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THERE ARE NO BOARD MEETINGS IN  
JULY OR AUGUST**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND BE SAFE!**

**WARM WEATHER REMINDER**



With the warmer weather here, many residents tend to leave their windows open while they're gone. An open window is easy to spot from the street and may tempt an unwelcome intruder.

Open garage doors make an easy opportunity for a thief to see what you have in your garage. An unlocked bike makes an easy item to hop on and ride out. How about a toolbox? It may be wise to lock that bike while it's in the garage and keep that toolbox out of sight. That way, if you accidentally leave your door wide open, you have taken away the opportunity to steal these items easily.

If you have a two-story home, make sure all the windows and sliding glass doors are closed and locked before going to sleep at night. Burglars look for this during the summer and will enter a home with an open window or door. They are looking for purses and wallets and will even go up to your second floor bedroom to search for them while you are sleeping. If you wake up while the thief is in your room, there could be a struggle and end up tragic.

Don't learn the hard way, be safe and smart and take away the opportunity for the crime to happen, you then reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

**KIDS 'N PETS IN CARS - NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE**



Most well-meaning people have done it. On a hectic day of running errands, with kids and pets in tow, they have left them in the car "just for a minute" while running into the dry cleaners, convenience store, etc. It seems like a harmless thing to do, however, the results can be deadly.

During warm weather, the inside of the car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes. Permanent brain damage, injuries, or death can occur. Children have climbed out of their car seat and shifted the car into gear, became ill or worse from car fumes, and have been abducted when someone broke into the car. A vehicle left running and/or the keys are left in the ignition, dramatically increases the risk of carjacking.

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## ***DRUG DEALERS ARE SELLING FLAVORED CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE KNOWN AS "STRAWBERRY QUICK"***

Excerpts from: Urban Legends Reference Pages 1995-2007 – by Barbara & David P. Mikkelson – [www.snopes.com/horrors/drugs/candymeth.asp](http://www.snopes.com/horrors/drugs/candymeth.asp)

**PLEASE BE ADVISED, THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTED CASES IN HUNTINGTON BEACH TO DATE. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHILDREN, THEIR FRIENDS, AND OTHER STUDENTS NOT TO ACCEPT CANDY FROM STRANGERS AS THIS IS OBVIOUSLY AN ATTEMPT TO SEDUCE CHILDREN INTO DRUG USE. THEY ALSO NEED TO BE CAUTIOUS IN ACCEPTING CANDY EVEN FROM FRIENDS THAT MAY HAVE RECEIVED IT FROM SOMEONE ELSE, THINKING IT IS CANDY.**

Candied meth is the latest thing in street drugs, first reported as appearing in the western states in January 2007. (Nevada holds the dubious honor of being the first state the substance was found in--its Department of Public Safety issued a bulletin about flavored meth seized during a January 2007 search of a gang member's apartment in Carson City.)

The colored crystals have since spread across the nation. According to intelligence gathered by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), agents from informants, users, local police, and drug counselors, flavored meth is available in California, Nevada, Washington, Idaho, Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, and Minnesota. Says DEA spokesman Steve Robertson, "Drug traffickers are trying to lure in new customers, no matter what their age, by making the meth seem less dangerous."

The alert might lead you to believe you need only look out for "Strawberry Quick" to keep your family safe. (The name is reminiscent of strawberry Quik, a powder used to make flavored milk drinks.) Yet that form of the drug is but one of many flavors in circulation: **In addition to strawberry, crystal meth also comes in chocolate, peanut butter, cola, cherry, and orange versions. One DEA agent reported a red methamphetamine that had been marketed as a powdered form of an energy drink.**



While it is not clear flavorings have been added for the express purpose of making the drug appeal to children (it seems more likely they were incorporated as a way of combating the substance's bitter taste), it is expected that "candied" versions of meth will nonetheless have that effect. **Flavored meth has been described as resembling rock candy or Pop Rocks (a kid-favored confection that fizzes in the mouth).** Because it looks, smells, and tastes like candy, flavored meth may fool children and teens into perceiving it as far less dangerous and addictive than it actually is. How can, after all, anything that looks that tasty and inviting be as evil as the grownups make it out to be? The new versions also present an increased risk that children who happen upon stashes of the drug, will mistake their finds for candy.

