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**NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH
NEWSLETTER**



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
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Huntington Beach Fire Department joins the "Spark of Love" Toy Drive

The Huntington Beach Fire Department will join all other fire departments in the counties of Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura in collecting toys for needy children.



All fire stations in the city will serve as drop-off sites for the public to bring new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment. In addition, collection boxes will be placed in the lobby of City Hall, Police Department Headquarters, and the Central Library. The ABC 7 and Firefighters "Spark of Love" Toy Drive is the only holiday toy drive started and conducted by firefighters. Last year alone, the "Spark of Love" Toy Drive collected and distributed over 275,000 toys to children in Orange County communities who may have gone without during the holiday season. Many of the toys collected go to assist the families of our own Project Self Sufficiency. The drive will take place from November 28 through December 24. For additional information you can call Martha Werth at the Huntington Beach Fire Department at 714-536-5419.

**HB Neighborhood Watch
BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 10th, 2006
6:30 pm**

**Huntington Beach Police Dept.
2nd Floor Conference Room**

The Huntington Beach Police Department Wishes All of You A Safe and Happy Holiday



'TIS THE SEASON FOR RESPONSIBLE HOSTING

The decision to serve alcoholic beverages in your home carries with it a responsibility for the welfare of your guests. Responsible attitudes towards drinking should make us behave in such a way that we would never have to feel sorry for what happened. Remember, people don't like to admit that they are impaired, and may argue that they are okay to drive. Share with your guests the fact that impairment begins with the very first drink, and remind them of the penalties they face if convicted of driving under the influence.

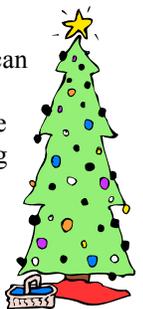
Orange County Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) suggest to:

- Set a drink limit, and don't push drinks—push food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- If you serve an alcoholic punch, make it with a non-carbonated base.
- Never let your guests drink and drive.
- Never serve alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age.
- Don't ride in a car with anyone who is impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Have a designated driver for all party events.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

A Christmas tree purchased from a lot or cut on a tree farm can remain relatively fire resistant if you follow these simple steps:

- Cut 2-3 inches off the bottom of a fresh tree and put the tree in water immediately. This prevents the sap from forming off the cut and allows the tree to absorb the water. Use a sturdy holder and fill with water daily.
- Check lights carefully for broken sockets or frayed wires before you put them on your tree. Replace any strings that look damaged.
- Keep your tree away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or heaters, which will dry it out.
- Unplug the tree lights and any outdoor lights when you go to bed or leave for the evening.
- Avoid placing breakable ornaments and ornaments with small parts on lower branches where children or pets can reach them. Ornaments and other holiday decorations should be non-combustible or flame resistant.
- Do not burn wrapping paper or tree branches in your fireplace.
- Dispose of your tree right after the holiday is over.



TIPS FOR SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS**HOLIDAY SAFETY**

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime.

Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls, and downtown streets are teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season.

IF YOU'RE TRAVELING

- Get an automatic timer for your lights at home.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time and pull up to the garage door.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up mail and newspapers. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

**IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING**

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks as if someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- Be extra careful to close your garage door. Do not leave it open, unless you are outside.

Take your purse and your cell phone out from your car.

- Don't drink and drive.

IF YOU'RE SHOPPING

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash: pay with a check or credit card whenever possible. Take only one credit card. Use ATM automatic teller machines only during daytime hours, or try to go to an inside facility.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Do not leave your purse on a counter or in a shopping cart.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

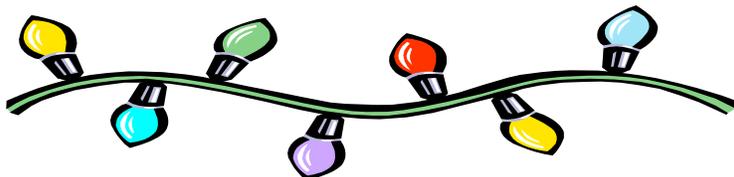
IF A STRANGER COME TO THE DOOR, BEWARE !!!

