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2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) **Fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30. As we end the 2008-2009 fiscal year, we would like to thank each of you that made a donation as well as our advertisers for your generosity and support. We collected \$23,758, leaving us \$1,242 short of our goal. The shortfall was made up using reserve funds. In addition, some residents switched to the electronic newsletter. However you enjoy reading the newsletter, in print or electronically, we would like you to continue to receive it. This year (2009-2010) we estimate we will need approximately \$25,000 again to cover the ongoing and new HBNW program expenses including, but not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, return postage, mailing labels, etc.

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 resident 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 checks payable to:

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**TUESDAY
 AUGUST 4, 2009**

**7:00 P.M. TO 10:00P.M.
 PORCH LIGHTS ON**

The three things criminals hate most are lights, sounds, and crowds. On National Night Out, we want you to gather your neighbors and friends, turn on your porch lights, and step outside. This will create the three elements criminals hate most and send a clear message that they should avoid operating on your street.

On National Night Out people nationwide will join together with neighbors, friends, businesses, and police to send a signal to criminals that we will not tolerate crime in our communities. National Night Out is a central point of focus for our community to rally together to fight crime. It is also an essential component to our Neighborhood Watch Program creating an opportunity within a neighborhood to celebrate and come together. National Night Out is a demonstration of the positive value of a strong community and police partnership based on a mutual concern for the safety of our neighborhoods. With each porch light that is left on, and each streetlight that illuminates a neighborhood, **a beacon of hope is sent to good, honest citizens and a strong message sent to perpetrators that crime will not be tolerated.**

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There are many activities you can do with your neighbors to show unity, share crime prevention tips, and help keep criminals out of our backyard. Here are just a few suggestions:

- Host a Neighborhood Watch Block Meeting
- Have a Block cookout with games, etc.
- Have programs and crafts for children to do with a crime prevention theme.
- Sit outside with your neighbors – make plans and set goals to improve your neighborhood. Focus on one project you can work on as a neighborhood over the next 6 months or year.
- Conduct a disaster preparedness drill, and be sure everyone has a 3 to 5 day survival kits.
- Host a Crime Prevention art contest, 1 entry per household, display them in front of your home.

Remember to turn on your porch lights (between 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.), lock your doors and windows, and step outside to talk with your neighbors and friends. Working together we can send a message to criminals that they are NOT welcome in Huntington Beach.



POOL SAFETY



With summer upon us, many people will be heading for the pool- including small children that might not know about water safety. It is our responsibility to do all we can to ensure their safety and teach them how to protect themselves.

Hundreds of children under the age of five drown each year in residential swimming pools. If you use a pool, please follow these safety tips:

- **NEVER** leave your children unattended for **ANY** reason --- not even for a second.
- Learn CPR (adult and child) and make sure all caregivers also know it and can perform it.
- Don't rely on swimming lessons or flotation devices to protect your children.
- Fence in the pool completely and install self-closing, self-latching gates. Follow all local ordinances about fencing.
- Post all pool rules such as "No Swimming Alone" and "No Running".

- Keep a shepherd's hook, first-aid kit and life preserver by the pool.
- Never swim in a pool with its cover partially in place.
- Place alarms on doors and windows leading to the water (at least 5 feet high so children cannot reach them). Secure and lock all doors and windows when not in use.
- Post 9-1-1 emergency phone number on your phones. Have a phone near the pool area.
- These rules also apply to spas and hot tubs.

FACT: Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death to children under five years.

FACT: A pool or spa is 14 times more likely than a vehicle to cause the death of a child under five.

FACT: Drowning is a silent event. Children do not understand the danger of water and do not splash or cry out for help.

FACT: Most children who have drowned or nearly drowned were last seen in the house or away from the pool or spa.

FACT: Children can drown in the time it takes to answer the phone or door; they have drowned during surprisingly short breaks in visual contact.



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR YOUR VACATION?



Most of us will try finding time to get away on a much needed vacation this summer.

The kids are out of school, the holidays are over, so let's pack-up and go--- but **STOP....**

Before you head for the airport or get in your car please review the safety tips below for things to do before you leave, when you're on the road, at your hotel/motel, or when out and about:

- Before you start a trip, it's a good idea to let someone know where you are going, where you plan to stay and when you should get there. Allow plenty of travel time so that you don't have to rush.

