



“Serving with Honor”  
**Annual Report**



Robert Handy, Chief of Police

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## Chief's Message



As Chief of Police, I am pleased to present the 2015 Huntington Beach Police Department Annual Report. It is with great honor and privilege that I represent the men and women of the Police Department. I believe this report is a microcosm of the great work done by our team. The members of the Huntington Beach Police Department are committed to serving our community and providing excellent police service. Through progressive policing, current technology, and partnerships with the community, our employees are able to address everyday issues and improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and visit Huntington Beach.

Our employees are committed to personal and organizational integrity, compassion, and service. They prove this on a daily basis by working hand in hand with our residents, businesses, and guests to deal with a wide variety of issues impacting our community's safety. The creativity and dedication of our staff and volunteers never ceases to amaze. From incredible acts of heroism to simple acts of kindness, the Huntington Beach Police Department works tirelessly everyday to ensure the highest level of service possible.

We are truly fortunate as a police department to have incredible support from our community, City management and elected officials. We are grateful for the collective support and hold that trust in the highest regard. It is through that support and cooperation our employees are able to achieve great success. I would like to thank every employee and volunteer of the Department for their unwavering dedication to serving our community.

Robert Handy

## Mayor's Message

Dear Huntington Beach Police Department Employees,

Thank you for your tireless service this year to the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD), our City and our residents, and visitors. As your Mayor, I am pleased to share with you the HBPD 2015 Annual Report.



Our HBPD has served the community of nearly 200,000 residents and 11 million visitors each year with outstanding law enforcement – in cars, ATVs, motorcycles, helicopters and on foot. The Police Department is to be congratulated for their contributions, strong leadership, work ethic and integrity.

As a retired law enforcement officer myself, I know firsthand what it takes to put your life on the line each and every day to protect the citizens of Huntington Beach. Therefore, it is with great honor that I take this opportunity to acknowledge those who serve our community quietly and without fanfare.

In this difficult time in our law enforcement history, HBPD has always risen to the challenge. We have experienced dramatic changes in how law enforcement functions in Surf City as we rely on technology in ways that previous generations of police officers could not even imagine. However, our successes are not solely the result of these technologies; rather, they are because we have recruited outstanding men and women to wear the badge of the Huntington Beach Police Department. The pages that follow reflect your history and honor those serving today.

Your ingenuity and willingness to solve big problems with unique solutions is evident in many other areas as well. Our Downtown security cameras have been a key asset and reliable tool, and our dedicated Homelessness Task Force members continue to make headway in dealing with the homeless in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to become informed and read this valuable report to the public on our police department.

On behalf of the City Council, we thank you for your outstanding service and continued dedication to Surf City USA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Katapodis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Katapodis, Mayor  
City of Huntington Beach

## Huntington Beach City Council



From left to right:

**Council Member Mike Posey,**

**Council Member Billy O'Connell,**

**Council Member Barbara Delgleize,**

**Council Member Erik Peterson,**

**Mayor Jim Katapodis,**

**Mayor Pro Tempore Dave Sullivan,**

**Council Member Jill Hardy**

## Social Media

Huntington Beach Police Department does social media.

Huntington Beach Police Department uses social media to stay connected with the community. We are on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube currently, and always looking for ways to expand our communications lines with the community. Social media has become an integral part of communications with most people. With ease of access and use within our smart phones, social media is also a primary source of news and information. Our community oriented policing style embraces open communications and social media is an important tool to share news and information from the police department. We see social media as a way to interact with the community, and it is not just a one way conversation. We recently passed 50,000 Likes on Facebook and 12,000 followers on Twitter. Our new Instagram account already has 3,800 followers.

We use our social media to keep the community informed of public safety information, neighborhood watch activity, crime trends, significant arrests, community events and breaking news stories. The department is on Twitter @HBPD\_PIO, and also Chief Robert Handy is @HBPDChief and Captain Reinhart is @rrHBPD.

Like us or follow us to stay up to date with news and information about HBPD! Our webpage [www.hbpd.org](http://www.hbpd.org) provides information about the police department and resources related to public safety. From the home page you can link to crime mapping to see what type of police activity is happening in the whole city, or just your neighborhood. By using the link to CrimeReports.com, you can set up alerts to be notified of any police activity in your neighborhood, or any part of the city. Also, off our webpage there are links for reporting a minor crime online, links for providing anonymous crime tip information, and many other resources.