In April 2007, U.S. Senators Feinstein and Grassley introduced legislation aimed at increasing the criminal penalties for anyone who markets or makes candy-flavored drugs by imposing upon them the same enhanced criminal sentences handed down to drug dealers who knowingly sell to minors.

The *Saving Kids from Dangerous Drugs Act* would alter federal law from its current state of requiring doubled (or tripled for a repeat offense) sentences for those caught selling illegal drugs to those under the age of 21, to imposing doubled or tripled sentences on anyone who "manufactures, creates, distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute a controlled substance that is flavored, colored, packaged or otherwise altered in a way that is designed to make it more appealing to a person under 21 years of age, or who attempts or conspires to do so." No longer would a dealer have to be caught red-handed in the act of selling to a person under 21 for the doubled or tripled sentences to kick in; under the proposed refinement to current law, simply possessing flavored versions of street drugs would be enough. Also, by the lights of this rewriting of the law, manufacturers of flavored drugs would also be subject to doubled or tripled sentences.

There is one bit of good news in all this: Methamphetamine use is down for much of the country for the second year running. Researchers say it appears this latest meth epidemic reached its peak in 2004 and 2005, and data from the federal government shows the number of first-time meth users has steadily declined in recent years.

Let's hope that Strawberry Quick doesn't serve to reverse that trend.

By Barbara "quick step backwards" Mikkelson



# Pier Webcam

## GET A LIVE VIEW OF THE PIER AND DOWNTOWN



If you are thinking the beach, before the current live on the Huntington [live webcam](#).

about heading to you leave check beach conditions Beach website

To access the webcam, click on "Residents" or "Visitors" and then go to Beach Information. This feature will allow anyone around the world with Internet access to observe downtown Huntington Beach, the entire pier, and the surf. The webcam is attached to the lifeguard tower on the Huntington Beach pier and provides a panoramic view to anyone accessing the site. Viewers can control the camera's direction, and can also zoom in on a preferred location or scene.

Also, if you are interested in surf conditions and/or the weather, the webcam page will provide this additional information. The current water temperature, wind direction and speed, surf height, tides, and air pressure are updated daily.

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The Huntington Beach Police Department's volunteer programs, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS), want to thank the businesses that made donations towards building the float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. This year marked the 10<sup>th</sup> year the volunteer organizations have entered a float in the parade. A big thank you goes to **Home Depot, ACE Hardware and Impact Signs & Graphics**. Also, a special thank you to the **Lutheran Church of the Resurrection** for providing the chairs we use on the float. We could not succeed without the support of these fine organizations. It's these businesses/organizations that give back to the community. So if you have a chance, consider using their services whenever possible.

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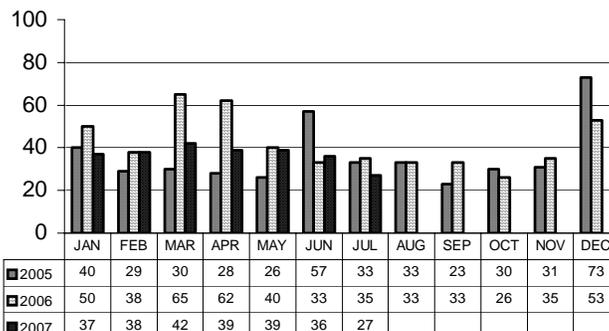
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## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



**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**

27 entries in July  
36 entries in June

Thirteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 48% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 6 garage entries out of 27 burglaries, or 22% of the entries reported.

