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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 **\$20,224 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$4,776 to go** by June 30 2009. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. 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.

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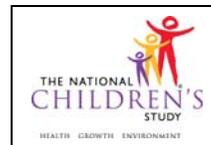
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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.



**The National Children's
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Huntington Beach!**

This is the largest long-term study ever done in the United States on how the environment affects children's health. The National Children's Study will explore the causes of diseases and conditions that are becoming more common among our children and search for ways to prevent or cure them. Targeted areas include premature birth, early-onset diabetes, childhood asthma and autism. The study will track growth and development of Huntington Beach children from before birth through 21 years of age. It will encompass parameters like the air and water quality where they live, what they eat, how often they see a doctor, their family culture and health history, and their daily activity at home and school. If you live in **Huntington Beach**, you may be in one of the 15 Orange County neighborhoods randomly chosen to be in the study! If you are passionate about children's health and would like to be on a Neighborhood Committee that meets and talks with residents about the Study, please contact us. We want to hear from you!

The National Children's Study Orange County Vanguard Center is a collaboration of the University of California, Irvine; Children & Families Commission of Orange County; Children's Hospital of Orange County; and County of Orange Health Care Agency. For more information, contact The National Children's Study, Orange County Vanguard Center at (888) 824-4121 (Toll Free) or (949) 824-1822 or online at www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov.

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Here are some hints to help you identify the people doing this study when they knock on your door:

- Surveyors will be wearing shirts with the above logo along with an Identification card from UCI (University of California Irvine) on a lanyard.
- They will be carrying a wireless portable computer that the survey is conducted on. **The person doing the survey should not ask for any personal information.**
- When in doubt check them out.
- **Do not allow anyone you do not know into your home;** you can call the center at the numbers listed above or the Huntington Beach Police Department to report suspicious activity.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE THIS SUMMER?

Most of us look forward to the summer months. We spend more time outside, even if it is just for a backyard barbecue. We usually take our vacation during the summer or go away on more extended weekends. The children are outdoors playing later; perhaps running in and out of the house. They might even leave bicycles, skate boards etc. outside unlocked where anyone passing by can help themselves. It may be 7 p.m. but it is daylight so we don't lock our doors and windows; *we think we are safe.*

Criminals enjoy summer also because many people do not practice the same safety precautions that they do in the winter. People might not lock and secure their homes when they go out or they might leave windows or sliding doors open. They might just latch a screen door so they won't return to a stuffy home.

Did you know that most burglaries occur during the day? Often criminals are opportunists that remove items of value from a garage because it is left unlocked and open. The criminal might be tempted when they pass a vehicle with a purse, wallet, GPS device, or laptop computer left in clear view.

It is your job to harden the target in hopes that the criminal will pass you by and go somewhere else. We can never say for sure that you will not be a victim of any crime but hopefully these simple reminders will help keep criminals away from your valuables so you won't need to ask "**where did my property go this summer?**" We hope if you remember some of these safety tips you won't need to call the police for service.

At Home:

- When you go out (even next door) or retire for the evening lock your doors and windows.
- Install a peephole if you do not already have one.
- Secure sliding glass doors (be sure it cannot be lifted out of the track).
- Look into security glass (Break-resistant plastic or treated glass around doors and in windows gives added security).
- Consider an alarm system; but remember not everyone needs an alarm. Shop around, compare features (don't forget about the 2nd floor) and ask trusted friends and/or neighbors about what system they use.

Lighting and Landscape:

- Install motion or dusk to dawn lighting at front and rear doors. Also make sure your yard has adequate lighting and check at night for dark areas where a criminal may hide.
- Your shrubs and hedges should be trimmed so intruders cannot use them to hide.
- Plant thorny shrubbery or plants around windows and doors.
- Store ladders and tools in a locked garage or shed. Don't leave them out for an intruder to use.

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Make your home look lived in:

- Use electric timers on lamps, radios and televisions.
- Don't spread the news about your travel plans to strangers but do tell your trusted neighbors.
- Ask someone to collect your mail or stop mail and newspaper delivery while you're away.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to check your home or arrange a "VACATION HOUSE CHECK". This FREE service is provided by the HBPD RSVPs (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). You can go on line to www.hbpd.org to complete an application or call 714-374-1507.

