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HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008 AT 6:30 PM
HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
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HOME INVASION ROBBERIES

Even though Huntington Beach is a safe city to live in, we never know when someone will come to town and commit crimes. By taking precautions, we can help remove the opportunity for the crime to occur. Recently, the police received a couple of home invasion robbery reports that I would like to share with you.

In February, a home invasion robbery occurred in the downtown area. The suspect knocked on the front door and when the victim (a female senior citizen) opened the door, the suspect forced his way into the house. Once in, he began to assault the victim—unsuccessfully attempting sexual assault. She was able to get away, screaming for help. A neighbor heard the screams and called 911. The police found the suspect and arrested him. It was later discovered that he had an extensive criminal record. The victim was very lucky to escape.

Another home invasion robbery occurred in the north end of Huntington Beach. Someone knocked on a door and when the victim opened it, the suspects forced their way in and assaulted the victim. The victim ended up in the hospital--the suspects were identified and later arrested.

With the increase of violent crimes reported throughout the country, residents should take extra precautions. Some examples are:

- Keep doors locked at all times.
- Install a security screen door with a deadbolt.
- Don't open your front door to anyone you do not know.
- When driving alone, watch your rear view mirror. If someone seems to be following you, go to a public place or the closest police department. Do not go home.
- If you have expensive jewelry, install a floor safe and always spin the dial to lock it.
- Never keep large sums of money in your house.
- Have an escape plan in case you need to get out of the house quickly.

By Suzie Wajda

BECOME A FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER AND PREPARE YOUR FAMILY FOR DISASTERS

BY BREVYN METTLER, HBFD

WHY PREPARE?

Over the past several years we have experienced several catastrophic disasters throughout the world. These events, while tragic, serve as learning opportunities for residents within the community of Huntington Beach. Even though we live in a paradise like Huntington Beach, there are still many hazards that face our community. Huntington Beach has experienced major flooding, fires, oil spills, riots, tornados, and has the potential for a tsunami and/or major earthquake. The City sits on several active fault lines and could be greatly affected by an earthquake on the San Andres Fault. Most geologists agree that it is not a matter of *if*, but a matter of *when* we will see the next major quake in Southern California.

WHAT CAN I DO?

As a member of the community, you can help the City respond to a disaster by preparing your family, home, school, and work. Huntington Beach has highly-trained, well-equipped public safety personnel, but if a major disaster occurs there could be a shortage of fire and police available to respond to all calls for help. For example, there are only 41 firefighters and 10 fire engines on-duty at any one time. It could take more than 72-hours for the Fire Department to respond to your home or business during a major disaster.

WHAT IS CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a FEMA-endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster. By becoming CERT-trained, you will gain the skills to help emergency responders save lives and property. Once you have completed the training, you have the opportunity to become a Fire Department volunteer.

WHAT DO CERT VOLUNTEERS DO?

CERT volunteers are trained to prepare for and respond to a disaster until first responders arrive. You will be taught to manage a disaster in your home, work, neighborhood or school. After taking care of yourself and your family, you can report to the City and perform such duties as providing damage assessment information about your neighborhood, sandbagging, sheltering, checking on the frail and elderly, working in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and providing support to the Fire and Police Departments.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

In the *Save-A-Life Saturday* series of classes, you will learn how to:

- Prepare your home and family for a disaster
- Perform basic first aid and CPR
- Safely search a building and rescue trapped victims
- Put out small fires using a fire extinguisher
- Survive outdoors if you cannot return to your home because it is unsafe
- Use all these skills together and create a Neighborhood CERT Disaster Team

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Classes begin April 19, 2008 and continue through September 20, 2008. To register, call the CERT Message Line at (714) 536-5974 or register on-line at surfcity-hb.org/cert

For more information, contact the Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office at (714) 374-1565



Save-A-Life Saturday

The Huntington Beach Fire Department invites all Huntington Beach residents to the **2008 Save-A-Life Saturday** classes. These classes teach residents how to prepare for emergencies like earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, and terrorism. There are seven 4-hour classes open to anyone who lives or works in Huntington Beach. You can take one class or all seven. Classes are held the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to noon. If you take all the classes, you may become a Fire Department volunteer, on-call in a disaster.

The classes are part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, which prepares individuals, neighborhoods, schools and businesses on how to save lives and respond to a disaster. CERT graduates help the City prepare for disasters and help train neighborhoods like yours to respond to any type of disaster.

SAVE-A-LIFE SATURDAY SCHEDULE

CLASS 1: DISASTER & TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

April 19, 2008 - 7:45 AM to Noon - Civic Center

Learn what threats Huntington Beach residents face; how the City will respond in a disaster; and how you can get your home, family, neighborhood, school and/or business prepared to respond to emergencies.