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by doing door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead. Do not give donations to strangers calling on the phone.

Last, but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. And think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely. Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody – except criminals.

TAKE A HOLIDAY INVENTORY

The holidays are a good time to update—or create—your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!



HBI—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY

October was a busy month for the Aero Bureau. Along with a number of mandatory training sessions attended by unit personnel, many excellent enforcement actions were undertaken.



Officers Catalano and Ramsey responded to a call of a possible kidnapping. A vehicle was seen on PCH with a young female screaming for help from the passenger’s window. Officer Ramsey located the vehicle heading east on PCH and directed units. The driver failed to yield, but eventually stopped for officers. It was determined that the driver of the vehicle was DUI and that the female was his frightened daughter. The driver was arrested for DUI and child endangerment.

Officers Paholski and McNaughton utilized the FLIR to locate a suspect of a 245. The suspect struck the victim with a crow bar then fled. He was located by HBI hiding near a fence, officers were directed and he was taken into custody.

HBI was responsible for the arrest of a total of 7 DUI’s and issued an additional 30 citations.

Officer Wersching’s flight training is progressing ahead of schedule and he should be done with his Private Rotorcraft Rating by the end of the month.

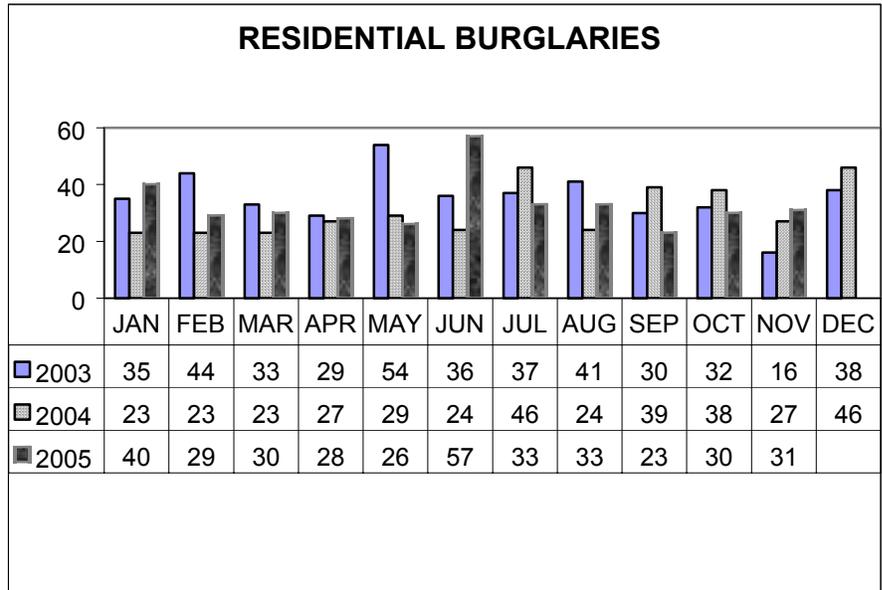
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SPEAKER’S BUREAU

**Kathy DePeri, Kathie Liboon,
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



Special thanks to members listed below for their donations.

- Allison, Ray/Janet
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**WHEN YOU ARE DONE READING YOUR NEWSLETTER,
PASS IT ON TO A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR**

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

**31 REPORTED IN NOVEMBER
30 REPORTED IN OCTOBER**

Thirteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 42% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 3 garage entries out of 31 burglaries, or 10% of the entries reported in November.

Twenty-two of the entries reported to have occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Nine entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were six entries by force or pry tool, one entry by a passkey, two entries thru open doors/windows while house under construction, one entry by unknown means(poss. civil), two attempts without entry, one entry thru a open second story windows, three entries by unknown means, and two window smashes.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**39 IN NOVEMBER
60 IN OCTOBER**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**62 IN NOVEMBER
55 IN OCTOBER**

BEAT 2

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

Residential Burglaries

None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 466 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 476 - 1

BEAT 3

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 447 – 1

Streets: Craimer. **ONE ENTRY**

THRU AN OPEN WINDOW. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

RD 445 – 2 RD 447 – 2
RD 455 – 2

BEAT 4

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 432 – 2 RD 453 – 1
RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 1

Streets: Wichita, Florida, Mission, Lorenzo and Atlanta. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** One entry by force or pry tool, one entry by a passkey, one entry thru open area with house under construction. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 442 – 1 RD 472 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432 – 1 RD 433 – 1

RD 452 – 1 RD 453 – 1
RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 3

BEAT 5

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 425 – 1 RD 427 – 1
RD 436 – 1

Streets: Hyde, Sunday, Woodlawn.