## City of Huntington Beach

### Government

The City of Huntington Beach is a full service city. Founded in the late 1880s, Huntington Beach was incorporated as a Charter City in 1909 and has a City Council/City Manager form of government. Since its incorporation, Huntington Beach has made a name for itself through open, responsive city government. Its major departments include the City Manager's office, Community Development, Library Services, Public Works, Community Services, Information Services, Human Resources, Finance, Office of Business Development, Police and Fire. The residents of Huntington Beach are represented by ten elected officials: the seven City Council Members, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Treasurer. The elected city council adopts laws, sets standards, approves contracts, determine municipal policy, and appoints a city manager to be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the city.

City Council Members are elected to four year terms and subject to term limits that restrict them from serving more than two consecutive terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem are selected from among the City Council Members. The City Council meets the first and third Monday of each month. Unless otherwise announced, the meetings are held in the City Council Chambers and typically begin at 4 P.M. with a study session or closed session meeting. The televised portion of the City Council meeting starts at approximately 6 P.M. and can be viewed on cable television on Channel 3. Council meetings are web cast live and also archived on the [city's website](#). The Civic Center, including the City Council Chambers, is located at 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

The City Attorney, City Clerk and City Treasurer are also elected offices. These three elected officials also serve four year terms, but are not subject to term limits. The City Attorney represents the City in all legal matters and before administrative bodies. The City Clerk is the City's official Custodian of Records and preserves and maintains, in protective custody, all documents certifying City Council actions. The City Treasurer receipts all transactions for the City's annual budget of approximately \$329 million and manages an investment portfolio of over \$200 million.

The City of Huntington Beach operates with 15 departments. Three departments are headed by elected officials (City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Treasurer). The other 12 departments report, and are accountable, to the City Manager. The City Manager's office is responsible for the city's day-to-day operations and oversees all city departments. The City Manager and an Assistant City Manager are accountable for the overall management of the city's 1,000 employees and \$345 million budget. Huntington Beach's City Manager directs and coordinates the city's day-to-day operations, and works with the elected City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Treasurer to effectively manage the city.

A total city budget for each year is approved by City Council. The general fund makes up about 50 percent of this budget figure. Other funds include: water, capital projects, redevelopment, internal service, transportation, debt service, refuse, and other enterprises. Projects and services are budgeted from these resources. The largest source of revenue for the general fund is property tax at \$84.1 million, making up 39% of the general fund. The next two highest resources are sales tax at \$33.2 million and utility tax at \$20.7 million.

The City receives 1% of the taxable sales collected on retail purchases. Sales tax is one measurement of the City's economic vitality. Car sales and the sale of auto supplies comprise the City's largest retail

segment contributing to the City's sales tax base. A Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) is the tax paid by guests staying in hotels. Huntington Beach is fast becoming a destination resort area. The 10% TOT amount has increased as additional hotel and motel rooms have been added. This revenue source is expected to increase further as proposed downtown hotels and conference facilities are completed and operational.