Eighteen of the entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Nine entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

Five entries were by force or pry tool, four entries were by unknown means with no force, two attempts without entry, one entry was by an open area with house under construction, one entry by force with house vacant and one entry thru a dog door.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

47 reported in July  
44 reported in June

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

30 reported in July  
46 reported in June

**BEAT 2**

2 Residential Burglaries  
4 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
RD 467 – 1      RD 476 – 1

Streets: Brookhurst and Borba. One entry by force or pry tool and one entry by unknown means. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 465 – 2      RD 466 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 464 – 1      RD 466 – 1

**BEAT 3**

3 Residential Burglaries  
1 Vehicle Burglary  
0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
RD 446 – 1      RD 447 – 1  
RD 455 – 1

Streets: Bay Meadow, Midland and Woodcrest. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by unknown means and one attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 455 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
None

**BEAT 4**

1 Residential Burglary  
8 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
RD 432 – 1

Street: Huntington. **ENTRY BY AN OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.** There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 442 – 2      RD 452 – 2  
RD 462 – 1      RD 472 – 1  
RD 473 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 442 – 1      RD 453 – 1  
RD 462 – 1      RD 463 – 3

**BEAT 5**

1 Residential Burglary  
1 Vehicle Burglary  
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
RD 434 – 1

Street: Helena. Entry by an open area with house under construction. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 434 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 427 – 1      RD 437 – 1

**BEAT 6**

8 Residential Burglaries  
6 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
RD 329 – 1      RD 349 - 5  
RD 359 – 1      RD 441 – 1

Streets: Chandon, 19<sup>th</sup> St., 15<sup>th</sup> St., Pierpoint, 14<sup>th</sup> St., Lake and two entries on 16<sup>th</sup> St. **FIVE ENTRIES WERE BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by unknown means, one attempt without entry, one entry by force or pry tool with house vacant. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 337 – 1      RD 348 – 1  
RD 359 – 1      RD 451 – 1  
RD 461 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 349 – 1      RD 441 – 2  
RD 451 – 3

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**BEAT 7**

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

Residential Burglaries  
None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 411 – 1      RD 422 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 412 – 1

**BEAT 8**

**1 Residential Burglary  
2 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries  
RD 178 – 1

Street: Summerdale. **ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 178 – 1      RD 189 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 199 – 1

**BEAT 9**

**1 Residential Burglary  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
RD 272 – 1

Street: Oak. **ENTRY BY AN OPEN GARAGE DOOR.**

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 263 – 1      RD 272 – 2  
RD 283 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 272 – 2

**BEAT 10**

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

RD 153 – 1      RD 154 – 1  
RD 155 – 1      RD 156 – 1

Streets: Bonaire, Shorebreak, Calle Castor and Warrant. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** One entry by force or pry tool and one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 151 – 1      RD 152 – 2  
RD 153 – 1      RD 165 – 1  
RD 174 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 173 – 1      RD 175 – 1

**BEAT 11**

**3 Residential Burglaries  
0 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries  
RD 156 – 1      RD 158 – 1  
RD 166 – 1

Streets: Heil, Bellinger and Charlotte. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by force or pry tool and one entry by a dog door. There was one garage entry. Poss. suspect seen in the Bellinger dog door entry described as: Male Asian Adult, 19-24 yrs., short brown hair., 5'7", 135 lbs., driving a faded white 1992 Nissan vehicle.

