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AUGUST DONATION UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch (HBNW) program **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 **\$2,630 in donations and newsletter advertisements—we have \$22,370 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:

HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

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

*A few words from
Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch
President....*

MR. TOM DOTI

My name is Tom Doti. I currently serve as the President on the Board of Directors for the Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch (HBNW). The Huntington Beach Exchange Club, and other concerned citizens, organized the HBNW in 1975. It is a non-profit, crime prevention program made up of residents and active volunteers. The Neighborhood Watch program operates with close cooperation and coordination from the Huntington Beach Police Department.

My wife and I moved back to Huntington Beach when we decided that is where we want to raise our son. While Huntington Beach is a wonderful city, offering a safe environment and numerous activities, I observed some activities in and around our neighborhood that were questionable. Soon after that, I read the HBNW Newsletter. I found the information in the publication interesting and informative. It was then that I decided I wanted to get involved to help make a difference.

The HBNW serves the residents of the community with the attitude that crime in a community is everyone's responsibility. It serves as an effective vehicle for establishing and maintaining healthy relations between the police and the citizens of the city. Further, we feel that with the help of the community, crimes against persons and property can often be prevented and the criminal apprehension rate can be increased.

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A few words from **MR. TOM DOTI**

The HBNW primarily consists of volunteers and was established to provide general and specific information on crime in each neighborhood; to help disseminate crime prevention information (including the monthly newsletter) to the community at large, particularly as it pertains to burglary prevention; and to train individual residents in crime prevention and reporting techniques.

These and other activities are carried out in conjunction with a great deal of practical assistance from the HBPd. However, the Police Department does not sponsor the Neighborhood Watch program; they support it by providing a paid employee to coordinate the program and to print up needed literature such as pamphlets and the HBNW monthly newsletter. The residents of Huntington Beach sponsor the program by their involvement, participation, and financial support. The HBNW Board also includes speakers, which help coordinate and speak at both small and large neighborhood watch meetings in every neighborhood within the city.

In addition, we are active and visible at most city events including Surf City Nights in downtown, the 4th of July Parade, and recently we held a very successful event for National Night Out with the assistance and support of Target. National Night Out is an annual, national event held the first Tuesday in August and Target Stores is the national sponsor. Look for even bigger recognition of this very positive event next year!

If you would like to get involved with the community and make a difference, I highly recommend looking into the HBNW. There are opportunities available that can accommodate any schedule and offer a wide range of activities. In addition, it is very gratifying being involved with, and making a difference in, such a wonderful community. If you would like to get involved, or want to inquire about opportunities, please contact our Community Relations Specialist, Nilda Patiño de Berndt, at (714) 536-5933. As a community, we are very fortunate to have the support of Nilda overseeing the HBNW, and I strongly encourage you to read the newsletter monthly. Give her a call to schedule a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting or to find out how you can become an active member.

HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 AT 6:30 PM
HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

4 Ways to Help Prevent Crime

REDUCING AND PREVENTING CRIME ISN'T ALWAYS IN THE MINDS OF MOST PEOPLE ON A DAILY BASIS, BUT THERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE IMPROVEMENTS YOU CAN MAKE TO HELP PREVENT LOSS. THE CONCEPT OF CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) HAS BEEN ADAPTED BY MANY NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESSES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THE PREMISE OF CPTED IS THAT *"THE PROPER DESIGN AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT CAN LEAD TO A REDUCTION IN THE FEAR OF CRIME AND INCIDENCE OF CRIME, AND TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF LIFE."* - NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION INSTITUTE

THE FOUR MAIN CONCEPTS OF CPTED ARE NATURAL SURVEILLANCE, TERRITORIAL ENFORCEMENT, NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL, AND TARGET HARDENING. THERE ARE EASY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP COMBAT CRIME AT YOUR HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS:

NATURAL SURVEILLANCE:

- TRIM BUSHES AND TREES SO THAT YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR VISIBILITY.
- CLEAR YOUR WINDOWS AND VIEW FROM CLUTTER. IT ALLOWS YOU TO SEE YOUR SURROUNDINGS, IN TURN, DISCOURAGING WOULD-BE THIEVES.