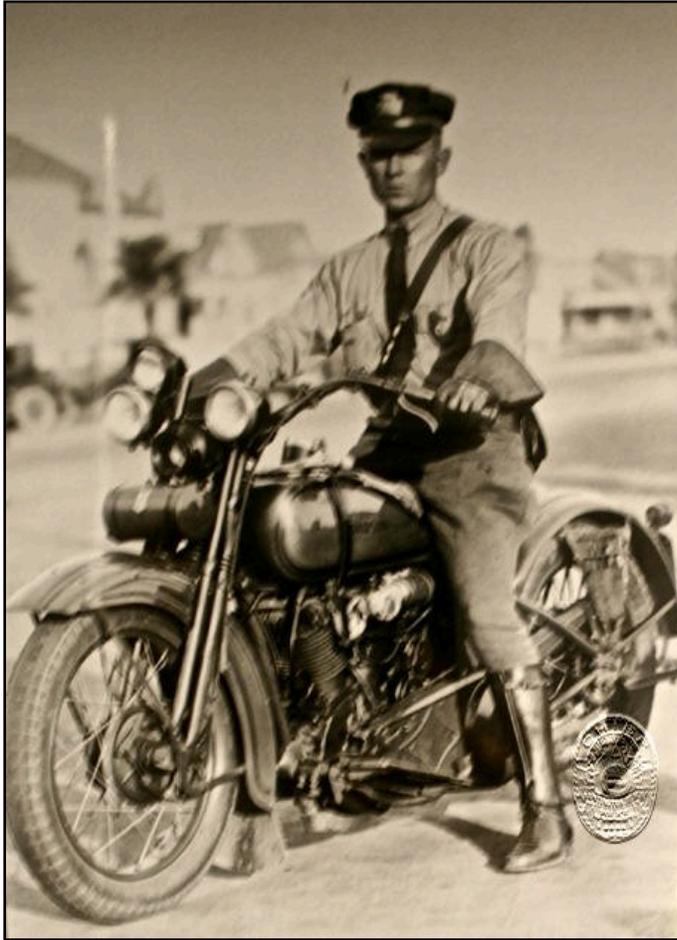
## **Safety**

Fire protection in Huntington Beach is provided by the Huntington Beach Fire Department. The Huntington Beach Fire Department is a modern, well-equipped force that specializes in fire fighting, emergency medical, ambulance transport, fire prevention, and environmental protection. Fire prevention is crucial in a city with major oil production facilities and ongoing commercial and industrial development. Professionally trained Fire Department firefighters and paramedics respond from all eight fire stations, helping make Huntington Beach a safer, more secure community. The voluntary FireMed Program, available to community residents, has over 26,000 households as members. FireMed provides part of the critical financial support for paramedic and ambulance services. The City sponsors a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and has classes for volunteers to help citizens provide aid in their own neighborhoods in the event of a disaster. The Fire Department also has a cadre of volunteers including a senior's home inspection program (SHIP) that provides fire safety education to senior citizens.

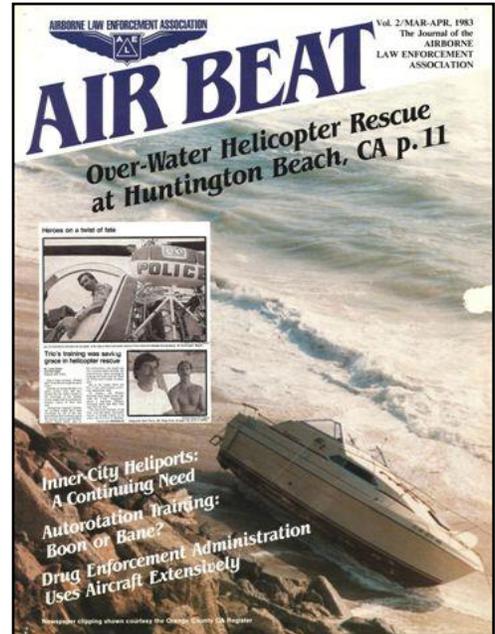
Law enforcement is provided by the Huntington Beach Police Department. Huntington Beach is fortunate to have state-of-art communications and operations equipment to support the City's law enforcement efforts. Each patrol vehicle is equipped with a mobile data computer. Modern, turbine-powered police helicopters patrol the City day and night. The Police Department is staffed with well-trained, well-educated officers. Huntington Beach is regularly included as one of the safest communities in the United States, according to FBI statistics.

The city's lifeguards are recognized as some of the best in the world with a top notch safety record. Lifeguards patrol the 3.5-mile shoreline from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Lifeguard Services, a part of Huntington Beach's Marine Safety Operation, provides public safety from Beach Blvd. north to Sea Point Ave. and Sunset Beach. Marine Safety Staff provides public safety through a variety of functions and responsibilities. The Ocean Lifeguard performs a vital role in providing frontline protection of life, limb, and property. Marine Safety Officers patrol and respond to ocean rescues, major medical and law enforcement incidents from their emergency vehicles and vessels. Marine Safety staffs are highly skilled experts in aquatic rescue and incident command. They are trained and equipped to respond to a variety of rescue incidents within and outside of their primary jurisdiction.