TWO ENTRIES DUE TO OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS. One entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425 – 1 RD 434 – 1
RD 435 – 1 RD 436 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 425 – 1 RD 427 – 2
RD 437 – 2

BEAT 6

**3 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 431 – 1 RD 451 – 2

Streets: 14th St., and two entries on Lake St. There was one entry by unknown means (poss. civil), one attempt without entry and one entry thru a second story open window. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 348 – 1 RD 359 – 1
RD 451 – 3 RD 461 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 337 – 1 RD 348 - 2
RD 349 – 1 RD 451 – 2
RD 461 – 1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

5 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 319 – 1 RD 413 – 3
RD 423 – 1

Streets: Polo, Mora Kai, Applewood, Maplewood and Newland. There was one entry by unknown means, one attempt without entry, two entries by force or pry tool, one entry by window smash. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

RD 293 – 1 RD 411 – 1
RD 423 – 1

BEAT 8

0 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 177 - 3 RD 187 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 177 – 3 RD 178 – 1
RD 187 – 1

BEAT 9

1 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 282 – 1

Street: **ONE ENTRY THRU AN UNLOCKED GARAGE.**

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 264 – 1 RD 272 – 2
RD 283 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 263 – 1 RD 271 - 1
RD 272 - 2

BEAT 10

3 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 153 – 1 RD 154 – 1
RD 175 – 1

Streets: Barnstable, Wayfarer and Green. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** One entry by unknown means and one entry by an open area with house under construction. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 163 – 1 RD 174 – 1
RD 175 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 153 – 1 RD 165 – 3

BEAT 11

3 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 156 – 1 RD 157 – 2

Streets: Bolsa Chica, Middlecoff and Heil. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by force or pry tool , and one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

RD 166 – 1 RD 167 – 1
RD 168 – 1

BEAT 12

4 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 138 – 1 RD 149 - 1

Streets: **TWO ENTRIES BY AN UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool, one entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 136 – 1 RD 137 - 3
RD 148 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 117 – 1 RD 139 – 2
RD 148 – 1

BEAT 13

3 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
12 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 242 – 1 RD 251 – 1
RD 262 – 1

Streets: Huntington Village, Magellan and Viewpoint. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 – 1 RD 242 – 2
RD 253 – 3 RD 261 – 2
RD 262 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 – 3 RD 242 – 2
RD 252 – 1 RD 253 – 2
RD 261 – 1 RD 262 – 3

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program can check your house while you go away, call 374-1507 a week in advance.



Port Requirements Mexico or Canada



The City of Huntington Beach, through the City Clerk’s Office, has been designated as a United States Passport Acceptance Facility. Beginning December 31, 2005, the U.S. Passport Agency will put a new law called the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative into effect.

If your future travel plans call for a destination beyond the borders of the United States, even to Mexico or Canada, then you either need a new passport or you may want to check you current passport to make sure it is up-to-date.

All travelers to and from these areas will be required to have a passport or other accepted document that establishes the bearer’s identity and nationality to enter or re-enter the United States.

The requirement is applied to all travel (air/sea) to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, and Central and South America beginning December 31, 2005. The requirement is extended to all air and sea travel to or from Mexico or Canada beginning December 31, 2006, and to all air, sea and land border crossings beginning December 31, 2007.

Passport customers should allow a sufficient amount of time to apply and receive their passports in advance of travel. Please allow six (6) weeks for routine processing of passport applications. If urgent travel is needed and a passport is required sooner, please visit www.travel.state.gov for additional information.

