an Italian High Court overturned a rape conviction. The justices reasoned that since the victim wore very tight jeans, the man who was accused of raping her could not have removed her jeans by himself, so the victim must have willingly participated. Women in the Italian Legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans. As news of the decision spread, so did the protest. *In April 1999 the state of California established the first Denim Day in the United States.*

The purpose is to demonstrate the rights of sexual assault victims through art and urge people to wear and decorate jeans in remembrance of a 1999 decision from the Italian High Court.

We also encourage you to wear or display teal ribbons as a sign of support against sexual assault. **It is our responsibility to speak for those that have been silenced.**

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. On this page you will find information, legal definitions, resources, and links you can use to learn more about sexual assault. An important point to remember is that no one deserves to be sexually assaulted.

Here are some statistics that indicate the prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses:

- Female college freshmen report higher incidences of sexual victimization than older students
- In a 1-year time period, about 3% of college women are victims of completed or attempted rape.
- Almost half (48.8%) of college-aged women who were victims of attacks that met the study's definition of rape did not consider what happened to them a sexual assault.
- Systems of dominance, homophobia and gender rigidity not only perpetuate sexual violence, these systems of power serve to silence male survivors who may fear appearing powerless, weak, and unmasculine.
- Sexual assaults in college are more likely to occur at night and in someone's residence (either the victim's or the offender's).
- In a study of college women, nearly 90% of rape or sexual assault victims knew the offender, who was usually a classmate, friend, ex-boyfriend, or acquaintance.

What is sexual assault?

In New Jersey, sexual assault includes any form of unwanted or involuntary touching or penetration of intimate body parts, by the same or opposite sex. This can include being forced to touch someone else.

"Unwanted or involuntary" means sexual contact without the consent of the victim, including the use of threats, intimidation, coercion, or physical force. It also includes victims who are unable to give consent, because of their age or because they are physically helpless, mentally incapacitated, or intoxicated.

Sexual offenders are often someone known to the victim, such as a friend, acquaintance, date, spouse, or family member. The terms "date rape" or "acquaintance rape" are often used to describe this

association, but this does not imply a less serious form of sexual assault.

Who can perpetrate sexual assault?

Men or women may be the perpetrators of sexual assault; however, men are more likely to commit sexual assault. The perpetrator may be a stranger, an acquaintance, a lover, a partner, or a date. Most of the time the perpetrator of the assault is someone the victim knows; a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, other relative, or acquaintance.

Who can be a victim of sexual assault?

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. Although it is more common for women to be victims, approximately 1 out of 10 men have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime.

What do I do if I am sexually assaulted?

Preventing a possible pregnancy and collecting physical evidence must occur within 72 hours of the assault.

If the incident occurred in the last 24 to 72 hours:

- Get to a safe place.
- Call a friend, a family member, or someone else you trust and ask her or him to stay with you.
- Get immediate medical attention for possible injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy. Even if you think that you do not have any physical injuries, you should still have a medical examination and discuss the possibility of sexually transmitted infections with a medical provider. If you are female, you can prevent pregnancy by taking [emergency contraceptive pills](#) within 72 hours of the assault. *See also [Sexual Assault Response Team](#) (SART)*
- If you think you were drugged or consumed a sedative-like substance, ask the medical provider to take a urine sample. Date rape drugs like GHB and Rohypnol are more likely to be detected in urine than in blood. If you still have remnants of the drink, save them for analysis.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS, cont.

- If you want to report the crime, notify the police immediately at 911 or 609-771-2167, available 24 hours. Reporting the crime can help you regain a sense of personal power and control. It can also help to ensure the safety of other potential victims.
- Preserve all physical evidence. Do not bathe, shower, douche, eat, drink, smoke, or urinate, if possible. Save all of the clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault. Place each item of clothing in a separate paper bag. Do not use plastic bags. Do not disturb anything in the area where the assault occurred. Evidence can be collected at an emergency room and you can decide later whether or not you want to press criminal charges.
- Write down as much as you can remember about the circumstances of the assault, including a description of the assailant, her or his identity if you know it, and the use of threats or force.
- Contact your local rape crises program for support, information, and to talk to someone who understands the trauma of rape and knows how to help. Call Womanspace at 609-394-9000 or 800-572-SAFE.