## Huntington Beach Police Department History



Circa 1928 – Huntington Beach Police Department Motor officer



Circa 1923 - Old City Hall and Police Department under construction  
5<sup>th</sup> Street and Orange Avenue

Officer Virginia Kirkmeyer was appointed the first female Police Officer in Huntington Beach in 1969.



1973 Police Reserve photo



*Officer A. J. Parker caught the kids he was chasing on the beach road but forgot to put the brakes on when he got out of the car. It took two tow trucks to get Unit 452 back on the road.*



*A. J. Parker in the uniform of the day. 1932.*



**First Day in Blue Uniforms, December 1, 1987**



## History of HBPD Patrol Vehicles



**1977 Pontiac Le Mans**



**1978 Pontiac Catalina**



1979 Pontiac Grand Le Mans



1980 AMC Eagle



**1981 Chevrolet Malibu**



**1982 Chevrolet Impala**

## Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . **law enforcement.**

## **Mission Statement**

We of the Huntington Beach Police Department recognize our obligation to help maintain a safe and secure community. We acknowledge our contribution to the quality of life within the community. The provision of quality police services with the highest professional standards is our primary aspiration. We intend to fulfill the challenging responsibilities through active participation in the following shared values:

### **SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

We value the opportunity to provide service which is courteous, responsive, firm, efficient, and fair. We regard the members of our community as partners and indispensable resources in a combined policing effort. Respect for the individual worth, dignity, and rights of all those we serve is the foundation of our department.

### **INTEGRITY**

We value and expect truth, honesty, and ethical behavior from the members of our organization. We are committed to upholding our position of public trust by maintaining the highest ethical standards and the utmost respect for the ordinances and laws of our city, state, and nation. Our role as peace keepers and enforcers of the law will not be compromised.

### **EMPLOYEES**

We value our fellow employees as the most important organizational asset. We realize our success depends on mutual respect, cooperation, and recognition of our co-workers. All employees will receive equitable and fair treatment and be provided the proper tools and training necessary to meet organizational goals and objectives.

### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We value the spirit of professionalism, having a clear sense of commitment, perspective, and direction. We encourage it by creating an environment that promotes teamwork, innovation, and constant evaluation of ourselves.

### **PRIDE AND ENJOYMENT OF OUR PROFESSION**

We value our work as a source of enjoyment and satisfaction, we are proud of our community, and our department, our accomplishments in the service, and our commitment to quality law enforcement. We possess a great sense of pride serving our chosen profession with the Huntington Beach Police Department.

## Huntington Beach Police Department Staffing

The Huntington Beach Police Department is comprised of 222 sworn police officers. Their assignments range from Patrol Officers, Detectives, Narcotic Officers, Gang Officers, Vice Officers, Crime Task Force, SWAT, Beach Detail, Traffic Investigators, Motor Officers and Air Support Unit.

There are 127.5 civilian positions in the Police Department. Civilian employees are assigned as Parking Control Officers, Communication Operators, Records Specialists, Crime Scene Investigators, Community Service Officers, Computer Forensics investigators, Property/Evidence Officers, Detention Officers and Facilities Maintenance Crew Leaders.

Huntington Beach Police Department employees are responsible for providing public safety services to over 200,000 residents and 11 million visitors to Huntington Beach every year. All 32 square miles of the City and 8.5 miles of beaches are patrolled by officers using cars, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, horses, motorcycles and helicopters. The Huntington Beach Police Department employees are committed to serving the community with honor.

In 2015, the Police Department hired nine police officers. In addition, Scott Winks was promoted to police lieutenant and Ryan Reilly, Brian Smith and Michael Szyperski were promoted to police sergeant.

### Staffing

<u>TOTAL SWORN</u>	<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>TOTAL CIVILIAN</u>	<u>FUNDED</u>
Police Chief	1	Executive	1
Captain	3	Administrative Operations Division	75.5
Lieutenant	9	Investigation Division	27
Sergeant	26	Uniform Division	<u>24</u>
Officer	<u>183</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>222</u></b>		<b><u>127.5</u></b>

Of the Police Department's 222 officers, 42 have attained an associate of arts degree, 105 have a bachelors degree, 15 have earned a masters degree and two have a doctorate degree. Officers frequently attend a wide variety of training sessions to keep themselves abreast of current laws and accepted best practices for law enforcement professionals.