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Are you prepared for your vacation? (cont):

- Before your trip, study a map of the destination. Pick an emergency meeting spot in case you get lost or separated.
- Carry a minimum of luggage. Label each piece with your name, city and state, and a contact phone number or that of your hotel.
- Do not pack valuables inside bags you plan to check. Keep cameras, jewelry, important documents, and money in a carry-on bag or inside pockets.
- Inform your neighbors of how long you expect to be away. Tell them if you will have a house sitter, or if you scheduled a free vacation house check conducted by Huntington Beach Police Department's RSVP's.
- Be sure to stop newspaper and mail deliveries while you're away. Make arrangements to have the lawn mowed and leaves picked up.
- Simulate a "lived-in" appearance by using timers to run lights and a radio, turning them on and off during expected hours.
- Place valuables (important papers, jewelry, etc.) in a home safe or safe-deposit box.
- An unanswered phone might tip off a prowler that no one is home. Turn off the ringer and don't mention your departure on the answer machine.
- Make sure that everything is locked and secure. Double-check sheds, windows, and garage doors.

On the Road

- Never pick up a hitchhiker.
- Stay alert and be aware of what is happening around you. Take immediate action to remove yourself from any potentially dangerous situations.
- If you are being followed or harassed drive to the nearest safe place where there are people and telephone the police.
- Always wear your seat belt, drive with your doors **LOCKED**, and if possible with the windows rolled up.
- If someone appears to need assistance, or if someone attempts to force you to stop do not do so. Drive to a public (safe) place where you can get help.

- Trust your instincts when it comes to strange situations.
- Emergency Kit - It's a good idea to keep one in the trunk of your car.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If you must carry a large sum of money, do not display it openly. Try separating it so you only pull out what you will need for a particular purchase.
- Take only credit cards that you actually plan to use. Make a copy of all your cards before you leave home so you have the card numbers and can report them lost or stolen immediately if necessary.
- Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans to strangers. This includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.



We're Looking For a Few Good Retired Volunteers!

The Huntington Beach Police Department's RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is comprised of men and women over the age of 55 from all walks of life. They join the program because they want to give back to the community by sharing their time, talents, wisdom, and knowledge with the Police Department. Some of the duties assigned to our RSVP's include but are not limited to:

- Conduct Vacation House Checks
- Remove Illegally posted signs
- Staff Substations
- Work within the Department
- Support community special events
- Be "Extra eyes and ears" for the Department
- Volunteer at 4th of July parade
- Perform many other miscellaneous activities as needed.

Prospective applicants are selected after passing an oral interview, background check, and a positive assessment of their suitability for the various duties performed with the Police Department.

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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

37 entries in June
30 entries in May

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

There were ten garage entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

75 reported in June
60 reported in May

GRAND THEFT AUTO

28 reported in June
32 reported in May

BEAT 2

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 467-1 RD 476-1

Streets: Brookhurst St. and Neolani Dr.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 464-2 RD 476-1
RD 484-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 3

0 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 445-2

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 4

3 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

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

Streets: Huntington St. Delaware St., and Newland St.

In RD 432, Huntington St., suspect enters unlocked garage and removes items from inside unlocked vehicle. Suspect in custody.

In RD 442, Delaware St., suspects enter an unlocked converted garage. The victim awoke when he heard a noise and sees unknown suspects. Suspects are described as: both approximately 5'8" to 5'10" tall, medium build, both were wearing black pants. One was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and the other a black hooded sweatshirt.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 432-3 RD 452-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 463-1

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 426-1 RD 427-1
RD 436-1

Streets: Albacore Dr., Kaimu Dr., and Kensington Dr.

In RD 426, Albacore Dr.; It appears suspect stole the garage door controls from victim's vehicle then used it to enter the garage.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 427-1 RD 436-2
RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 427-1 RD 434-1
RD 436-4

BEAT 6

6 Residential Burglaries
13 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 329-2 RD 359-1
RD 451-3

Streets: Summer Breeze Ln., Brentwood Dr., Huntington St., Lake St, 7th St., and Orange Ave.

In RD 329, Summer Breeze Ln.; Suspect entered garage through the open side garage door. Then enters unlocked vehicle and stole property. Suspect fled by activating the garage door remote. In RD 451, Orange Ave.; suspect described as male, white, approximately 30 yrs. Old, height 5'10", weight 170 lbs., reddish/blondish collar length hair, wearing a black and white baseball cap. Vehicle described as older model faded black Ford Ranger.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 348-6 RD 349-1
RD 451-3 RD 461-3

Grand Theft Auto
RD 431-1 RD 451-1
RD 461-1

BEAT 7

6 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Residential Burglaries

RD 412-1 RD 413-3
RD 422-1 RD 423-1

Streets: Florida St., Ellis Ave., Valley Cir., Clay Ave., and Harding Ln.

