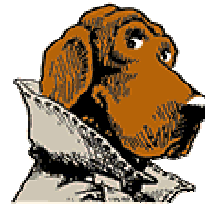




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**August 2005
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Donations Update**

This year Neighborhood Watch needs to raise \$20,000 to cover postal costs through the end of the year. At the end of June we received a total of \$12,329 from our subscribers and advertisers. So we have another \$7,671 to raise in order to have enough money by the end of the year.

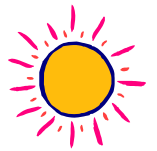
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Newsletter is Available Online

If you would like to receive the newsletter over the Internet, please send your email address to swajda@hbpd.org. Also include your name and address so we can remove your name from our postage mailing list.

**HB Neighborhood Watch
BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2005
6:30 pm -2nd floor Conf. Room**

WARM WEATHER REMINDER



With the warmer weather here, many residents will tend to leave their windows open to cool off their homes while they are gone. While you will come home to a cool home, a thief might have cleaned it out. An open window is easy to spot from the street and may tempt an unwelcome intruder.

Another problem during the summer is open garage doors. While we are home we think we can leave our garage doors wide open to get that circulation of air throughout our home. What is does is leave 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 get these types of items easily.

If you have a two-story home, make sure all the windows including the sliding glass door 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 into your second floor bedroom to search for it 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 CARS, NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE

Most well-meaning parents have done it. On a hectic day of running errands with children in tow, we have left the kids in the car "just for a minute" while running into the dry-cleaners, convenience store, or dropping another child off at school. It seems like a harmless thing to do and definitely shaves minutes off a hurried day. However, the results of that led to permanent brain damage or death, injuries or deaths occurred because a child climbed out of the car seat and shifted the car into gear, became ill or worse from heat or car fumes, abducted when someone broke into the car. If the vehicle is running or keys are left in the ignition, the risks dramatically increase for carjacking (the car and the children).



Orange County Leads the Nation in West Nile Virus Activity

Orange County Vector Control District (The District) has reported that results of tests conducted on hundreds of dead birds submitted by the public have revealed that over 100 of those birds were infected with West Nile Virus (WNV). The State of California has also confirmed that at least 11 batches (pools) of mosquitoes collected by the District have tested positive for this serious mosquito borne disease as well.

These numbers put Orange County at the top of the list as the county with the greatest amount of detected WNV activity anywhere in the country. There have been no human cases of WNV in California during 2005; Kansas has reported the only human case in the country.

There are several reasons that Orange County has such high numbers. The County has many natural coastal and inland wetlands, and the near record rainfall last winter has left above-normal water levels in these wetlands. Even though last winter was wet, it was quite mild.

The District found positive mosquitoes in January. There was no period of inactivity, so the virus really had a running start this spring. The District has partnered with the animal control agencies throughout the county to collect dead birds for testing at the District. There have been almost 600 birds collected this year, of which 360 were suitable for testing, representing almost 20% of the State-wide total. Mosquito surveillance consists of 100 mosquito traps that are checked weekly. So far the District has submitted 1,953 batches of mosquitoes for testing; 34% of the total for the entire state.

The hot weather means there will be a great deal of outdoor events taking place at the time when mosquitoes are most active. The Orange County Vector Control District urges everyone to take a few simple precautions to protect themselves and their families from WNV.



The public should wear a mosquito repellent containing Deet®, and if at all possible wear long pants and long sleeves when outdoors at dusk and early evening. Reducing mosquito bites is the best way to reduce the chances of contracting WNV. When at home, there are other opportunities to reduce the likelihood of a mosquito bite. The public should make sure that window screens are installed and in good repair, eliminate any standing water around your home or workplace, and report any other possible mosquito breeding sites to the District. One out of service swimming pool or abandoned fish pond can produce enough mosquitoes to threaten an entire neighborhood.

More information can be found on the District's website www.ocvcd.org.

HB1—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY

The beginning of summer brought increased activity for the crews of HB1. Early in the month, gang activity at Edison Community Park resulted in shots being fired. Although no one was injured, HB1 arrived and observed several subjects attempting to leave the area. Units were directed and one suspect was taken into custody. Ground units were directed to a suspicious bag and a loaded 357 Magnum was recovered.



HB1 and traffic units organized a directed enforcement to deal with the increase in motorcycle activity during the weekend. Cycles had been involved in numerous reckless driving episodes. The DE was very successful with HB1 observing 26 traffic violations many for excessive speed and reckless driving.