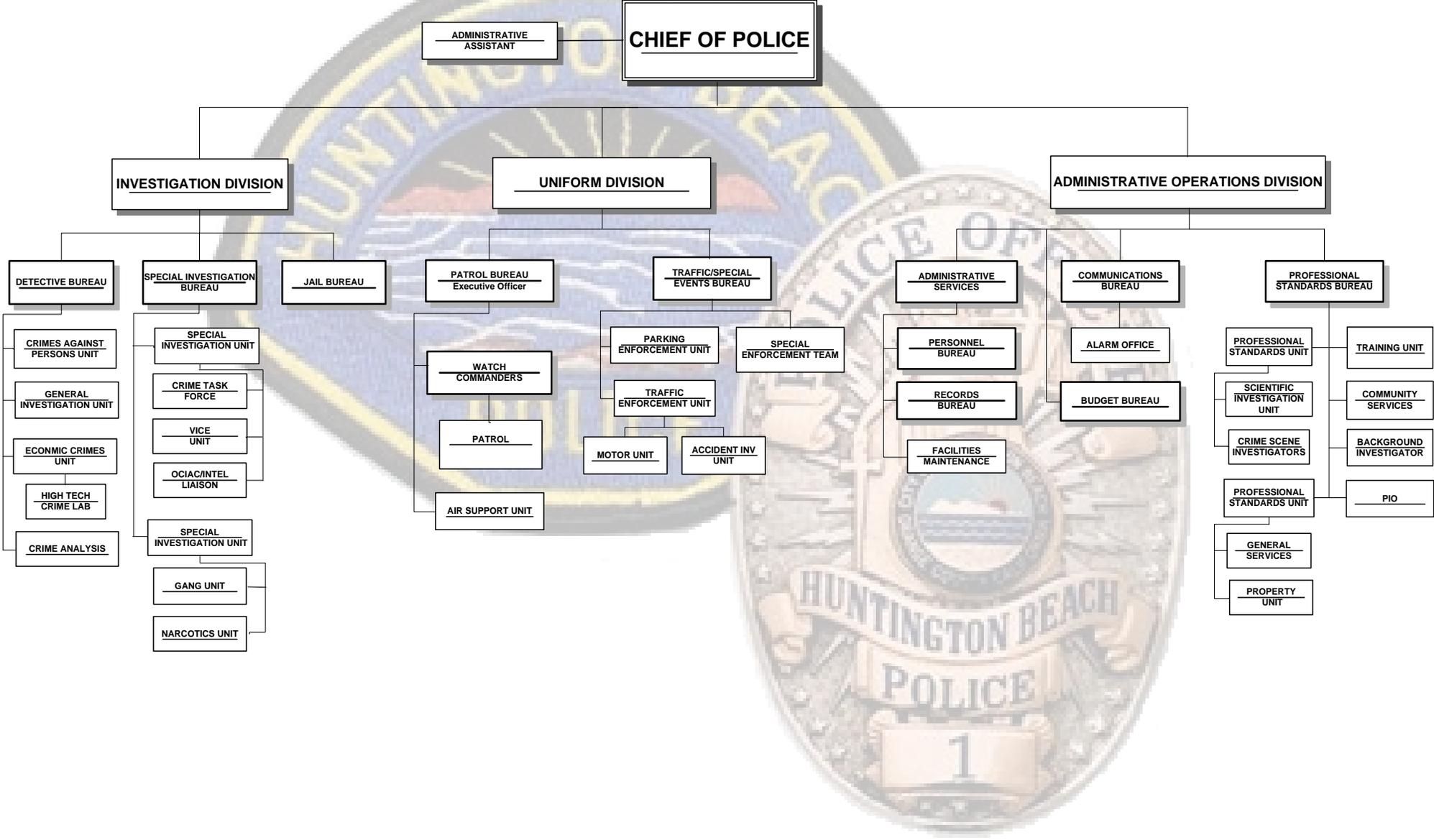
## Chief of Police Robert Handy



Robert Handy was appointed as the Chief of Police on December 7, 2013. Chief Handy comes to Huntington Beach from the City of San Bernardino where he served as the Chief of Police for more than two years. Chief Handy guided the San Bernardino Police Department through turbulent times as the City filed for Federal bankruptcy protection. After severe staffing reductions and multiple reorganizations, the Department stabilized to realize overall reductions in crime. Despite the financial crises, the San Bernardino Police Department improved training, policies, and organizational performance during Chief Handy's tenure.

