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JANUARY 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 **\$9,167 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$15,833 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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***PREPARING
MAKES SENSE-
GET READY NOW***



(From the US Dept of Homeland Security)

Everyone should have a plan. The likelihood of you and your family surviving a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a terrorist attack or other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. Here are some recommended supplies to include in a basic emergency supply kit:

- Water- one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food- at least a 3 day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle- to signal for help
- Dust mask- to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes- for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers- to turn off utilities
- Can opener- for food
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Garbage bags and plastic ties
- Infant formula/ diapers- if you have an infant
- Unique family needs

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Staying Safe in the 21st Century *(a collaboration by the HBPD Bunco/ Forgery Unit)*

In today's high-tech environment, many people believe it is unsafe and risky to put their personal information out via the Internet. But going online is not, in and of itself, an unsafe action. The Internet is actually a more secure way to make purchases and complete business transactions than passing a written check at the market or sending a check in the mail. Although the Internet is secure, it is true that numerous schemes and deceitful acts have occurred using the Internet. Here are some ways to keep yourself safe using your computer:

1. Make sure your operating system, antivirus, and anti-spyware programs are up to date with all the security updates in place. Run daily scans and have the programs actively scan while you are using the computer.
2. Use a secure network and secured wireless networks. Do not access your email or go online from public computers/hotels/airports unless you use secure remote software.
3. NEVER respond to unsolicited emails or offers. If possible, you should not open junk email. Just delete it.
4. When making a purchase online, make sure the site is secure. The beginning of the web site address should start with "https" and not just "http." The "s" means it is secure. There should also be a picture of a padlock on the screen as well. If the lock is closed, the site is secure.
5. Always use escrow-type accounts when making purchases on-line (like PayPal). Make sure to utilize the company's security features. Never bypass the security features and wire money to the seller.
6. If you get an email from a bank, Ebay, or other similar site asking questions about your account—NEVER respond or click on the links within the email. NEVER give them any personal information or passwords. Close the email and contact the institution by phone or by connecting to the site that you directly use to conduct your business.
7. Maintain records of all your transactions (print your receipts).
8. Do not use the same password for different accounts. Use passwords that involve alpha-numeric characters.

Counterfeit Money

Using a "security pen" is not a good way to check and see if a bill is counterfeit. U.S. currency has several security features. Feel the bill—the texture of the paper is unique. If the bill does not feel right, it may not be. Look for the red and blue fibers in the paper. If the fibers are not present, the bill may be bogus. Newer bills have a watermark photo of the president on the bill. Look to see if it is present. Newer bills also have a security thread running vertically down the bill on one side. The thread should spell out the denomination of the bill. If these security features are not present, call the police and have them inspect the bill.

Credit Card Fraud

Besides the internet, there are several ways your credit and debit card information can be compromised. These range from thefts, burglaries, untrustworthy employees, business databases, and data capturing devices. Scams are also used to "trap" your card in an ATM. If your card does get stuck in a machine, don't show your PIN number to anyone except a bank employee. If it is after hours, call your bank and cancel the card.

Data capturing devices can be attached to ATM machines on the surface where your card would normally be inserted. The device reads your card information and records your PIN number. The suspect then counterfeits a card with your information and uses your PIN to access your account. Look at the ATM when you use one. Give the area where your card goes a firm "tug." Make sure a device is not attached to the real machine.

Bunco Scams

There are literally hundreds of ways criminals attempt to swindle people out of their money. Many are via email on the Internet, but some are carried out in person. They range from Nigerian scams to Ponzi schemes. A popular scam right now is the "secret shopper" employment opportunity. The suspect asks the victim to evaluate the service of a store providing wire transfers like Wal Mart. The suspect sends the victim a check to cash for the victim's salary, money to spend as the "shopper," and a large amount to be wired back to the "employer" evaluating the services of the store. Several days later, the victim will discover the original check was not good and will be out several hundred dollars.

