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NOVEMBER 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 **\$7,763 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$17,237 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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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Dec 25, 2009 to Jan 1, 2010



The Huntington Beach City Council voted last month to give HB MEA employees furlough days between December 25th, 2009 and January 1st, 2010 due to budget constraints.

We regret any inconvenience this may create for you because City Hall and the Police Department will be closed during this time except for emergency services. You will not be able to pick up a copy of a police report, pay fines in the traffic office, or conduct miscellaneous business in City Hall (i.e. sign up for community services programs etc.).

At this time of year, many people make plans to go out of town and depend on the HBPD RSVP's to conduct vacation house checks. Unfortunately, we **will NOT** be providing this service or the added sense of security during that time period. Likewise, RSVP's and VIPS will not be available to work at the substation, remove illegal signs, or work in the main station, etc.

Please make arrangements to pick up any information you need ahead of time and tell your family and friends about the closure so they will be aware and not inconvenienced.

Our Volunteer organizations **will resume all duties as of January 5th, 2010**. We hope you will make arrangements with a neighbor or family member to check on your home, pick up your mail, etc. during this time if you are out of town.

Remember, it's your responsibility to harden the target for criminals and make your home look lived in, especially when you're away. *(cont. on page 2)*

Things you can do to secure your home:

- Use dusk to dawn or motion sensor lights outside your home
- Place inside lights on timers; you can also place one on your radio or television
- Do not announce on a phone message that you are away and when you'll return
- Only tell trusted friends or family about your vacation plans
- Lock and secure all your doors and windows, including the ones on the 2nd story
- Lock gates that lead to the back yard (where a criminal may go undetected)
- Lock your garage; if it is attached to your home lock and secure the door leading into your home also
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries

You should consider hosting a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting to meet your neighbors and police personnel. We will share some helpful crime prevention tips and inform everyone how to look out for one another.

Volunteers will resume all their regular duties January 5th, 2010. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you and look forward to serving you in the New Year.



**The Huntington Beach Police Department
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Skidding and Hydroplaning in Rainy Conditions



Losing control of your car on wet pavement is a frightening experience. You can prevent skids by driving slowly and carefully, especially on curves. Steer and brake with a light touch. When you need to stop or slow, do not brake hard or lock the wheels and risk a skid. Maintain mild pressure on the brake pedal.

If you do find yourself in a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the gas, and carefully steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. For cars without anti-lock brakes, avoid using your brakes. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front. If your car has ABS, brake firmly as you steer into the skid.

While skids on wet pavement may be frightening, hydroplaning is completely nerve-racking. Hydroplaning happens when the water in front of your tires builds up faster than your car's weight can push it out of the way. The water pressure causes your car to rise up and slide on a thin layer of water between your tires and the road. At this point, your car can be completely out of contact with the road, and you are in danger of skidding or drifting out of your lane, or even off the road.

To avoid hydroplaning, keep your tires properly inflated, maintain good tread on your tires and replace them when necessary. Slow down when roads are wet and stay away from puddles. Try to drive in the tire tracks left by the cars in front of you.

If you find yourself hydroplaning, do not brake or turn suddenly. This could throw your car into a skid. Ease your foot off the gas until the car slows and you can feel the road again. If you need to brake, do it gently with light pumping actions. If your car has anti-lock brakes, then brake normally; the car's computer will mimic a pumping action when necessary.

We hope you never find yourself in a situation where you need this information but if you do we hope this information assists you.

(from the National Safety Council)



Holiday Travel Tips



WASHINGTON—Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today is joined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Dr. Anne Schuchat and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Acting Administrator Gale Rossides to promote holiday travel tips and highlight the simple steps travelers can take to prevent the spread of the flu.

"Following these simple travel tips will help expedite the screening process at airports and keep travelers healthy and safe throughout the holiday travel season," said Secretary Napolitano.

TSA's holiday travel tips will help decrease the amount of time passengers spend in line at airport security checkpoints, increase the overall efficiency of airport operations, and enhance security by engaging passengers in the shared responsibility of watching out for suspicious activity at airports across the nation.

TSA Travel Tips

• Monitor your health before traveling

- o The best way to prevent the spread of the flu is to stay home if you're sick or have flu-like symptoms.
- o The CDC recommends you get both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines.