Prior to San Bernardino, Chief Handy was with the Phoenix Arizona Police Department for 21 years. He started as a Police Officer in 1990 and rose through the ranks to Commander. During his tenure in Phoenix, Chief Handy served in a variety of assignments working in Patrol, Gangs, Training, Tactical Support and Administration.

# Huntington Beach Police Department Organizational Chart



## Divisions

The Huntington Beach Police Department consists of three divisions: Administrative Operations, Uniform, and Investigations. Each division is made up of bureaus which have distinct duties to respond to the needs of the citizens and the Department.

The **Administrative Operations Division** is responsible for the Administrative Services Bureau, the Communications Bureau, the Budget Bureau, Records Bureau and the Professional Standards Bureau. The Administrative Services Bureau consists of the Personnel Bureau which is responsible for the testing and hiring of employees. They also perform payroll functions. The Records Bureau maintains all police records and responds to public requests for that information. The Communications Bureau encompasses the 9-1-1 center for the Police Department. The Budget Bureau involves accounting, purchasing and grant management. The Professional Standards Bureau includes the Press Information Officer, Background Investigations, Community Services and volunteer programs, the Training Unit, the Professional Standards Unit, Property and Evidence, and the Scientific Investigations Unit.



The Administrative Operations Division Commander is Captain Russell Reinhart. Captain Reinhart started his career with the Huntington Beach Police Department as a Police Cadet in 1986. He attended the Golden West College Police Academy and has been a Huntington Beach Police Officer since 1987. During his career, he has had the opportunity to serve in a variety of assignments. They included: Patrol Officer, Canine Handler, Field Training Officer, Detective, Special Enforcement Team, Directed Enforcement Team, Watch Commander and Chief's Executive Officer.

The **Uniform Division** is the largest of the three divisions and has the greatest number of personnel assigned to it. Within the Uniform Division is the Patrol Bureau, Traffic/Special Events Bureau and the Air Support Unit. The Patrol Bureau is the most visible unit and consists of the officers seen in police cars, on foot beats and on the beach quads. Patrol officers are assigned geographical areas known as beats. The City is divided into eight beats to allow sufficient coverage 24 hours a day. This assignment is for an entire deployment period which allows the officer to become familiar with addresses and community problems. The Traffic/Special Events Bureau consists of motorcycle traffic officers, parking control officers and special event planning. The Aero Bureau consists of helicopter operations.



The Uniform Division Commander is Captain David Bunetta. Captain Bunetta began his law enforcement career with the Huntington Beach Police Department in 1988. Previously, he worked for the Orange County Probation Department. During his law enforcement career he has had the opportunity to work a variety of assignments. They included: Patrol Officer, Oak View Task Force Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Crisis Negotiation Team Leader and Supervisor, police spokesperson, Professional Standards Unit Supervisor, Watch Commander and the Chief's Executive Officer.

The **Investigation Division** is responsible for the Detective Bureau, the Special Investigations Bureau and the Jail Bureau. The Detective Bureau is composed of the Crimes Against Persons Unit, the General Investigations Unit, the Economic Crimes Unit, the Cold Case Task Force and Crime Analysis. The Special Investigations Bureau includes the Narcotics Unit, the Gang Unit, Vice, the OCIAC/Intel Liaison and the Crime Task Force. The Jail Bureau performs booking functions and houses arrested subjects.



The Investigation Division Commander is Captain William Stuart. Captain Stuart started his career in law enforcement with the Covina Police Department and has worked for the Huntington Beach Police Department since 1984. He has worked a variety of assignments including: Patrol Officer, Motorcycle Officer, Field Training Officer, Narcotics Investigator, Supervisor of the Field Training program, Supervisor of the Narcotics Unit, SWAT Team Commander, Crisis Negotiation Team Commander, Support Services Bureau Commander and Watch Commander. He has also served as the Division Commander for all three divisions of the Police Department and is a graduate of P.O.S.T. Command College.