Whether the incident occurred recently, or long ago, remember that it is never too late to get help

What can be done to minimize the risk of sexual assault?

1. Look out for friends. Share your class and social schedule with them, and be sure your family has their contact information.
2. Stay in groups. Go to parties together, stay together, and leave together. Don't be alone with someone you don't know or trust.
3. Don't leave your drink unattended or accept a drink from someone you don't know. Protect your drinks from being spiked with a predatory or "date rape" drug.
4. If at school, now where emergency phones are located, which campus paths are best lit, and where people hang out. Call Campus Police Services for an escort at night and avoid shortcuts.
5. If drinking might have impaired your judgment (or your partner's), say "No" for now; you can always reconsider tomorrow.

6. Know your sexual desires and limits.
7. Communicate your limits firmly and directly. If you want to stop, say "Stop," and say it like you mean it. Be clear and be firm, in body language as well as words.
8. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, trust your feelings and act on them.
9. If you are afraid to say "No," say you have to go to the bathroom. Then leave and call for help. Your safety is most important!



Feeding Wildlife is Dead Wrong

Wild animals are in trouble, and the problem is people who are careless with food and trash.

(CA Dept of Fish and Game)

Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. They are by nature fearful of humans. If coyotes are given access to human food and garbage, their behavior changes. They lose caution and fear. They may cause property damage. They might threaten human safety. They might be killed. Relocating a problem coyote is not an option because it only moves the problem to someone else's neighborhood. Help prevent deadly conflicts for these beautiful wild animals.

Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes. The result may be deadly conflicts with pets or livestock, or serious injuries to small children.

Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.

Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.

Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.

Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring, when feeding and protecting their young.

If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.

If a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the nearest Department of Fish and Game or law enforcement office.

Put trash in tight containers that can't be tipped over.

Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.

Bring pets in at night, and do not leave pet food outside.

Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey. *(continued on page 6)*

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

30 entries 2/15/10 - 3/15/10

43 entries 1/15/10 - 2/15/10

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

There were seven garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

70 reported 2/15/10- 3/15/10

95 reported 1/15/10- 2/15/10

GRAND THEFT AUTO

25 reported 2/15/10- 3/15/10

24 reported 1/15/10- 2/15/10

BEAT 2

4 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 466-1 RD476-3

Streets: Monte Carlo Cr., Branta Cr., Brookhurst St.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 465-1 RD 474-1
RD 475-1 RD 476-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476-2

In RD 476, Branta Cr.; suspect(s) only removed keys from the back of a sofa.

BEAT 3

0 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

BEAT 4

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-2

Streets: Frankfort Ave., Delaware St.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 463-2

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 436-2

Streets: Adams Ave.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425-1 RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 436-1

BEAT 6

6 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 339-1 RD 359-1
RD 441-1 RD 351-3

Streets: Oceanaire Ct., 8th St., 10th St., 13th St., Main St.

In RD 359 10th St.; suspects described as: Suspect #1: Male, white, approximately 25 years old, height 5'10", skinny build, wearing black dickies shorts and a white tank top T-shirt. Suspect #2: Female, white, approximately 22 years old, heavy set, with long dirty-blond hair. Suspect #3: Light skinned Hispanic approximately 27 years old, 6' to 6'1" wearing a hoodie with fur around the hood.

In RD 451, Main St.: Possible key used.

BEAT 7

5 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 412-1 RD 421-2
RD 423-2

Streets: Garfield Ave., Alexa Ln., Harbor Glen Dr., Dalehurst Cr.

In RD 423, Dalehurst Cr.; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 411-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 412-1 RD 422-1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 179-2

Streets: Goldenwest St., Goldenview Dr.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 178-1 RD 179-2
RD 197-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 178-1

BEAT 9

4 Residential Burglaries
16 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 264-1 RD 273-1
RD 282-1 RD 283-1

Streets: Riverbend Ln., Zeider Ln., Jacquelyn Ln., Friesland Dr.

In RD 264, Riverbend Ln.; Suspects take 2 swords and a black 9 millimeter gun in a black case.

In RD 273, Zeider Ln.; Suspect is described as male, Hispanic, short brown hair, height 5' 11", weight 190 lbs, wearing a white T shirt with a silver logo on the

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

front and back, dark pants, approximately 25 years old.