• Practice good hygiene while traveling

- o Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- o Wash your hands regularly to help prevent the spread of germs and illness.

• Ensure your government-issued ID and boarding pass are out and ready

- o Getting all travel documents together and ready before you get in line will help security officers quickly verify that you, your identification, and your boarding pass match and are valid.

- **Wear easily removable shoes and jackets**
 - o Wearing footwear that can be easily removed helps speed the process for X-ray screening. Be prepared to remove all shoes, jackets and other outerwear for screening.
- **Take out liquids and laptops**
 - o Remember the 3-1-1 rule for liquids, gels and aerosols at the checkpoint:
 - 3-ounce bottles or less for all liquids, gels and aerosols;
 - 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic zip-top bag; and
 - 1 bag per passenger placed separately in a security bin for X-ray screening.
 - o The liquid restriction applies only to carry-on bags. Passengers can pack larger quantities of liquids and gels in checked baggage.
 - o Be prepared to remove your laptop from its case and place it in separate bin for X-ray screening.
- **Use TSA Family Lanes if you or your family needs extra time or assistance**
 - o Last year, TSA expanded its popular Family Lanes to every security checkpoint in the United States.
 - o Family Lanes allow infrequent travelers, those with small children or passengers who need additional assistance to move through security at their own pace. Officers in these lanes work with passengers to screen medically necessary items like baby formula and insulin.
- **Keep an eye out for suspicious activity**
 - o Transportation security is a shared responsibility. The traveling public plays an important role in keeping holiday travel safe.
 - o Travelers should report all suspicious activities or items to airport security personnel.

Provided by Sunset Survival, Homeland Security, and the CDC

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 Oct. 15 – Nov. 15

33 entries Sep. 15 – Oct. 15

Nineteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Sixteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; nine were committed at night and twelve at an unknown time.

There were thirteen garage entries.

There were eight attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

76 reported Oct. 15 – Nov. 15

71 reported Sep. 15 – Oct. 15

GRAND THEFT AUTO

29 reported Oct. 15 – Nov. 15

25 reported Sep. 15 – Oct. 15

BEAT 2

**4 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 464-1 RD 475-1
RD 476-2**

Streets: Magnolia St., Rhodesia Dr., Windsong Cr., and Oceanview Ln.

In RD 475, Rhodesia Dr; Attempt, no entry was made.

In RD 476, Windsong Cr Suspect (s) enter residence through a 2nd story open window. They are described as follows: male, Caucasian, 19 – 20 years old, height approximately 6', very thin, wearing dark color camouflage pants, dark shirts, and dark baseball caps. Possible vehicle

description is a maroon 90's 4-door American make.

In RD 476, Oceanview Ln; Suspect described as male, white, approximately 16 to 18 years old, height 5'11", weight 140 lbs. wearing a gold v-neck sweater with a scarf and dark colored hat.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 466-1 RD 467-1
RD 476-3 RD 485-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476-1

BEAT 3

**0 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

None reported

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 445-1 RD 446-2

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 4

**8 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432-3 RD 442-1
RD 443-1 RD 452-1
RD 453-1 RD 462-1**

Streets: Delaware St., Alabama St., Alsuna Ln., Florida St., Malloy Dr., Detroit Ave., Waterspray Dr., and Neptune Dr.

In RD 432, Delaware St; Suspect described as male, white, early 20's, height 5'11", with skinny build, short brown hair, and a red beard. 2nd suspect described as male, white, height 6'1", skinny build and long blond hair.

In RD 432 Alsuna Ln; Suspect in custody.

There were five garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 432-3 RD 442-1
RD 462-2 RD 473-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 453-1 RD 463-1

BEAT 5

**0 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

None reported

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425-1 RD 436-1

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 435-1 RD 436-2
RD 437-1**

BEAT 6

**7 Residential Burglaries
28 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 338-1 RD 339-1
RD 349-1 RD 359-1
RD 441-1 RD 451-2**

Streets: Morning Tide Dr., 6th St., 12th St., 16th St., Main St., Lake St.

In RD 451 6th St, Suspect #1 is described as male, white, 20 years old, height about 6'1", blond hair shaved very short, wearing a white t-shirt and dark blue pants. Suspect #2 is about 5'4" height, with dark shoulder length hair, wearing an orange hooded sweatshirt.

There were four garage burglaries.