Miscellaneous Reminders:

- Mark your valuables and make a video or take pictures of all your household property including jewelry.
- Secure valuable household papers in a safe place that is fire proof.
- Consider hosting a **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK MEETING** if you haven't already. Or, revitalize an inactive Neighborhood Watch Group. It's simple. Just call your HBPD Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933 for more information.
- Create a security and disaster preparedness plan for you and your family. Get together and work with your neighbors to coordinate a plan for your block or neighborhood.
- Report all suspicious activity to your local police.
- Remember to get a copy of your credit report and check it for any discrepancies.
- Agency contact information is:
Equifax, www.equifax.com (888) 298-0045
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Freedom doesn't mean the absence of all restrictions.



**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO
PREVENT CHILD
ABDUCTION AND
EXPLOITATION**

**From the National Center For Missing and
Exploited Children:**

- Know where your children are at all times. Be familiar with their friends and daily activities.
- Be sensitive to changes in your child's behavior; they are a signal that you should sit down and talk to your children about what caused the changes.
- Be alert to a teenager or adult who is paying an unusual amount of attention to your children or giving them inappropriate or expensive gifts.
- Teach your children to trust their own feelings and assure them that they have the right to say NO to what they sense is wrong.
- Listen carefully to your children's fears and be supportive in all your discussions with them.
- Teach your children that no one should approach them or touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. If someone does, they should tell their parents immediately.
- Be careful about baby-sitters and any other individuals who have custody of your children.
- Young children should be directly supervised by an adult while at a park, the beach, or any other public place.
- Children should know who they can go to for help wherever they are.



**Volunteers
Needed!**

The Huntington Beach Police Department is very proud of it's R.S.V.P. volunteers and the fine work they perform. If you are interested in joining this elite group and meet the requirements for membership, please contact Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at (714) 536-5933 for an application. There will be a new class starting this summer.

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

39 entries in April
23 entries in March

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

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

83 reported in April
58 reported in March

GRAND THEFT AUTO

32 reported in April
23 reported in March

BEAT 2

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 475-1 RD 476-1

Streets: Impala Ln. and Brookhurst St.

In RD 476: Suspect description: height 6', weight 230 lbs. wearing black trench coat with dark color clothing. No further details.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 467-2 RD 476-1
RD 486-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 486-1 RD 464-1 attempt

BEAT 3

3 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 444-1 RD 454-1
RD 456-1

Streets: Afton Cr., Yuba Cr., and Paisley Ln.

There was one garage entry

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 447-1 RD 455-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 4

5 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 442-1 RD 443-1
RD 452-2 RD 453-1

Streets: Alabama St., Racepoint Dr., Elmira Ave., and Indianapolis Ave.

In RD 452 Alabama St.: Victims return home to find suspect in the 2nd story bathroom. Victims exited the residence and telephone police. Suspect in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 452-1 RD 463-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 452-2

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 427-1 RD 435-1

Streets: Kukui Dr., & Madeline Dr.

In RD 427: Suspect takes vehicle parked in the garage. (A spare key was left by owners in the unlocked glove box.)

There was one garage entry

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 412-1 RD 427-1
RD 428-1 RD 435-1
RD 436-1 RD 437-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 426-1 RD 427-1
RD 435-1 RD 436-1

BEAT 6

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 348-1 RD 349-2
RD 359-1 RD 461-1

Streets: 20th Street, 16th Street, Pacific Coast Hwy., and 1st Street

In RD 461; Suspect is in custody.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 348-1 RD 349-1
RD 359-1 RD 431-1
RD 451-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 349-3 RD 441-1
RD 451-1

BEAT 7

5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 291-1 RD 293-1
RD 412-1 RD 413-1
RD 422-1

Streets: Ellis Ave., Taylor Dr., Palin Cr., and Cleveland Dr.