TERRITORIAL ENFORCEMENT:

- CREATE EYE-PLEASING BOUNDARIES BY USING PLANTERS AND FENCING.
- MOTION SENSOR LIGHTING WILL ALERT ENTRANTS THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF ACCESS TO YOUR PROPERTY.

NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL:

- STRUCTURE ELEMENTS AROUND YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS TO DENY ACCESS TO PRIVATE AREAS.
- CLEARLY MARKED SIGNS WILL HELP DIRECT PEOPLE AND TRAFFIC FLOW.

TARGET HARDENING:

- SECURE YOUR DOORS, WINDOWS, AND FENCING WITH LOCKS.
- EXTERIOR DOOR HINGES ALLOW EASY REMOVAL--IT IS RECOMMENDED TO HAVE THEM REPLACED WITH INTERIOR DOOR HINGES.

BY FOLLOWING THESE SIMPLE GUIDELINES, YOU WILL HELP REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUSINESS COMPLEX.

WRITER: SAL W. HANNA, MS/AJS



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



Bob Stuber founded Escape School in 1997. It is an all-inclusive forum on child safety; a group that aims to keep kids safe. He has some common-sense, no-nonsense suggestions for making the school year a safe one and he shared some of them on **The Early Show**. Bob has trained over 80 other individuals to serve as Escape School instructors throughout the U.S. and Canada. In all situations, he promotes the reawakening of common sense.

TRAVEL TO/FROM SCHOOL -- There is no "right" age for kids to start walking or biking to school alone or with a friend. Each family needs to consider the maturity of their child, how many busy streets have to be crossed, and if these streets have lights or crossing guards.

Here are Bob Stuber's top safety suggestions for parents:

Research Route to School: Parents and kids together need to map out what route to take to school, and any alternate routes. In addition to feeling comfortable with the busy streets, etc., it's very important that parents know who lives along the child's path. Megan's Law requires that any person jailed for a sexual offense and then released be "registered" in the neighborhood where they live. This is public record and parents should utilize it by visiting the Megan's law website and researching the route to school.

- **Encourage Responsibility** - *Yes, adults in cars should always be on the lookout for kids in the street, especially in a school zone, but we all know this often doesn't happen. Kids should not expect cars to look out for them; they need to take responsibility and protect themselves. Don't allow your child to walk to school wearing headphones or playing an electronic game because this will make them oblivious to their surroundings.*
- **Watch Child Reach Safety** - *If you drive your child to school, don't take off the moment they step out of the car. Make sure they get inside, or at least to the front lawn/sidewalk where they're with other students and teachers. Don't feel pressure to pull away just because cars are piling up behind you - this is important. Many kids disappear between the parent's car and the school. Also, the congestion of many cars and buses can be dangerous.*
- **Advocate for Safety Changes** - *Parents often don't realize how much power they have to change things within a school. If you think your child's bus should have a crossing gate or your school needs a call-back system (the administration calls if your child does not arrive at school), then gather other parents together and express your concerns. Don't wait for these changes to be instituted as the result of a tragedy. Stuber says administrations are very open to listening and responding to parents.*

HOME ALONE -- Another big safety concern for parents is how to protect "latchkey" kids who are home alone after school. This area especially is one in which experts love to offer advice. The favorite rule uttered by parents and experts alike is: "Don't let a stranger inside the house." It's a good rule, but ineffective. "Stranger is a terrible word," Stuber explains. "Kids expect strangers to be scary, and they're not."

As part of his work with Escape School, Stuber has met with parents who swear their children would never let a stranger inside. Wearing a hidden camera, he then knocks on a door while parents watch from a van down the street. He tells the child his cat has run into the backyard and asks to come in to retrieve the cat. The lie works EVERY TIME.

There are really only two rules parents need to give their latchkey kids:

1. **Keep Doors Shut** - Instead of telling kids not to let a stranger in, the real rule needs to be: Keep the door shut and locked at all times. Don't fill your child's head with "don'ts;" simply tell them to keep all doors closed. If someone comes to the door, your child can communicate with this person through the door.
2. **Set Check-In Time** - Another thing parents should ask their child to do is call and let Mom or Dad know that they are home safe. Set a consistent time for the child to call each day. Give them 10 minutes plus or minus to allow for a slow bus, etc., then start to worry if they don't meet this deadline. Also, find a close neighbor who is usually home around this time. If the parent can't be reached, the child knows to call this person.

