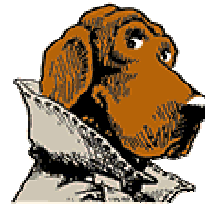




HUNTINGTON BEACH
**NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH
NEWSLETTER**



**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 27th through December 22nd. For additional information you can call Martha Werth at the Huntington Beach Fire Department at 714-536-5419.



**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.



**HB Neighborhood Watch
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 9th, 2007
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!**

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.

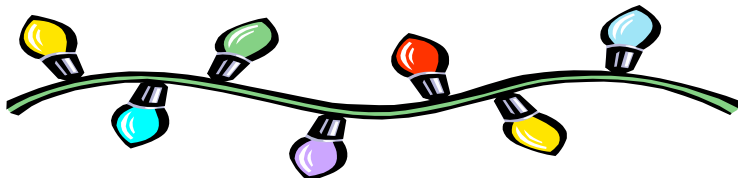
IF A STRANGER COME TO THE DOOR, BEWARE !!!

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.

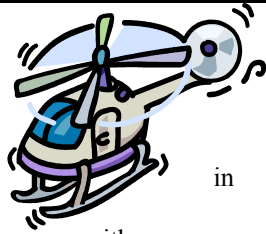
Last, but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. And think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely. Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy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



**HB1—CRIME
FIGHTER
IN THE SKY**



October saw an increase in flight time with a full staff. Downtime increased however, with an increase in maintenance and weather related issues. With the grounding of 520, we will be down to a two-ship unit until the new helicopter is on-line in late spring next year. This may lead to a higher average downtime for maintenance related issues until the new ship is available.

Officer Wersching is now a Certified Flight Instructor and Officer Ramsey is a Commercial Pilot. This means the entire Aero Unit is staffed with pilots for the first time in a year and a half.

On October 4th, Officers Catalano and Wersching assisted Anaheim PD with a pursuit on the 22 Fwy. The pursuit ended at Bolsa Chica/Warner with two suspects in custody.

On October 15th, Officers McNaughton and Ramsey responded to a robbery at the 99 Cent Store at Goldenwest/Westminster. They helped establish a perimeter and one suspect was taken into custody.

On October 20th, Officers Reed and Paholski spotted a suspicious subject on Nichols St. Units were directed to the subject who was found to be in possession of narcotics.

On October 28th, Officers McNaughton and overtime partner Reese spotted a DUI at Magnolia/Atlanta. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

On October 29th, Officers McNaughton and Ramsey spotted a DUI at Humboldt/Saybrook and directed units for the stop. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

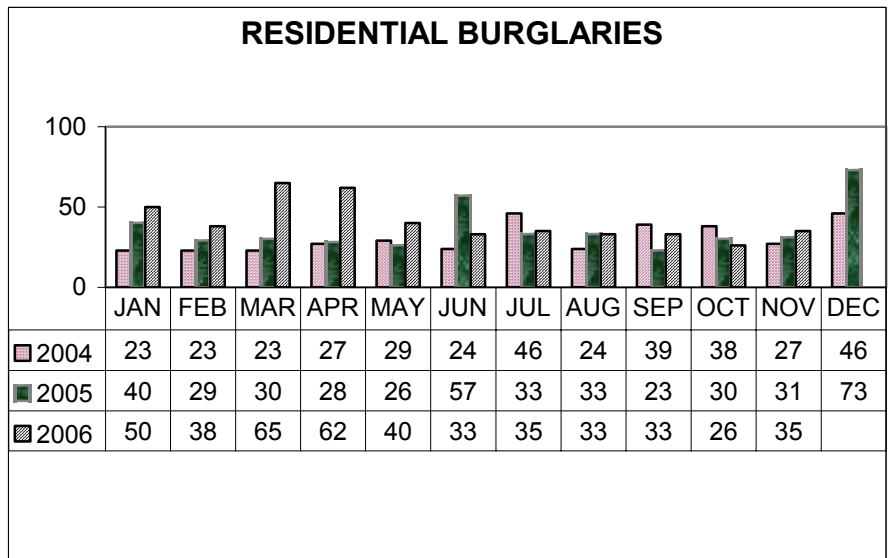
Unauthorized Water Quality Inspection Solicitation

The Public Works Utilities Division has received a number of inquiries from concerned residents who have been solicited by offers for in home water quality testing or inspections. These callers and their written materials falsely claim to be city employees with the Water Department. These callers are attempting to sell unnecessary service or products to the residents. Residents should be aware that the Water Department does not generally schedule inspections, testing or other services at homes or businesses. All Water Department employees have city identifications and will display them at request. Should you receive a water quality testing inspection call or handout, Please call the Utilities Division at 536-5921.