CLASS 2: DISASTER FIRST AID (MEDICAL OPS I & II)

May 17, 2008 - 7:45 AM to Noon - Civic Center

Learn creative first aid solutions to common injuries resulting from an earthquake and the ABC's of disaster first aid. Additional topics include splints, slings, treating burns, impaled objects, and shock. Learn how to triage disaster victims.

CLASS 3: LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE

June 21, 2008 - 7:45 AM to Noon –
Fire Training Center

Learn how to do a safety size-up, lift 1000+ pounds using simple leverage techniques, properly search for trapped victims, shore up an unsafe structure, and safely move the injured.

CLASS 4: FIRE SUPPRESSION/FIRE EXTINGUISHING

July 19, 2008 - 7:45 AM to Noon –
Fire Training Center

Bring a fire extinguisher and practice putting out a live fire. Learn home fire safety and prevention. Training includes how to shut off utilities and secure items that may cause injuries in an earthquake. Learn backup communication methods to use during an emergency.

CLASS 5: DRILL YOUR SKILLS

August 16, 2008 - 7:45 AM to Noon –
Fire Training Center

Practice all the skills you have learned to respond to an emergency. Learn how to set up a Command Post and manage an emergency incident.

CLASS 6: CPR

All students are required to become CPR-certified. FireMed customers can take classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee of \$30. For a schedule call (800) 400-4277.

CLASS 7: DISASTER LIVING

September 20, 2008 - 7:45 AM to 2:00 PM –
Civic Center

Learn tenting, outdoor cooking and sanitation. Receive your official Fire Department Volunteer ID Card and jacket.

TO REGISTER, call the CERT Message Line at (714) 536-5974 or on-line at surfcity-hb.org/cert

Civic Center: 2000 Main Street
Fire Training Center: 18301 Gothard Street



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS

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

24 entries in February
45 entries in January

Twelve of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 50% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 4 garage entries out of 24 burglaries, or 17% of the entries. Sixteen entries were reported to have occurred during the day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Eight entries were reported to have occurred during the night (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.)

There were three attempts without entry, four entries were by pry tool or force, four entries were by unknown means with no force, one entry was a home invasion robbery occurring when the victim opened the door and suspect forced his way inside home.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

64 reported in February
64 reported in January
GRAND THEFT AUTOS

24 reported in February
45 reported in January

BEAT 2

0 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 476 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 464 – 1

BEAT 3

0 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 445 – 1 RD 447 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

NONE

BEAT 4

2 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 452 - 1

Streets: Florida and Baltimore.
ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR. One attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 452 – 3
RD 463 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432 - 1 RD 462 - 1

BEAT 5

4 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 427 – 3 RD 435 - 1

Streets: Olana, Bikini, Halawa and Potomac. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool, one entry by unknown means without force. There were no garage entries. Suspect arrested in Potomac entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 437 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 437 – 1

BEAT 6

6 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 329 – 1 RD 339 – 1
RD 349 – 2 RD 441 - 1
RD 461 – 1

Streets: 2nd St., 13th St., 17th St., 18th St., Sicily and Montford. **THERE WERE FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry was when the victim heard a knock on the door and she opened it, resulting in a home invasion robbery. Suspect was arrested. However with the summer months ahead, please never open your front door to strangers. There was one entry by unknown means without force. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 359– 1 RD 451 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 349 – 2 RD 359 – 1
RD 451 – 2

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

**5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
**RD 292 – 2 RD 293 - 1
RD 421 – 1 RD 413 - 1**

Streets: Pammy, Ontario, Sterling, Coho and Garfield. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool and one attempt without entry. There was one garage entry. Vague description of suspect seen in Coho attempt described as: Male White Adult, approx. 20-25 yrs., wearing dark sweatshirt and jeans. Suspect was seen attempting entry into sliding door at around 10 p.m. Suspect took off when victim came to the door.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 293 – 1 RD 411 – 1
RD 422 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 293 – 1 RD 423 – 2

BEAT 8

**0 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 176 – 2 RD 177 – 1
RD 178 – 1 RD 179 – 3
RD 189 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 179 – 2

BEAT 9

**2 Residential Burglaries
14 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 272 – 1 RD 283 - 1

Streets: Koledo and La Costa. One entry by a forced door and one attempt without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 264 – 1 RD 272 – 5
RD 273 – 1 RD 282 - 6
RD 283 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 273 – 1 RD 282 – 1

BEAT 10

**0 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 153 – 1 RD 162 – 1
RD 164 – 2 RD 173 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 165 – 2

BEAT 11

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

Residential Burglaries
None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 159 – 3 RD 166 – 1
RD 168 – 3**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 166 – 1