RD 338 Morning Tide Dr. and RD 451 6th St were attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 321-1 RD 326-1
RD 348-1 RD 349-7
RD 359-8 RD 442-1
RD 451-8 RD 461-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 451-1

BEAT 7

**5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 292-1 RD 413-2
RD 421-1 RD 422-1**

Streets: Monitoba Ln., Lister Ln., Hoyt Cr., Coho Dr., and Pompano Ln. In RD 413, Lister Ln., victim was asleep in the residence when

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

the suspect entered.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 293-1 RD 422-1
RD 423-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 242-1 RD 292-1
RD 412-1 RD 422-3

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 176-1 RD 178-1
RD 189-1

Streets: Glenstone Dr., Treehaven Ln., and Via Carona Dr.

In RD 176 Glenstone Dr., Victim was outside of residence when he sees someone at his residence back door attempting to enter his home. Victim yells and suspect flees. Suspect was described as male, white, 18 – 21 years old, height 5'10", weight 160 lbs., slender build, with straight blond hair (the front has long bangs which cover part of his face).

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176-2

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 9

4 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 272-2
RD 283-1

Streets: Tamaru Dr., Keelson Ln, Queens Ln., and Newland St.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 264-2 RD 272-3
RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-1 RD 273-1
RD 282-1 RD 283-1

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 163-1 RD 164-1

Streets: Coral Cay Dr. and Bedford Ln.

In RD 163 Coral Coy; the suspect possibly entered the property by boat from the harbor.

There were two attempted burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 153-1 RD 164-2
RD 165-4 RD 175-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 165-1

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 168-1

Streets: Crandall Dr.

There was one attempted burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

None reported

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 12

1 Residential Burglary
0 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 138-1

Streets: Shelly Dr.

Vehicle Burglaries

None reported

Grand Theft Auto

RD 126-1 RD 148-1
RD 149-1

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
11 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 241-1 RD 252-1

Streets: Goldenwest St. and Holt Ave.

In RD 241 Goldenwest St., victim left her purse in her desk in a private office while she was teaching. Three credit cards and a debit card were the only items taken. The victim was informed that a store had video of the person who made a transaction with her card.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242-2 RD 253-6
RD 261-1 RD 262-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-1 RD 242-1
RD 253-1 RD 262-4

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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When seen from the perspective of life's true value, whether a person is rich or poor is a marginal issue at best.