Parents need to remember that kids who are home alone are much more likely to encounter dangers, such as fire from burning popcorn or falling down the stairs, than being abducted by a stranger. Parents need to consider some of these issues facing their families and deal with them accordingly.

DEALING WITH A BULLY -- Sometimes the idea of a bully seems more like a sitcom plot than a reality; however, bullies are one of the big things parents continue to worry about when sending their child to school.

"Bullies make the child feel terrible and make the whole family miserable," says Stuber. "This can't be a wait-and-see issue; parents need to be aggressive on this one."

Kids don't usually admit they are being abused at school. Parents must make it clear to kids how essential it is to share this information. When parents discover their child is the victim of a bully, Stuber has three steps for them to take.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Alert!

To help keep costs down, our deadline to send the newsletter to print has moved up. This month's issue reflects crime statistics only through August 15th. All future editions will run from the 16th of one month to the 15th of the following month. If you have any questions, please call (714) 536-5933.

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

30 entries up to August 15th
40 entries in July

Sixteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Nine of these burglaries were committed during the day; eight were committed at night and 13 at an unknown time.

There were nine garage entries and four attempted burglaries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

31 reported up to August 15th
111 reported in July

GRAND THEFT AUTO

17 reported up to August 15th
33 reported in July

BEAT 2

1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 476-1

Streets: Hamilton Ave.

RD 476, Hamilton Ave.; entry not made.

There was one attempted burglary

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 485-1; RD 486-2; RD 495-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 475-1

BEAT 3

0 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
None reported

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 445-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 4

5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 432-3; RD 453-1; RD 462-1

Streets: Delaware St., England St., Catamaran Ln., and Huntington St.

In RD 432, Delaware St.; victim awakes when a noise is heard, suspect flees. Suspect described as in their 20's, light complexion, and wearing baseball hat, dark t-shirt, and board shorts.

RD 453, Catamaran Ln.; suspect #1 described as male, white, approximate height 6', thin build, mid-20's, wearing a white t-shirt, white hat, and unknown color shorts. Suspect #2 described as male, Hispanic, approximate height 5'8", thin build, mid-20's, short hair, several tattoos on his upper body, wearing dark colored shorts, and no shirt.

In RD 462, Huntington St.; no entry made.

There was one garage entry and one attempted burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 433-1; RD 443-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 432-1; RD 442-1; RD 472-1

BEAT 5

5 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 425-1; RD 433-1; RD 435-1;
RD 437-2

Streets: Hyde Park Dr., Cade Cir., Chesapeake Ln., Lexington Ln., and Merrimac Dr.

In RD 425, Hyde Park Dr.; suspect #1 described as male, black, approximately 19 years old, height 5'11", medium build, short dark hair. Suspect #2 male, black, approximately 17 years old, height 5'8". Vehicle described as a 4 door, silver color, victim thought it might be a Nissan with California license plate 6HUA164.

In RD 433, Cade Cir.; suspect used unlocked dog door to enter. Suspect is known.

There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
None reported

Grand Theft Auto
RD 339-1; RD 437-1



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 6

1 Residential Burglary
7 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 349-1

Streets: 18 St.
There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 349-1; RD 359-2; RD 441-1;
RD 451-3

Grand Theft Auto
RD 461-1

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 411-1; RD 413-1; RD 423-1

Streets: Ashford Ln., Constantine Dr.,
and Hamden Ln.

In RD 411, Ashford Ln.; suspect is in
custody.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 412-1; RD 422-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 293

BEAT 8

6 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 177-1; RD 178-2; RD 179-1;
RD 188-1; RD 197-1

Streets: Kern Dr., Point Loma Dr.,
Northfield Ln., Wrenfield Dr., Vatcher
Dr., and Bellfield Ln.

In RD 178, Point Loma Dr.; suspect is in
custody. Also, Northfield Ln.; suspect is
in custody.

In RD 197, Bellfield Ln.; no entry was
made.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 177-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 9

5 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 272-2; RD 273-2; RD 283-1

Streets: Jacquelyn Ln., Dairyview Cir.,
Friesland Dr., A St., and Michael Dr.