BEAT 12

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 138 – 1 RD 149 – 2

Streets: Dover, Dundalk and Sunview. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN GARAGE DOOR.** One entry by unknown means and one entry by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry. Two suspects seen in open garage door entry on Dover described as: #1—Male, White, approx. 18-19 yrs., long black hair spiked 4-5 inches long, 160 lbs., approx. 5'11", fair complexion. Last seen wearing red & black striped jacket and dark pants; #2—Male, White, approx. 20-21 yrs., short brown buzzed hair, stocky build, approx. 5'7" last seen wearing blue plaid shirt. Possible suspects and vehicle seen in Sunview entry described as: 2 males dressed in business suits driving a newer tan pickup truck similar to Chevy Avalanche.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 126 – 1 RD 128 – 1
RD 146 – 3**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 147 – 1

BEAT 13

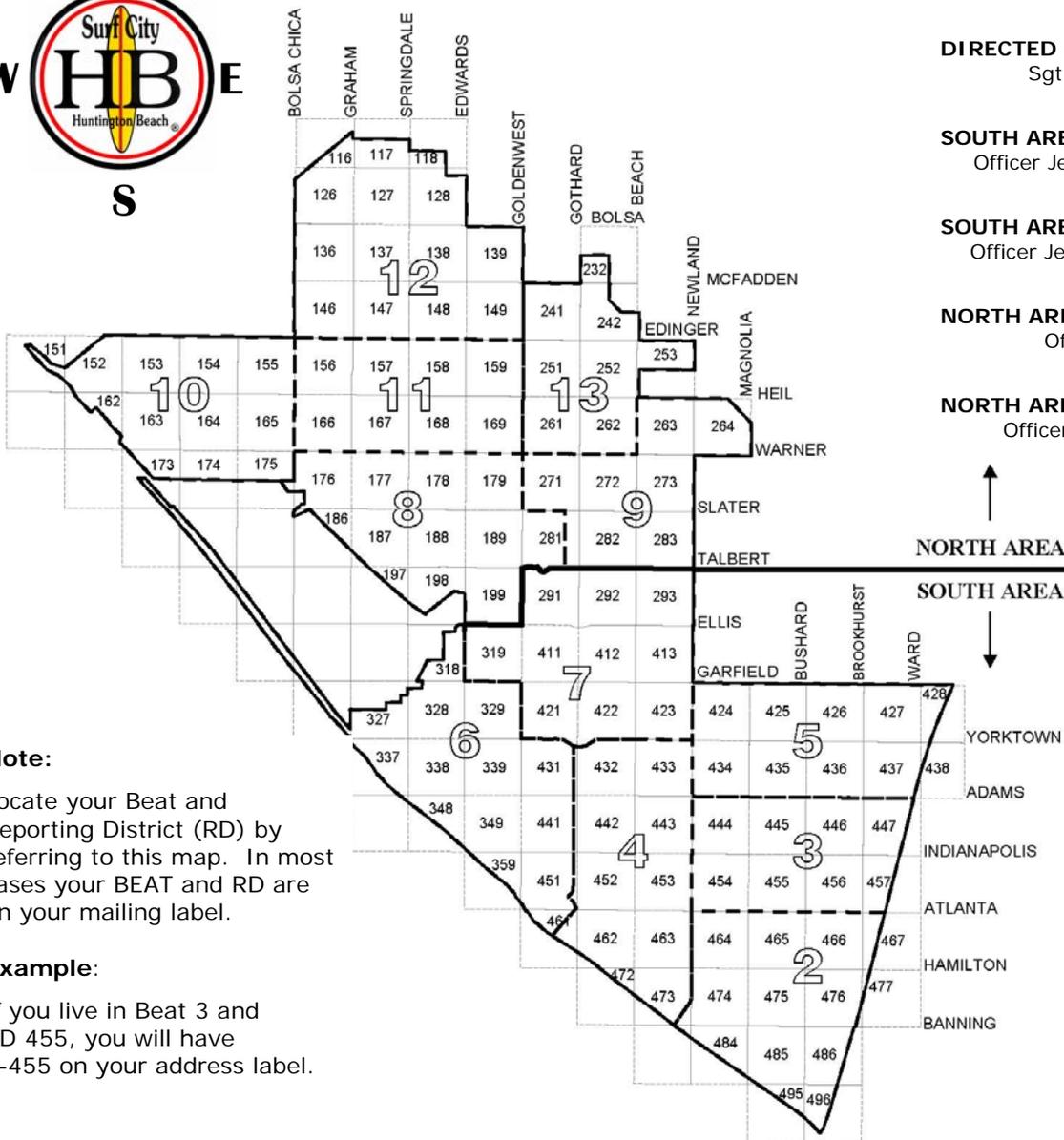
**2 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 262 – 2

Streets: Moonshadow and Warner. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by unknown means. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 241– 2 RD 242 – 1
RD 252 – 1 RD 253 – 1
RD 262 - 3**

Grand Theft Autos
**RD 251– 1 RD 261 - 1
RD 262 – 2**



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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