The Huntington Beach City Clerk’s Office provides information for first-time and renewing passport applicants. Located at the Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, on the 2nd floor, it is open Monday thru Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including lunchtime hours. For more information call 714-374-1600.

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Bob Rann was born in Berwyn, Illinois, moved to Phoenix in 1958, and then on to California in 1959. He bought his first home in Huntington Beach in 1960, and has lived in this city ever since.

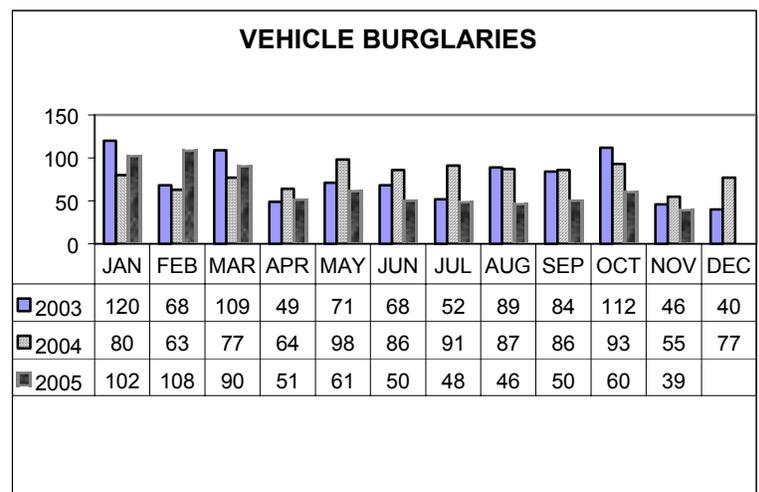
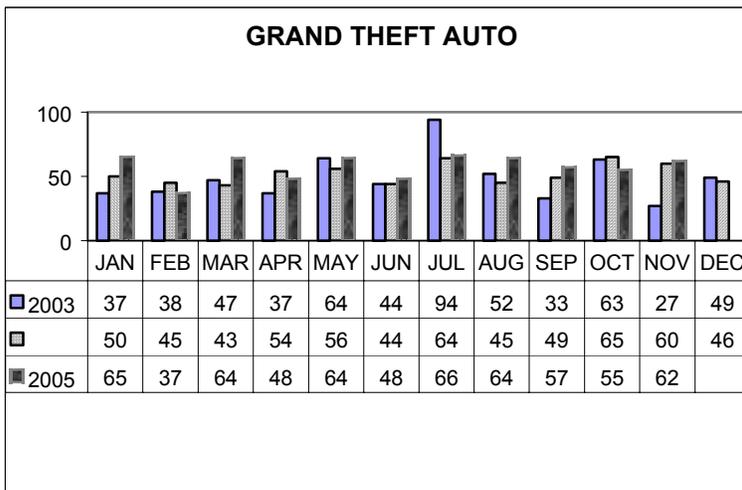


He has been married to Sharrell for 49 years, and has four grown children, two boys and two girls. One son was a policeman for Fountain Valley, and one daughter worked in Huntington Beach’s CSI lab. He has 9 ½ grandchildren.

After Purdue University, Bob worked for Reynolds Metals in their metallurgical lab before joining Coastron, a seller of consumer electronics equipment as a department manager in 1959. After moving to California, he became a district manager, then Vice President, and in 1976, he bought the company.

Bob joined the RSVP’s in August, 1995, and spent and enjoyable 2 years working in the Training Department on a regular basis. He rejoined the RSVP’s in May of 2005. He enjoys patrolling, removing illegally posted signs, working at the South Substation and the great camaraderie of the rest of the RSVP’s.

Bob plays the tuba and over the past 50 years has traveled all over the world, playing in jazz bands such as Louis Armstrong, Turk Murphy, Salty Dogs, and Titanic. He and his wife have traveled to Oktoberfest in Munich every year for the past 29 years and plan their next trip to Egypt and Africa in March, 2006.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
RSVP
Bob Rann

Congratulations Bob, for being selected Volunteer of the Month and for all the time you contribute to the Police Department’s RSVP Program.