In RD 273, A St.; suspect is known.

In RD 283, Michael Dr.; 2 suspects in
custody.

There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 272-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 10

1 Residential Burglary
1 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 155-1

Streets: Del Oro Cir.

In RD 155, Del Oro Cir; no entry was
made.

There was one attempted burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 153-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 151-1; RD 175-1

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
1 Vehicle Burglary
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 157-1

Streets: Nassau Ln.
There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 166-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported

BEAT 12

1 Residential Burglary
2 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 139-1

Streets: Hanover Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 139-1; RD 149-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 126-1; RD 138-1; RD 146-1

BEAT 13

1 Residential Burglary
8 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 261-1

Streets: Goldenwest St.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 242-2; RD 252-2; RD 253-3;
RD 262-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 252-1; RD 253-2; RD 262-1

**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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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Visit School in Person:** Talk to the principal or counselor. Explain the situation and give them a chance to deal with the problem. You **MUST** go in person to show the school how serious you are about the bullying and make sure you have the administrator's full attention.
- 2. Request Meeting with Parents:** If the school doesn't stop the behavior, ask to meet at the school with the bully's parents. Make them aware of what's going on and ask them to deal with it immediately.
- 3. Get Police Involved:** Finally, if you have seen no changes, go to the police. This step rarely has to be taken, but it can be effective if necessary. Going to the police doesn't mean you want to have the child arrested; think of the police as another mediator, one the bully's parents may be more likely to respond to. Sit down with the police, explain the steps you've taken to stop the bullying, and ask for advice. They may have information you didn't know before such as, this child has been a problem in the past. You can then go back to the bully's parents, tell them you've spoken with the police, and threaten to officially lodge a complaint if the bully's behavior doesn't stop.

We hope you found these safety tips helpful. If you would like to set up a Safe Escape presentation at your school, please call the Huntington Beach Police Department, Community Relations Specialist, at (714) 536-5933.