In RD 413, Valley Cir.; It appears that the residence was entered through the dog door.

In RD 422, Clay Ave.; Suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 293-2 RD 413-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 413-1 RD 423-1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 179-2

Streets: Manhattan Dr., and Warner Ave.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 178-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 189-1

BEAT 9

6 Residential Burglaries
11 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 264-1 RD 273-2
RD 282-1 RD 283-2

Streets: Conner Dr., Stanley Walk, Granada Ln., Talbert Ave., Geraldine Ln., and Van Buren St.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 264-2 RD 272-7
RD 283-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-2 RD 282-1

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 164-2

Streets: Figaro Cr., and Algonquin St.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 153-4 RD 155-2
RD 164-1 RD 175-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 175-1

BEAT 11

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 156-4 RD 159-1

Streets: Bolsa Chica St., and Redlands Ln..

In RD 156, Bolsa Chica St, 4 residents that live in the same mobile home park were burglarized.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 156-2 RD 158-1
RD 167-1 RD 168-1

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 12

1 Residential Burglary
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 149-1

Streets: Wicklow Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 148-1 RD 149-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 127-1 RD 139-1

BEAT 13

1 Residential Burglary
16 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 262-1

Streets: Viewpoint Ln.

In RD 262, Viewpoint Ln.; Suspect described as male, Hispanic, height approximately 5'9" to 6", weight 160 lbs., short brown hair and white tank top.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 232-1 RD 242-7
RD 252-2 RD 253-3
RD 261-1 RD 262-1
RD 264-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-2 RD 242-2
RD 251-2 RD 252-1
RD 253-1 RD 262-1

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IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY OR

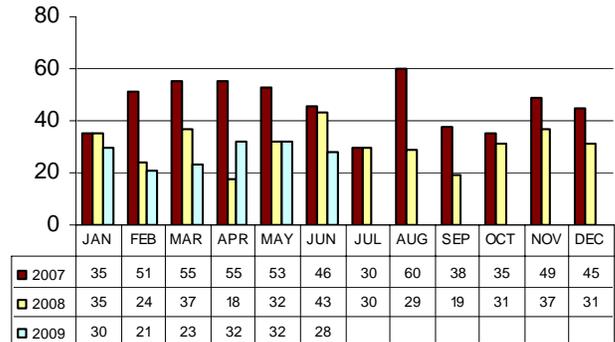
IF YOU KNOW ABOUT A VEHICLE BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. REMEMBER, THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

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

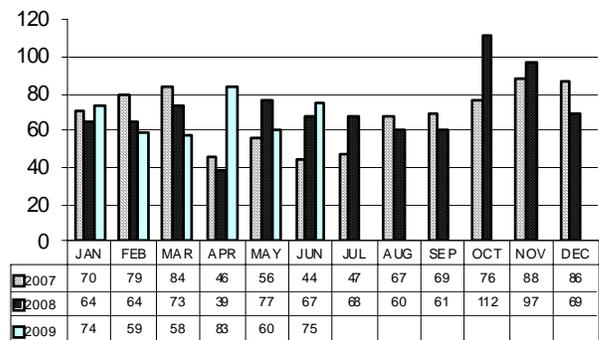
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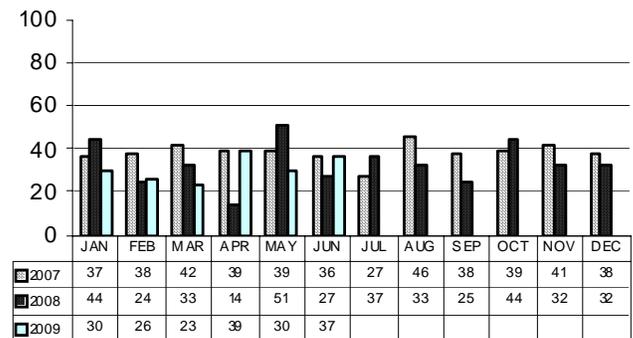
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VEHICLE BURGLARIES



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



We're Looking for Volunteers....