In RD 282, Jacquelyn Ln.; There was nothing taken from the residence but the amount of vandalism sustained is significant.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 264-2
RD 272-5 RD 273-4
RD 282-1 RD 283-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 273-1 RD 282-1

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 155-1 RD 175-1

Streets: Heil Ave., Sandra Lee Ln.

In RD 155, Heil Ave., suspect is possibly known

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 165-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 153-1 RD 164-1
RD 165-1

BEAT 11

0 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

N/A

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 157-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 157-1

BEAT 12

1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 118-1

Streets: Elmhurst Cr.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 117-2 RD 139-1
RD 148-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 116-1 RD 126-1

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
23 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 252-1 RD 253-1

Streets: Amazon Dr., Edinger Ave.

In RD 252, Amazon Dr.; Suspect is possibly known and may have used a key.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241-2 RD 242-5
RD 252-8 RD 253-7
RD 261-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-1 RD 252-2
RD 253-1 RD 261-1

***Neighborhood Watch
Newsletter Assembly
Team needs your
assistance***

The Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Assembly team meets the 2nd Thursday of every month to collate more than 14,000 newsletters and prepare them for mailing and other distribution. This dedicated group of people (typically 25 to 50 volunteers) meets rain or shine to assemble this newsletter. Many of them have been doing this for over 10 years because they realize the importance of getting monthly crime statistics, crime alerts, and valuable crime prevention information to you in a timely manner. Although we do post

the newsletter on our website, www.hbpd.org, there is still a large demand to receive a hard copy by mail, especially by those who do not have a computer.

Lately, some of our volunteers have faced health issues or moved away, so we are turning to you for assistance. If you can give your community between 2 and 5 hours once a month to assist in assembling the newsletter it would be greatly appreciated. This is a good opportunity to meet a lot of caring people, some of whom just might be your neighbor!

We begin at 7:30 a.m. and, with your help, can be done by 12 noon. Even if you could only give 2 hours it would make a huge difference, so let us know what works best for you.

For more information or to find out where we will meet February 11th, 2010 please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933.

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, HBPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST AT (714) 536-5933.

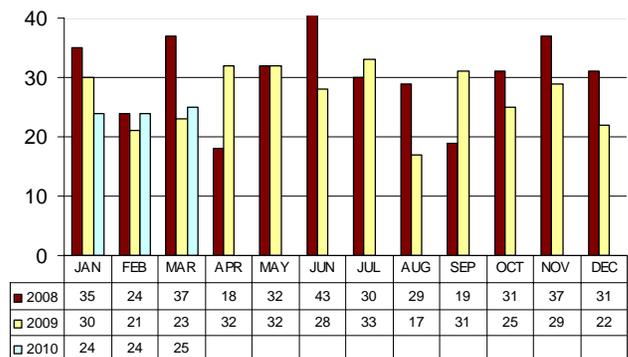
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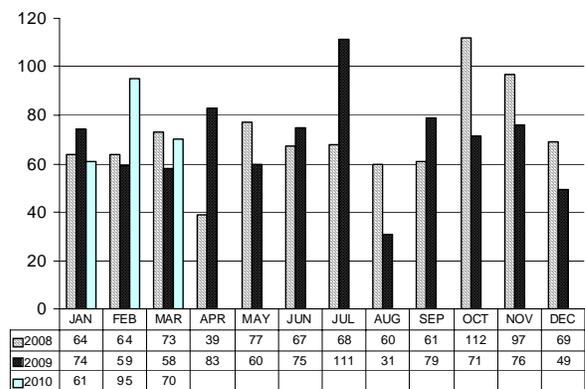
Feeding Wildlife.... *(continued from page 3)*

Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, etc.
 Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
 Ask your neighbors to follow these tips.
 Please respect and protect wild animals. Keep them wild.