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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

43 entries 12/10/09 to 01/15/10

22 entries Nov. 15 – Dec. 10

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

There were eight garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry

There were four attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

61 reported 12/10/09- 1/15/10

49 reported Nov. 15 - Dec. 10

GRAND THEFT AUTO

24 reported 12/10/09- 1/15/10

22 reported Nov. 15– Dec. 10

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 457-1 RD 466-1
RD 476-1

Streets: El Capitan Dr., Richmond Cr., and Brookhurst St.

There were two garage burglaries.

There was one storage unit burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 466-1 RD 476-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476-1

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 446-1 RD 456-1

Streets: Big Sur Dr., and Caithness Dr.

In RD 446, Big Sur Dr., suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglary

RD 445-1

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 4

4 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 433-1 RD 442-3

Streets: Scribe Dr., Memphis Ave., and California St.

In RD 442 Memphis Ave., 2 burglaries occurred at the same residence, similar entrance, one in December and the other in January.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 442-2 RD 443-1
RD 452-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 442-1 RD 443-1

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 425-1 RD 426-1

Streets: Magnolia St., and Stingray Ln.

In RD 425, Magnolia St.; Suspect is known.

In RD 426; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 426-1 RD 435-1
RD 436-2 RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 426-1 RD 436-2

BEAT 6

3 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 327-1 RD 441-1
RD 451-1

Streets: Surfset Dr., Lake St., and 8th St.

There was one attempted garage entry.

In RD 327, Surfset Dr., victim scared suspect away when he attempted to enter the garage. Suspect fled in a vehicle described as a silver subcompact with a female passenger.

In RD 441, Lake St.; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 337-1 RD 348-1
RD 349-1 RD 451-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 348-1 RD 451-2

BEAT 7

7 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Auto

There was one garage burglary.

Residential Burglaries

RD 291-2 RD 412-2
RD 421-2 RD 422-1

Streets: Ellis Ave., Brynn Ct., Shady Glen Cr., Garden Glen Ct., Seastar Dr., and 17th St.

There was one garage burglary.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

In RD 291, Ellis Ave.; Suspect attempted to enter a carport storage shed.

In RD 421, Seastar Dr.; Victim described suspect as: male, height 5'7", weight 170 lbs., brown hair, and brown eyes. She was able to provide police with the vehicle license plate and described it as a 94 white Honda Civic, "beat up".

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 293-1 attempt

Grand Theft Auto

RD 293-1 RD 412-1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 178-1 RD 198-1

Streets: Warner Ave., and Littlefield Dr.

There was one attempted burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176-1 RD 178-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 176-1 RD 179-2

BEAT 9

5 Residential Burglaries
11 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 264-1 RD 271-3
RD 283-1

Streets: Roque Ln., Lucero Ln., Gothard St., and El Arroyo Dr.

There was one garage burglary.

In RD 264, Roque Ln.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 271, Lucero Ln.; Suspect takes a camera, cash and firearms.

In RD 271, Gothard St., Suspect(s) cuts off lock from a school locker and removes property.

In RD 283, El Arroyo Dr.; Suspect(s) may be known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-3 RD 272-6
RD 273-1 RD 282-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-1 RD 283-1

BEAT 10

4 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 163-1 RD 164-1
RD 165-2

Streets: Somerset Ln., Pickwick Dr., Lynn St., and Bream Ln.

There was one attempted burglary.

In RD 163, Somerset Ln.; Suspects were frightened away. Suspect #1 male, 20 to 30 years old., medium build, dark medium length hair, wearing a blue short sleeve t-shirt, and a dark blue baseball cap. Suspect #2, male, 20 to 30 years old, medium build with a slightly darker "olive" complexion.