Vehicle Burglaries  
None

Grand Theft Autos  
None

**BEAT 12**

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

Residential Burglaries  
RD 138 – 1      RD 149 – 1

Streets: Medford and Skyview. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** There was one entry by a door kick. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 128 – 2      RD 136 – 1  
RD 139 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
None

**BEAT 13**

**1 Residential Burglary  
6 Vehicle Burglaries  
8 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
RD 262 – 2

Street: Westwood. Entry by forcing or prying garage door.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 232 – 1      RD 242 – 2  
RD 252 – 1      RD 253 – 1  
RD 262 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 242 – 5      RD 253 – 1  
RD 261 – 1      RD 262 – 1

**IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED BECAUSE OF A BURGLARY, IT MAY BE WISE TO MEET WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS TO DISCUSS HAVING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. CALL 536-5933 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



## RESIDENTIAL WATER CONSUMPTION – CALL TO CONSERVE

Due to the extremely dry winter and water shortages in the Sacramento River Delta, Southern California is facing a possible water shortage this summer. The city of Huntington Beach Public Works Utilities Division is requesting that water customers immediately begin a voluntary 10% reduction in water use. Remember, when you practice water conservation you also practice energy conservation by saving the energy it takes to produce water and deliver it to your home or business.

The average residential water use in Huntington Beach is 15 units, or 11,250 gallons per month. You can save 1,100 gallons per month by reducing automatic irrigation systems to alternate days instead of every day. A standard garden hose can use 10 gallons per minute. This means you can easily use 100 gallons of water with only a 10 minute pavement wash. Use a broom instead and you can easily save 10%. If the kids need to play in the sprinklers to help stay cool, schedule it for the same day you will be watering your lawn to double the benefit.



Other ways to conserve: Turn the water off while brushing your teeth and/or shaving. While shaving, fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of water to rinse your razor. This can save three gallons of water per day per person for each activity. For information on water conservation and on-going rebate programs, go to [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com) or [www.mwdoc.com](http://www.mwdoc.com) or, call the Utilities Division at 536-5921.



## KIDS 'N PETS IN CARS – NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE

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Dogs and cats are just as much at risk in a hot car as children. They can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. As mentioned above, even in the shade, a car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes. This can mean real trouble for your companion animals left in the car. Pets that are left in hot cars, even briefly, can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone for a short time that your pet will be safe. Even an air-conditioned car with the motor off isn't healthy for your pet.

To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, be sure to play it safe by leaving them cool and refreshed at home while you're on the road. And, if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call your local animal control or police department immediately. For more information about keeping your pets safe, see the Humane Society of the U.S. website at: <http://www.hsus.org/search.jsp>