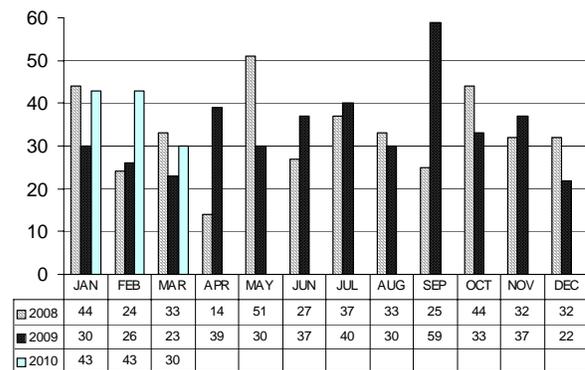
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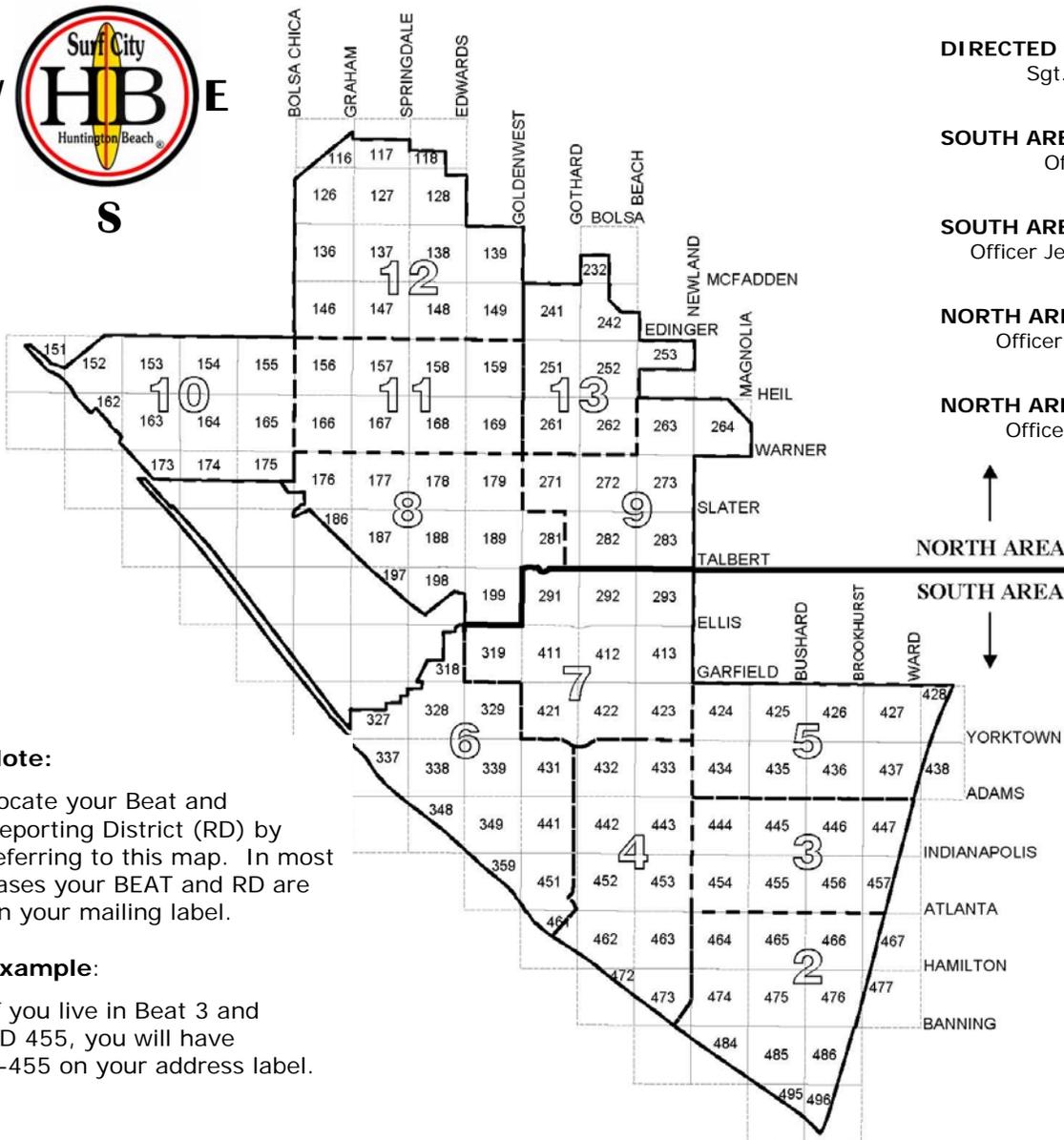
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Example:

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