-Author unknown

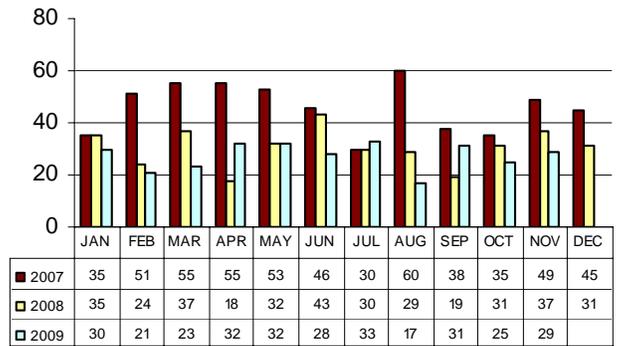
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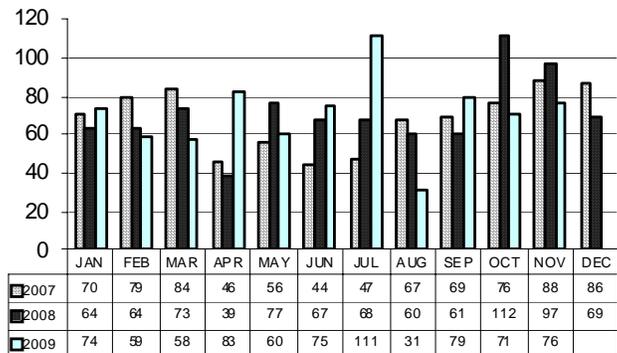
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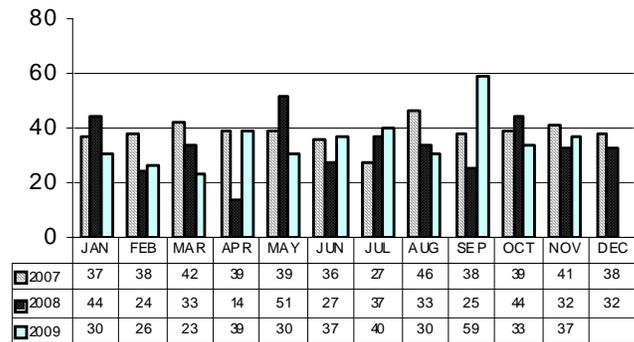
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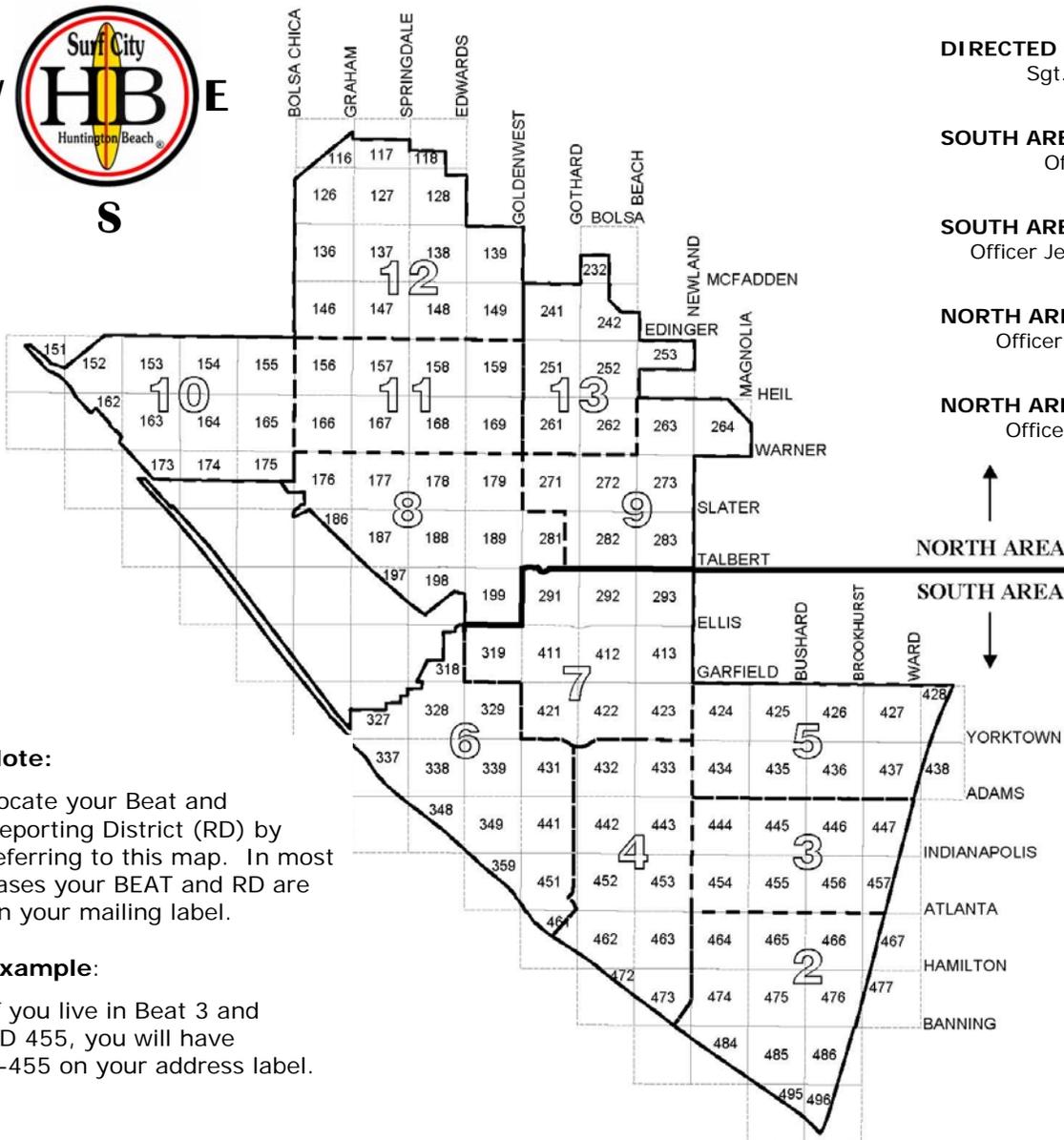
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