In RD 165, Bream Ln.; Suspect #1 male, Hispanic, about 30 years old, height 5'8", weight 200 lbs., with short black hair, wearing a long sleeve green shirt and blue jeans; Suspect #2, male, Hispanic about 3 years old, height 5'5", weight 200 lbs., chubby, short black hair. Vehicle was described as early 90's, gold Ford Windstar.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 155-3 RD 164-1
RD 165-1 RD 175-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 165-1

BEAT 11

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 158-1 RD 166-1

Streets: Woodstock Ln., Doverton Dr.

There was one attempted burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 168-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 157-1

BEAT 12

5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 118-1 RD 128-2
RD 137-1 RD 146-1

Streets: Anacapa Dr., Penfield Cr., Larchwood Dr., Bolsa Av., and Skylark Dr.

There were two garage burglaries.

In RD 137, Bolsa Ave.; a storage unit was entered.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 147-1 RD 148-1
RD 149-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 126-1 RD 137-1
RD 138-1

BEAT 13

4 Residential Burglaries
18 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 232-1 RD 252-1
RD 253-1 RD 261-1

Streets: Cottonwood Cr., Volga Dr., San Angelo Dr., and Elk Cr.

There was one garage burglary.

In RD 253, San Angelo Dr.; Suspect(s) entered and removed property from unlocked garage and unlocked vehicle parked inside.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241-3 RD 242-7
RD 253-2 RD 261-3
RD 262-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-1 RD 261-2