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Participants must live in Huntington Beach, have a valid driver's license, be in good physical health, and be able to volunteer a minimum of twenty-four hours a month.

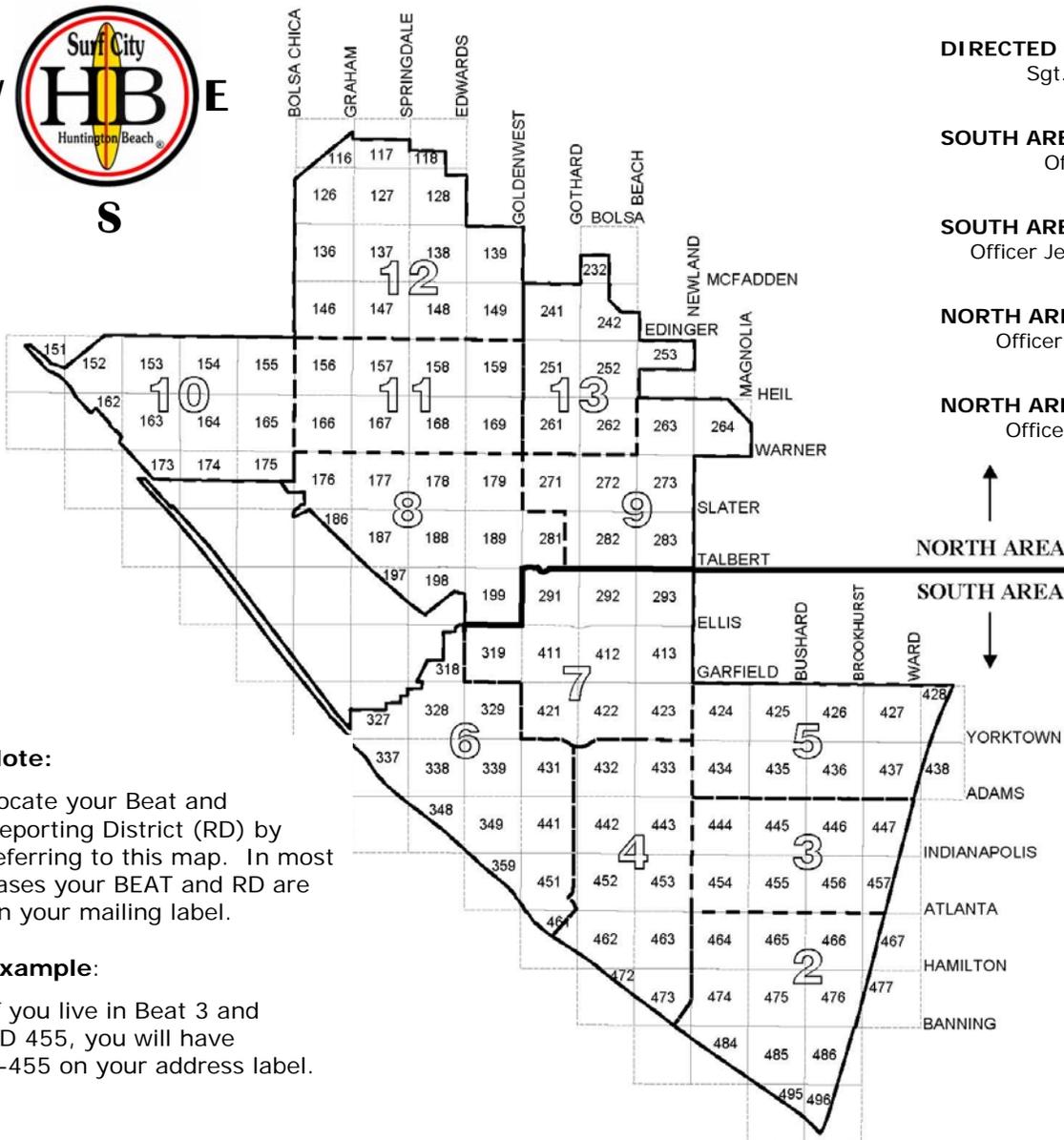
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For more information or to request an application please contact: Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933 or e-mail nberndt@hbpd.org

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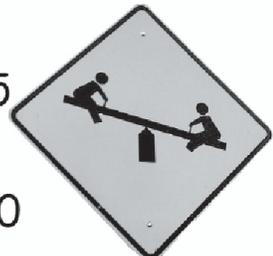
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