Special thanks to members listed below for their donation

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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

**35 entries in November
26 entries reported in October**

Seventeen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 49% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 7 garage entries out of 26 burglaries, or 20% of the entries reported in November.

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

Three entries by window smash, five attempts without entry, five entries by force or pry tool, two entries by unknown means, two entries by passkeys and one entry by an open window, 2nd story.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**76 REPORTED IN NOVEMBER
71 REPORTED IN OCTOBER**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**55 REPORTED IN NOVEMBER
50 REPORTED IN OCTOBER**

BEAT 2

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 476 – 1

Streets: Vacation. One entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 474 – 1 RD 476 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 466 – 1 RD 475 – 1

BEAT 3

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 444 – 1

Streets: Brentstone. One attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 446 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 446 – 1

BEAT 4

- 5 Residential Burglaries
- 4 Vehicle Burglaries
- 11 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 433 – 1
RD 442 – 2 RD 452 – 1

Streets: Toronto, Yorktown, Oceanhill, England and Alabama. **THERE WAS ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** There was one entry by pry tool or force, one attempt without entry, one entry by unknown means and one entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 433 – 1 RD 462 – 1
RD 463 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432 – 4 RD 442 – 3
RD 452 – 1 RD 462 – 1
RD 463 – 2

BEAT 5

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 2 Vehicle Burglaries
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 434 – 1 RD 436 – 1

Streets: Baywater and Charing Cross.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 434 – 1 RD 435 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 434 – 1

BEAT 6

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 15 Vehicle Burglaries
- 9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 328 – 1 RD 349 – 1
RD 441 – 2

Streets: Woodlands, 15th St., Crest and 12th St. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by a passkey and one entry by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 348 – 5 RD 349 – 1
RD 359 – 5 RD 431 – 1
RD 451 – 4 RD 461 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 339 – 1 RD 348 – 1
RD 359 – 1 RD 441 – 1
RD 451 – 4 RD 461 – 1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 423 - 1

Streets: Wadebridge. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 291 - 1 RD 292 - 1
RD 293 - 2 RD 412 - 2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 292 - 1 RD 411 - 3
RD 412 - 1 RD 422 - 2

BEAT 8

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 9 Vehicle Burglaries
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 176 - 2 RD 179 - 1
RD 187 - 1 RD 189 - 1

Streets: Harbor Bluffs, Warner, Terrier and Via Angelina. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** There was one entry by a passkey. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 176 - 1 RD 177 - 2
RD 178 - 1 RD 179 - 2
RD 187 - 1 RD 281 - 2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 281 - 1

BEAT 9

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 7 Vehicle Burglaries
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 273 - 1 RD 282 - 1

Streets: Jefferson and Liberty. **THERE WAS ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** One entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries. There were two suspects posing as "City workers" who entered a home. They are described as the following: 2 Male

Hispanic Adults, 25-30 yrs., shaved heads, one suspect has dark mustache, both approx. 5'9". Car described as: Gold or Tan four door older Chevy with the Veteran's license plate of JAG 844.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 263 - 1 RD 272 - 2
RD 273 - 2 RD 283 - 2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 282 - 1

BEAT 10

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 9 Vehicle Burglaries
- 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 153 - 1 RD 155 - 1
RD 162 - 1 RD 166 - 1

Streets: Tortola, Heil, Devon and Moody. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by force, one entry thru a 2nd story **OPEN** window and one entry by unknown means. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 163 - 1 RD 164 - 3
RD 165 - 4 RD 175 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 153 - 1 RD 155 - 1
RD 173 - 1 RD 175 - 1

BEAT 11

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 159 - 1 RD 166 - 1
RD 167 - 1 RD 168 - 1

Streets: Windemeir, Waverider, Springdale and Warner. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 157 - 1 RD 158 - 1
RD 166 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 168 - 2

BEAT 12

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 148 - 1

Street: Mayflower. There was an attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 137 - 1 RD 138 - 1
RD 139 - 3 RD 146 - 1
RD 147 - 2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 117 - 1 RD 136 - 1
RD 146 - 2 RD 147 - 1
RD 148 - 1