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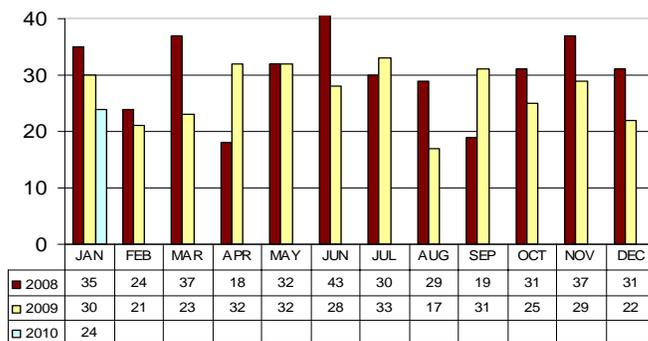
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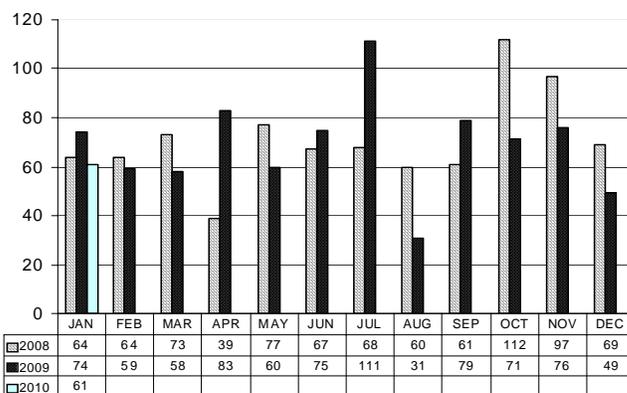
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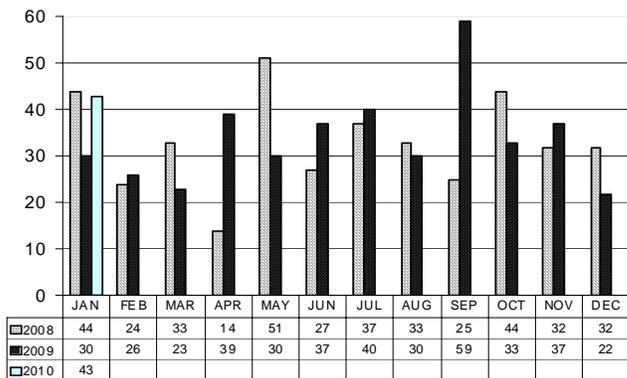
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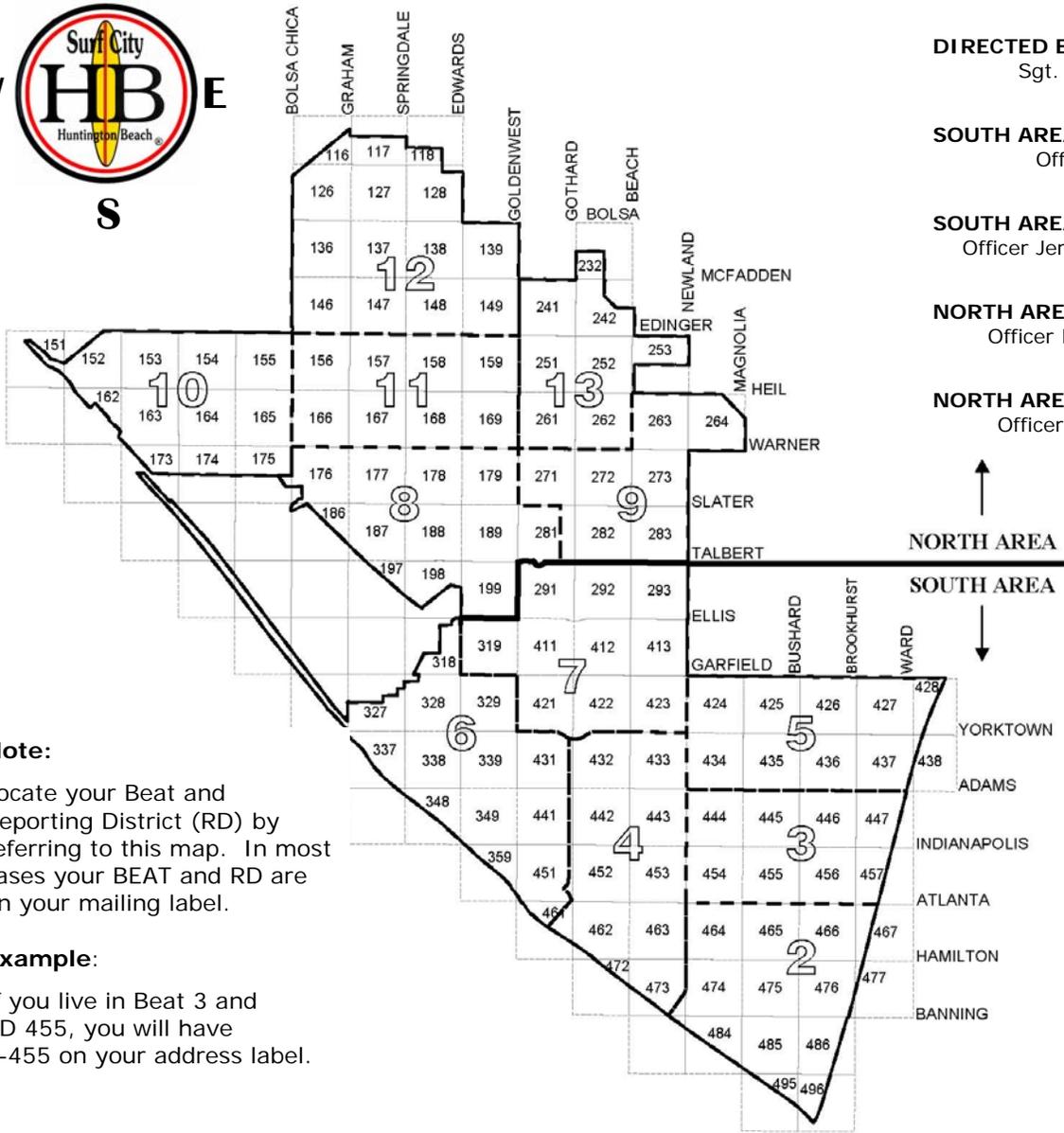
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