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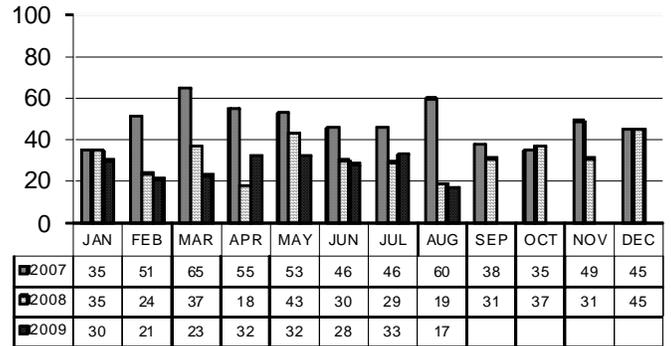
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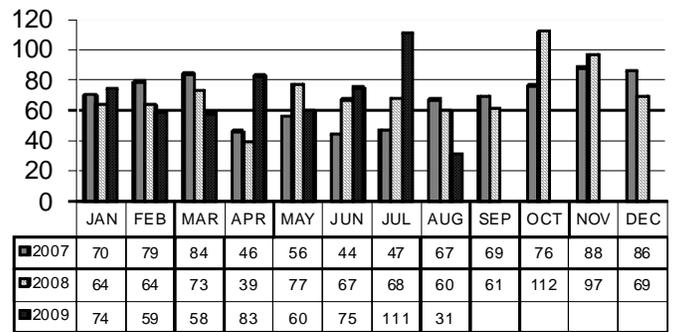
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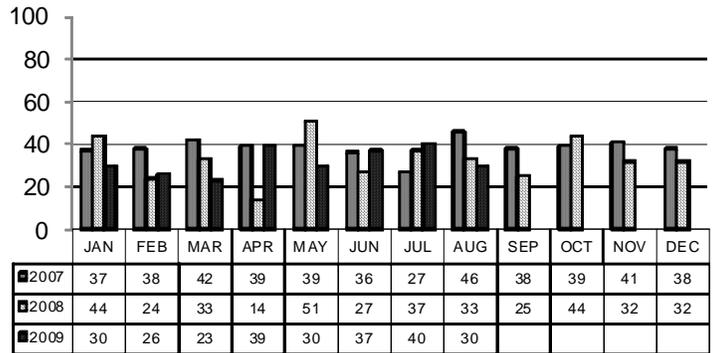
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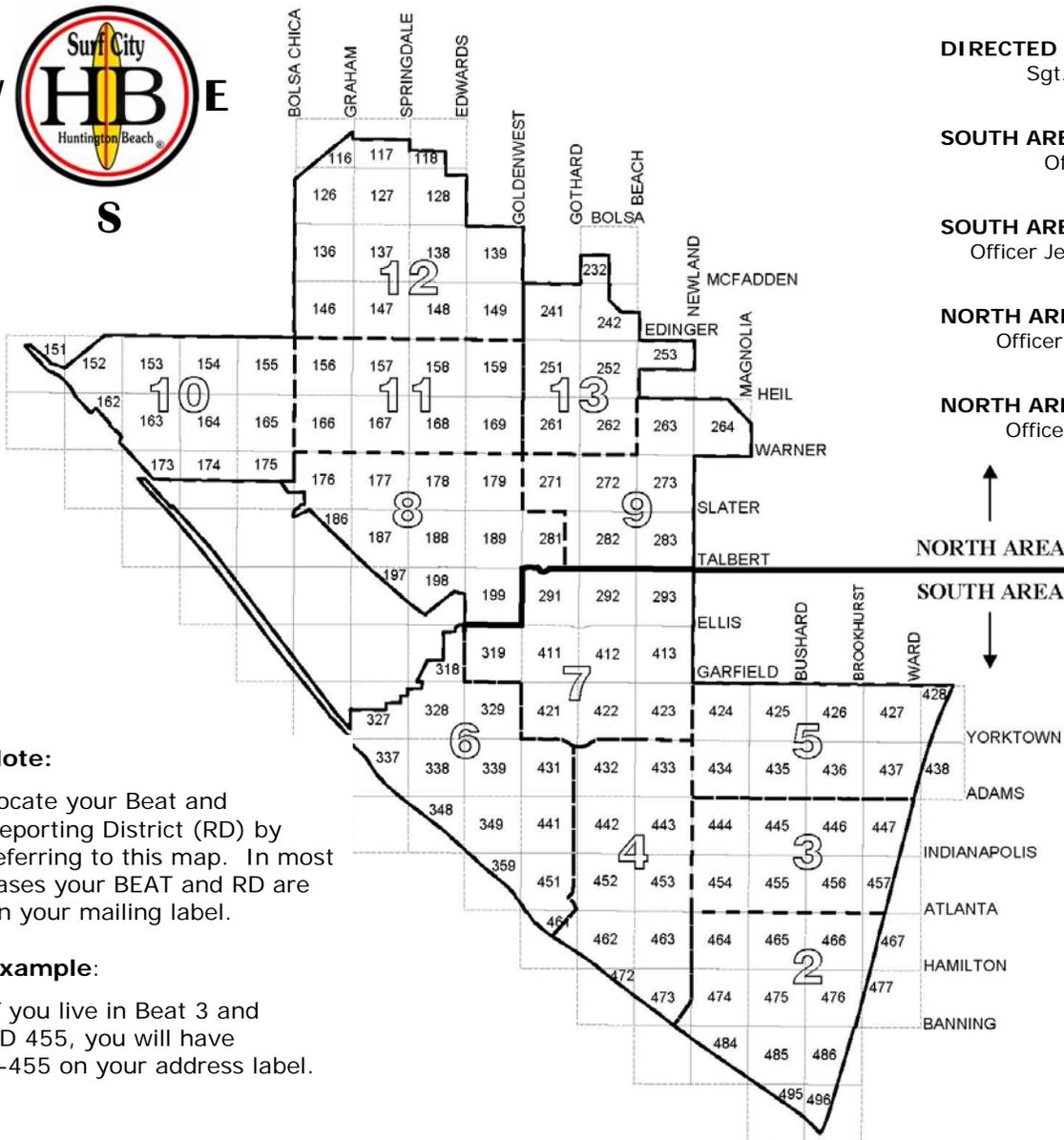
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