BEAT 13

- 6 Residential Burglaries
- 10 Vehicle Burglaries
- 10 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries
RD 242 - 2 RD 253 - 2
RD 262 - 2

Streets: Edinger, Center, San Angelo, Malaga, Warner and Viewpoint. **TWO ENTRIES DUE TO UNLOCKED OR OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There were two attempts without entry, one entry by force and one entry by a window smash. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 232 - 1 RD 242 - 4
RD 252 - 2 RD 261 - 2
RD 262 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 241 - 2 RD 242 - 4
RD 252 - 2 RD 261 - 1
RD 262 - 1

Health Hazards In Our Homes

Provided by Environmental Review Board

Carbon Monoxide (CO) - This toxic gas is a leading cause of poisoning deaths (about 300 annually) in the US due to lung and brain damage. Additionally, many serious injuries occur due to CO poisoning. Many materials emit Carbon Monoxide when burned, including wood, oil, gasoline natural gas and coal.

Symptoms include: dizziness, shortness of breath, headaches, nausea, confusion, and fainting and usually occur after being in an enclosed area. If you or a family member experience these symptoms get fresh air immediately and then visit your doctor or an emergency room promptly. Some recent research with rats suggests that even low levels of extended CO exposure might result in symptoms of impaired hearing development.

As a precaution, to avoid the risk of CO poisoning, it is highly advisable to purchase a CO detectors and install them near possible CO sources, e.g., fuel-burning appliances, such as; the furnace, fireplaces, water heater, or garage.

Other ways to minimize risk from Carbon Monoxide poisoning is to make sure chimneys, flues and all fuel burning appliances are properly installed and are clean and clear of accumulated debris; have oil or gas burning appliances inspected annually, e.g., ranges, ovens, dryers, space heaters, and wood burning stoves; never use a camping stove, lantern or any type of charcoal burning grill indoors or in an enclosed area; never let a car idle in a closed garage or use gasoline powered equipment, such as home generators in enclosed areas or outdoors but close to an air intake to the home.

Source: Medem.com, JAMA & Archives, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Consumer Product Safety Commission, US Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.webmd.com/content/Article/75/89810.htm>

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December

CRIME PREVENTION TIP

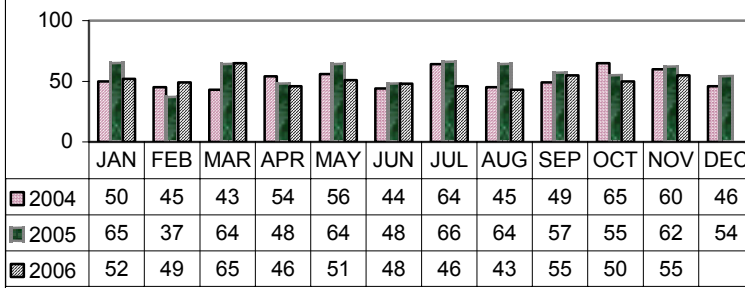


When shopping at the grocery store, the first thing some women do is put their purse in the grocery cart. **WRONG!!!** You now lost control of your purse. The moment you walk away to pick something up or look at an item, your purse is sitting there by itself. Inside your purse you have your credit cards, checkbook, cash, driver's

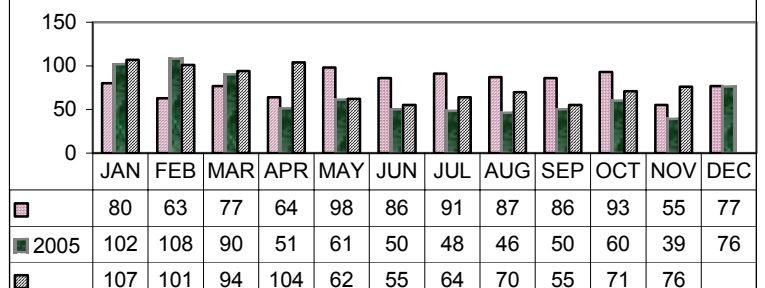
license—also, your car and house keys. If your purse/wallet is stolen, your driver's license identifies where you live, and before you can get home, the thief has probably been there. Or worse, yet, the thief has your driver's license and now can assume your identity. The thief can steal thousands of dollars from you, ruin your credit, and have you spend months trying to correct it. Never set your purse in a grocery cart, counter, or floor in a public place. Think of all you have to lose and what a hassle it would be to cancel credit cards, etc.