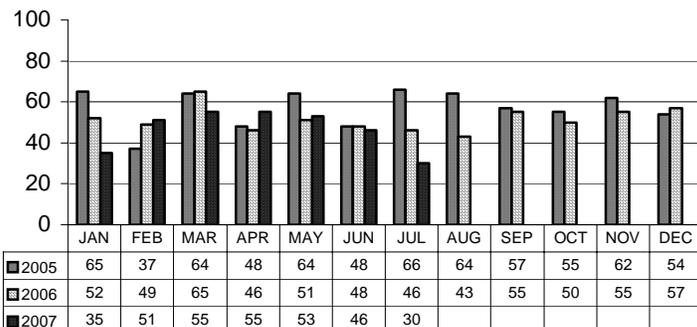
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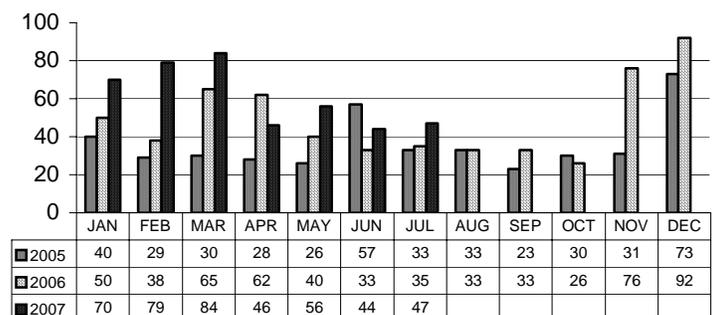
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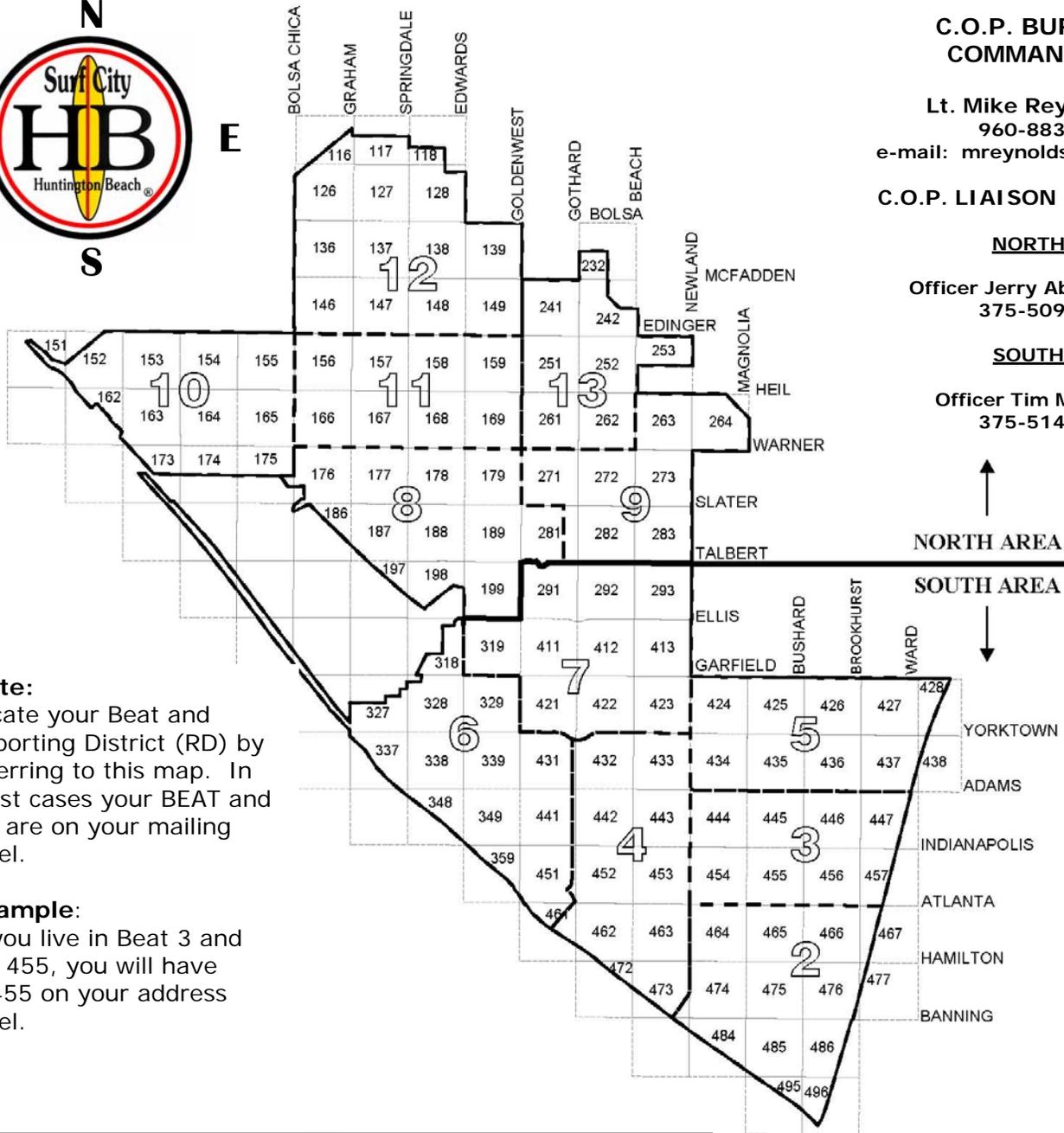
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### GRAND THEFT AUTO



### VEHICLE BURGLARIES





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