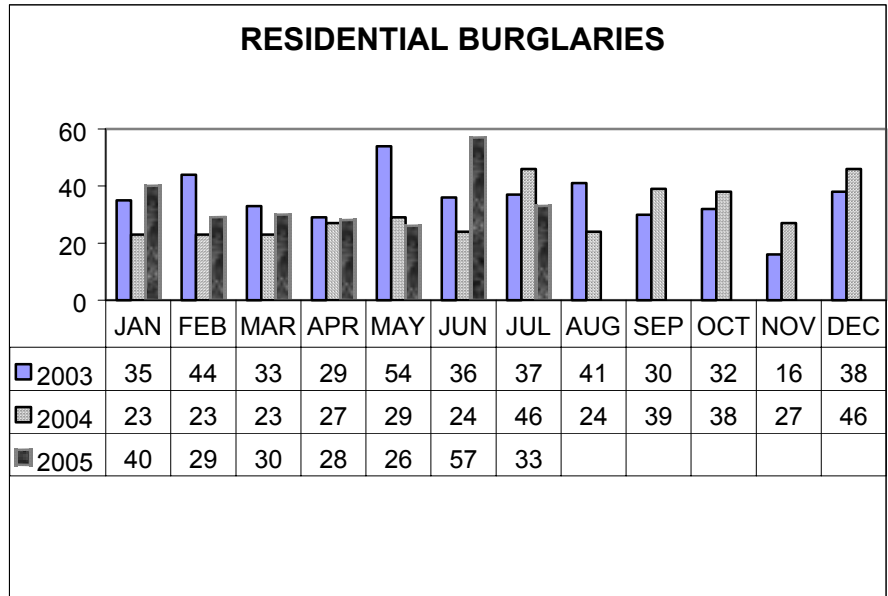
All crews participated in a training day with the lifeguards in preparation for the summer season. Simulated rescues were conducted along with familiarization of each unit's capabilities.

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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

**33 IN JULY
57 IN JUNE**

Twenty of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 67% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 9 garage entries out of 33 burglaries, or 27% of the entries reported in July.

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

There were two entries by force or pry tool, three entries were due to passkeys, one entry by an unlocked window with the house vacant, three entries by unknown means, three attempts without entry, one entry by a window smash.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**48 IN JULY
50 IN JUNE**

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**66 IN JULY
48 IN JUNE**

BEAT 2

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 485 – 1

Street: Surf rider. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 486 – 1 RD 495 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 464 - 1 RD 476 - 1

BEAT 3

- 0 Residential Burglaries**
- 0 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

None

BEAT 4

- 6 Residential Burglaries**
- 1 Vehicle Burglary**
- 7 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432 – 2 RD 442 – 3
RD 463 – 1**

Streets: Florida, Huntington, Alabama, Beach Blvd., two entries on Oceanhill with suspect arrested. **FOUR ENTRIES BY AN UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force, one entry by a passkey. There were three garage entries. Suspect seen in Florida entry described as Male Hispanic, 6 ft., 190 lbs., thin build, crewcut dark hair wearing green basketball jersey.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 443 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 432 – 1 RD 452 – 3
RD 463 – 3**

BEAT 5

- 2 Residential Burglaries**
- 4 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 427 – 1 RD 434 - 1

Streets: Halawa and Trident. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.**

One entry unlocked with house vacant. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 426 – 1 RD 436 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 424 – 1 RD 437 – 2

BEAT 6

- 5 Residential Burglaries**
- 6 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 9 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 349 – 2 RD 451 – 3

Streets: 17th St., 7th St., 18th St. with suspect arrested, two entries on Lake.

TWO ENTRIES DUE TO OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS. Two entries by unknown means, one attempt without entry. There were three garage entries. One of those entries had a car stolen.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 329 – 1 RD 349 – 2
RD 359 – 1 RD 451 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 337 – 1 RD 349 - 1
RD 359 – 1 RD 441 – 1
RD 451 – 3 RD 461 – 2**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
 4 Vehicle Burglaries
 3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 319 - 1 RD 421 - 1
 RD 423 - 1

Streets: Alamitos, Yellowtail, Tyler.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN WINDOWS. One attempt without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 412 - 2 RD 421 - 1
 RD 423 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 411 - 1 RD 421 - 1
 RD 422 - 1

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries
 5 Vehicle Burglaries
 6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 178 - 1 RD 179 - 1
 RD 189 - 1

Streets: Rosemont, Capstone, Carranza.

THREE ENTRIES DUE TO OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 - 1 RD 177 - 1
 RD 178 - 2 RD 189 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 176 - 1 RD 178 - 1
 RD 179 - 1 RD 187 - 1
 RD 189 - 1 RD 281 - 1

BEAT 9

4 Residential Burglaries
 8 Vehicle Burglaries
 13 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 272 - 2 RD 282 - 1
 RD 283 - 1

Streets: Fir, Mandrell, Newman, Paseo

ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW. One attempt without entry, one entry by passkey, one entry by force. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272 - 4 RD 273 - 3
 RD 283 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 263 - 2 RD 271 - 1
 RD 272 - 4 RD 273 - 2
 RD 282 - 1 RD 283 - 3

BEAT 10

3 Residential Burglaries
 3 Vehicle Burglaries
 6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 164 - 1 RD 165 - 2

Streets: Branford, Sims, Hoskins.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS. One entry by unknown means. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 163 - 1 RD 164 - 1
 RD 165 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 154 - 2 RD 162 - 1
 RD 163 - 1 RD 164 - 1
 RD 175 - 1

BEAT 11

3 Residential Burglaries
 3 Vehicle Burglaries
 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 156 - 1 RD 159 - 1
 RD 169 - 1

Streets: Schryer, Whittier, Simone.

ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW. One entry by a passkey (garage remote), one entry by a window smash. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 157 - 2 RD 169 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
 RD 159 - 1

BEAT 12

1 Residential Burglary
 5 Vehicle Burglaries
 5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 117 - 1

Streets: **ONE ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED WINDOW.** There was no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 126 - 1 RD 136 - 2
 RD 146 - 1 RD 148 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 116 - 1 RD 128 - 1
 RD 138 - 1 RD 139 - 1
 RD 147 - 1

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
 7 Vehicle Burglaries
 11 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 252 - 1

Streets: Alhambra, Edinger.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 - 2 RD 242 - 3
 RD 253 - 1 RD 261 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 - 2 RD 242 - 3
 RD 251 - 1 RD 252 - 3
 RD 261 - 1 RD 262 - 1

Will Schulz, HBFD Asst. Emergency Services Coord.



On June 14th at 7:51 p.m., an earthquake occurred 90 miles off the coast of Crescent City in northern California. At 7:57 p.m., the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center (ATWC) and NOAA issued a tsunami warning. It was unknown if a tsunami had formed but since of the close proximity to the coastline, a warning was issued for the coastline between Alaska and the California/Mexico border.

The Police Department received the warning, and after speaking with the Marine Safety Operations Chief, and Fire Battalion Chief, and Fire Battalion Chief, phone the State Warning Center and was told that there was no indication of a tsunami anywhere in the state but that we should continue to monitor the situation and react if a tsunami is formed. The personnel turned on the television (Channel 9 news) and watched live footage of Crescent City being evacuated.

The Watch Commander, Fire Battalion Chief and Marine Safety Operations Supervisor agreed on a course of action. It was agreed to clear the beach as an precautionary measure. Marine Safety recalled off duty lifeguards, and began closing the beach, the pier, and advising local oceanfront restaurants and beach concessionaires of the warning. At 9:09 p.m. a cancellation notice was received.

If a large tsunami had formed and a wave had hit Crescent City, the City of Huntington Beach would have sounded its siren system and evacuated the coastal area. Anytime you hear the sirens, it means you should turn your AM/FM radio and listen for emergency instructions.

The City of Huntington Beach public safety personnel monitored the situation, reacted appropriately to the information available, and the operation was a success. No one was needlessly evacuated. In May 2005, the City began a program called Tsunami Ready with the National Weather Service. It is a program to ensure public agencies have adequate warning systems in place and are prepared to respond to tsunamis.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

**RSVP
BILL OKEY**

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



MBA in 1969.

Bill was born in Mammouth, Illinois and lived there until he was 15 year old when his family moved to Pasadena, California. After graduating from high school, Bill attended San Diego State University and received his Bachelors of Science and Bachelors of Administration degrees in 1961. He continued college at Long Beach State and received his

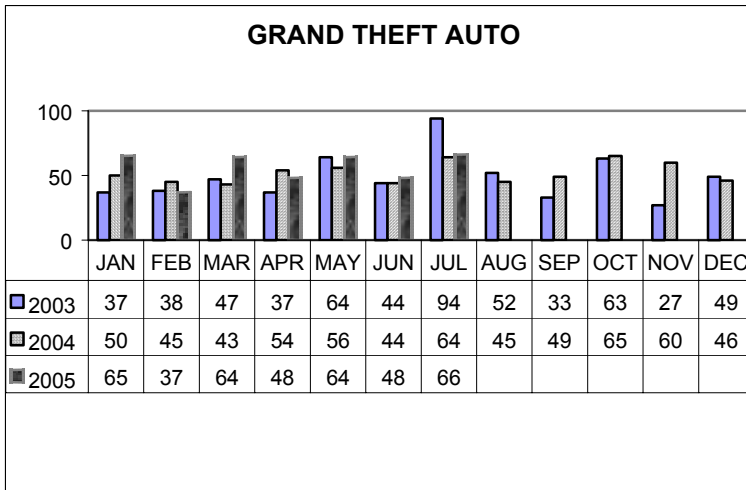
While in college, Bill met his wife, Louise and they have been married for 50 years. They have 4 grown children and 9 grandchildren. In 1965, Bill moved to Huntington Beach.

In 1965, Bill was hired by McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing). He stayed there for 5 years and went to work at Atlantic Research. Most of his career was spent working Human Resources. In 1993, he went to work as an Administration Manager for Hitachi in Torrance and stayed there until he retired in 2001.

In 2003, Bill heard about the police department senior volunteer program and quickly joined. He works patrol, loves working at he pier and helping at special events. He also helps fingerprinting children and participants in the 4th of July parade.

In his free time, he enjoys walking his dog, playing tennis, bike riding, choir and babysitting his grandchildren. The police department appreciates all our volunteers and salutes Bill for being selected volunteer of the month.

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VEHICLE BURGLARIES