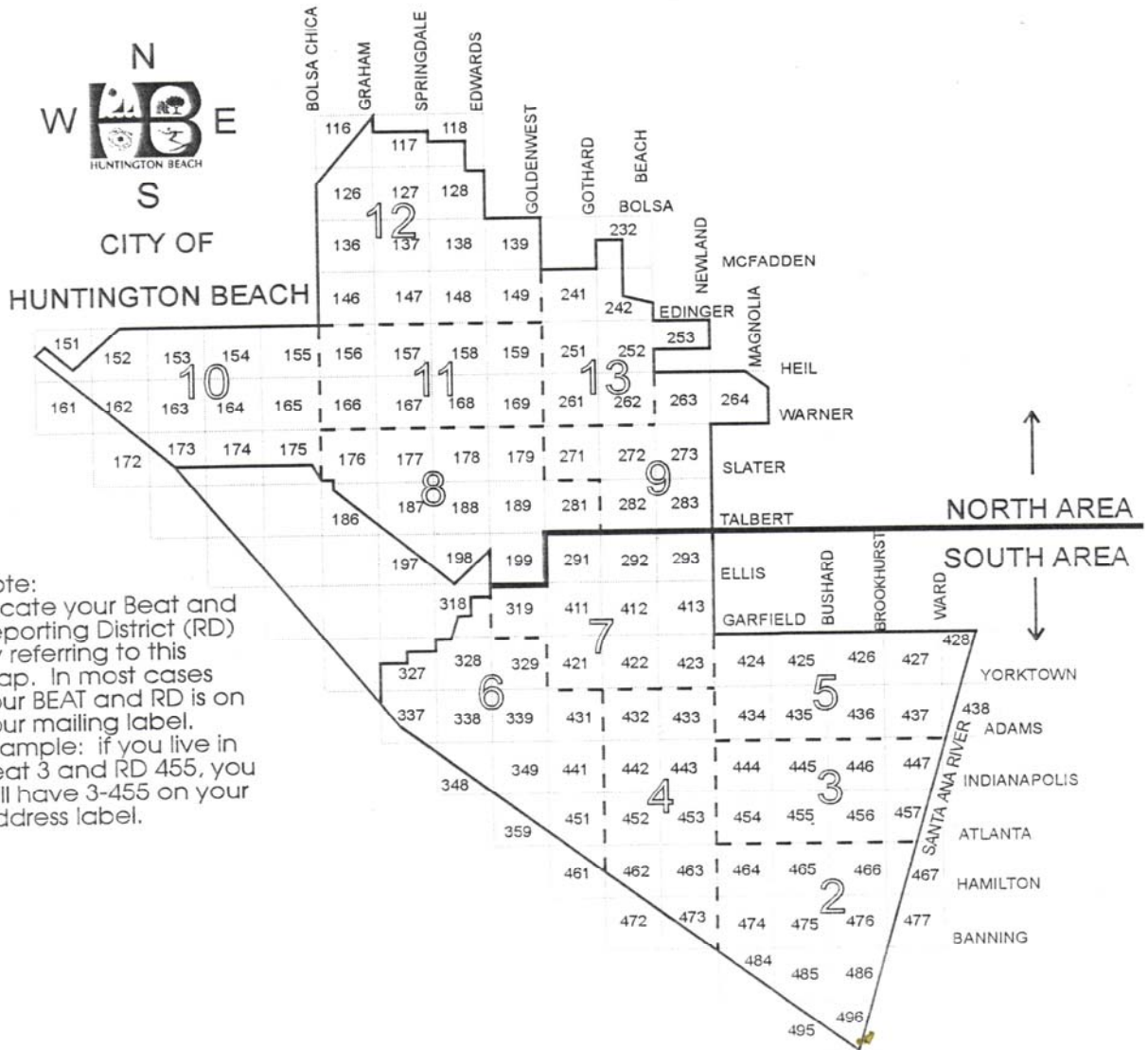
Be smart, get shoulder strap purse, and keep it on you so you will have your hands free. Or better yet, just take a credit card or check and keep it in your pocket. The same thing applies to leaving your purse or wallet in your car. If a thief sees it in your car, you now have given him the opportunity to break your window to take it. If you cannot carry a shoulder bag, put what you need in a pocket, or fanny pack. Be creative and think of other ways to prevent the theft of your wallet or purse. Be smart, safe, and start today!

GRAND THEFT AUTO



VEHICLE BURGLARIES





Note:
 Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD is on your mailing label.
 Example: if you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.