In RD 293, Taylor Dr.; Suspect in custody

In RD 422; Attempted entry through a doggie door.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 412-2 RD 413-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Grand Theft Auto

RD 291-2 RD 293-1

BEAT 8

4 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 176-1 RD 178-2
RD 199-1

Streets: Dunbar Ave., Autumn Cr., Pinehurst Ln., and Clearwater Cr.

In RD 178, Pinehurst Ln.; Suspect possible used victims vinyl fence to gain access to the roof and the opened 2nd story window. Suspect was described as Male, White, late 20's or early 30's, height 5'4" – 5'5", thin brown hair, blue eyes, possible mustache, wearing a white shirt & tie.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 177-3 RD 178-1
RD 187-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 178-1 RD 179-1

BEAT 9

3 Residential Burglaries
11 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 273-2 RD 283-1

Streets: Stanley Walk, Holland Dr., and Newland St.

In RD 273; Suspect only takes prescription medications

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-5 RD 272-5
RD 282-1

Grand Theft Auto

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

BEAT 10

3 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 154-1 RD 164-1
RD 175-1

Streets: Shorebird Dr., Saybrook Ln., and Tiara Dr.

In RD 175: Attempted entry only, Police were called, and suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 155-2 RD 162-1
RD 164-2 RD 165-1 attempt

Grand Theft Auto

RD 162-1

BEAT 11

3 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 156-1 RD 166-1
RD 168-1

Streets: Bolsa Chica St., Heil Ave., and Summercloud Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 156-2 RD 158-1
RD 159-2 RD 166-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 169-1

BEAT 12

3 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 117-1 RD 139-1
RD 159-1

Streets: Nevada Dr., Oxford Dr., and Goldenwest St.

In RD 139: The only item taken was an Ipod.

In RD 159: Suspect is in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 138-1 RD 139-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 128-1 RD 147-1

BEAT 13

1 Residential Burglary
30 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 262-1

Streets: Viewpoint Ln.

In RD 262: Attempted burglary to storage compartment.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242-11 RD 252-3
RD 253-9 RD 261-3
RD 262-4

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-1 RD 242-1
RD 251-1 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.

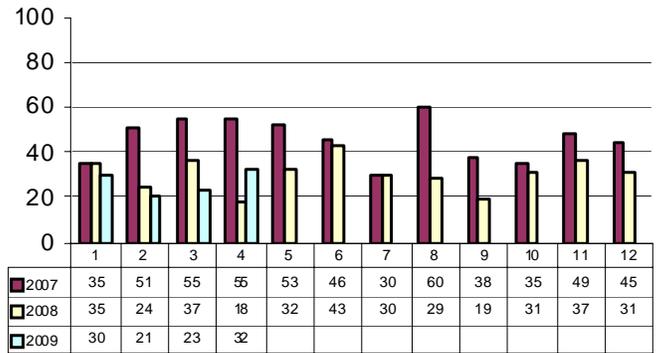
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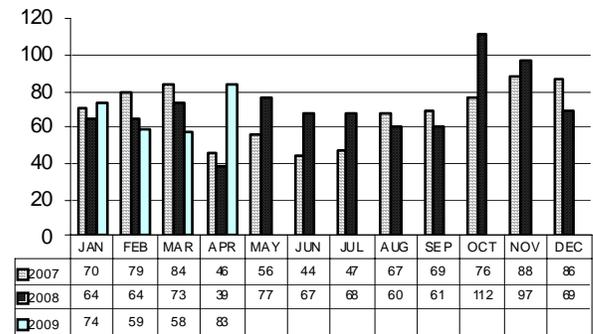
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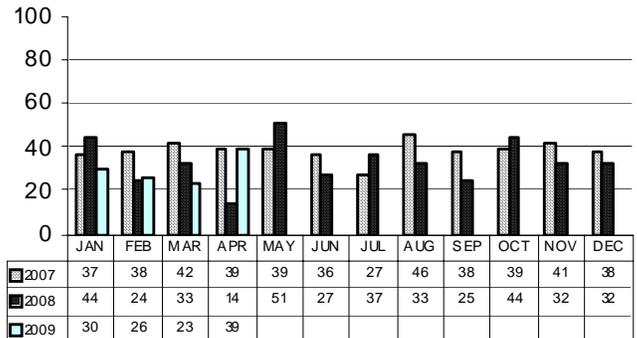
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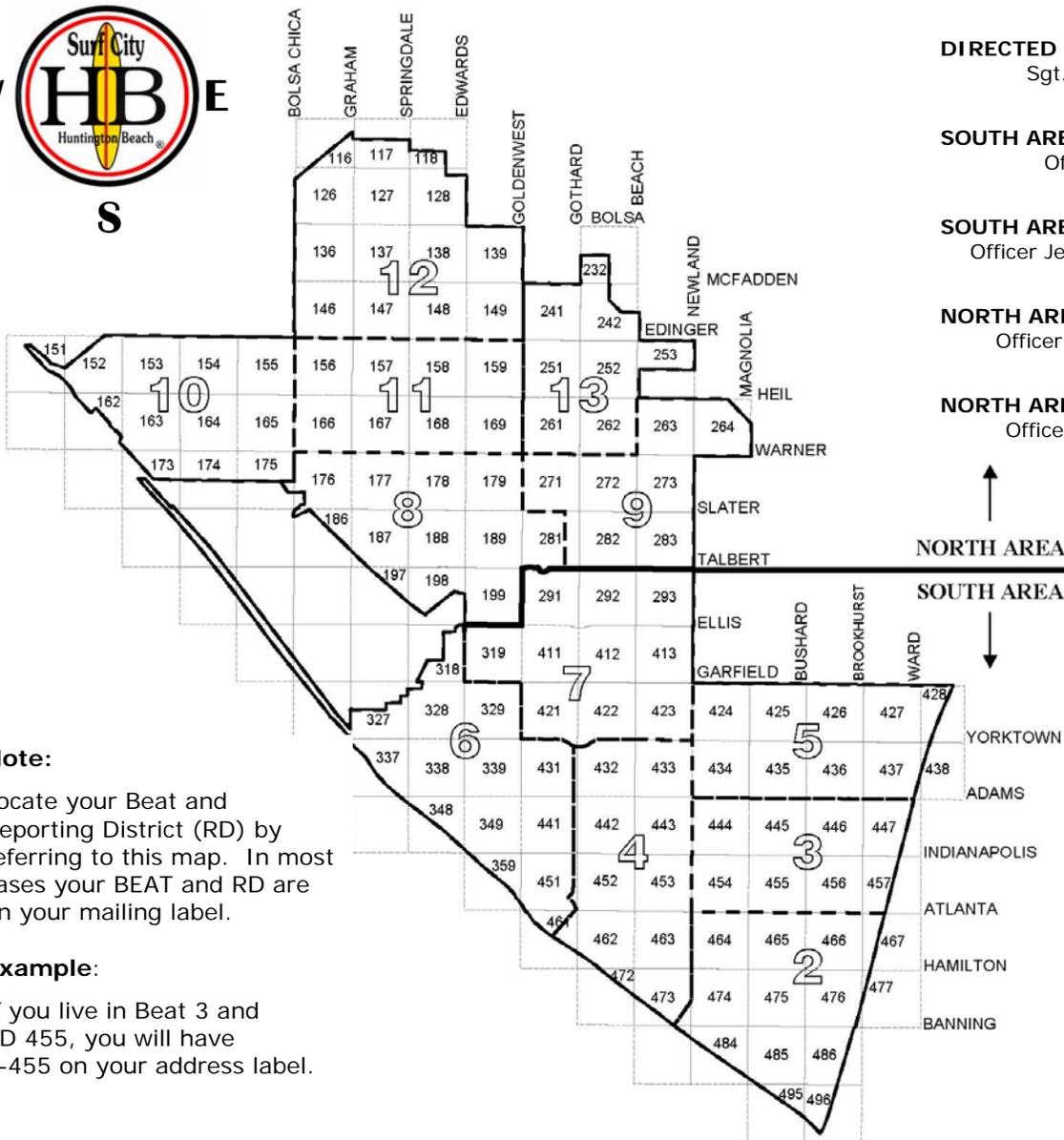
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