## Administrative Operations Division

### Cadet Program

The Huntington Beach Police Department's Cadet Program provides young men and women an internship-style program to familiarize them with the various aspects of the Police Department. The Cadets are hired from applicants that have a desire to enter a career in law enforcement and are required to attend college and work toward their degree. Cadets rotate their assignments to enhance their development. The following are examples of assignments Cadets may have: Front Desk, Communications, Property and Evidence, Investigations, and Traffic. This program gives the Department an opportunity to assess the Cadet's abilities and suitability to become a police officer. Numerous cadets have gone on to be sponsored at the Police Academy and have had successful careers with the Department.

### Training Unit

The Training Unit is staffed with one Sergeant, one Police Officer, one Service Specialist and one part-time employee. The Huntington Beach Police Department's Training Unit strives to ensure Department Personnel possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a professional level of service that meets the needs of the community and provides for the professional growth and continued development of its personnel. The Training Unit is responsible to make certain officers stay in compliance with the standards and requirements of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training as well as legislative mandates and critical issues. In addition to this training, the Training Unit is responsible for coordinating monthly training involving arrest and control techniques, firearms training, and other perishable skills.



## Communications

The Communications Bureau is comprised of 15 Public Safety Communications Operators (Dispatchers), six part-time Communications Operators, six Communications Supervisors and one Communications Manager. Communications personnel are the vital



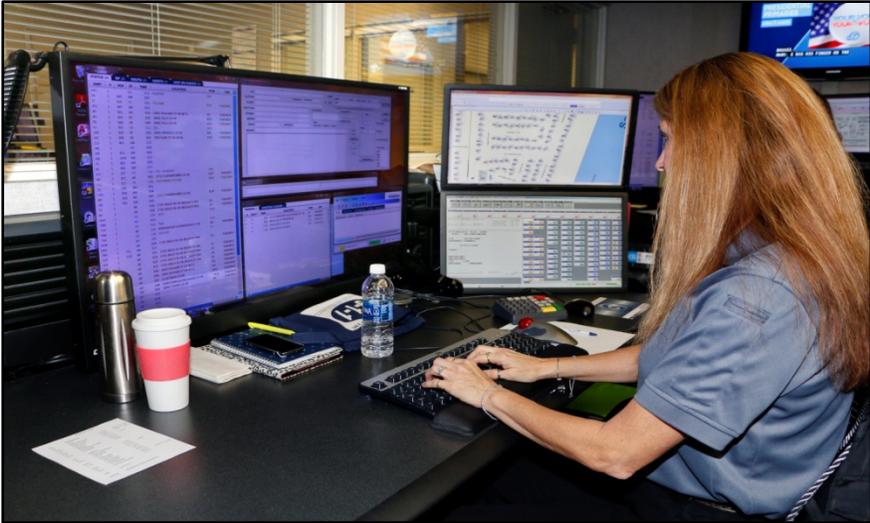
link between the Police Officers in the field and the public. These highly trained and dedicated professionals are called upon 24/7 to ensure the successful transmission of information from callers in distress or who have other public safety needs to responding Police personnel.

Initial and ongoing training is an essential component of a 9-1-1 Dispatcher's career. Communications personnel are required to complete a rigorous 6 – 9 month training program depending on the progress of the trainee. The Huntington Beach Police Department also participates in a State program governed and administered through the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST), which includes public safety dispatchers and supervisors. Under POST standards, entry-level dispatchers must successfully complete a 120-hour POST certified academy within the first year of their employment. In addition, each dispatcher and supervisor must complete 24 hours of POST certified training every two years.

Dispatchers must be able to adapt to each new situation that arises and accurately document the information into the Intergraph Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System. They are required to make sound decisions under stress and must be able to speak to each caller with professionalism, empathy and reassurance. When officers request emergency assistance, Dispatchers must remain calm, transmit information in a clear voice via the radio, and coordinate the necessary assistance.

In 2015, the Communications Bureau answered 215,905 incoming calls, of those 84,881 were 9-1-1 and emergency calls. The total number of incoming and outgoing calls handled by dispatchers was 283,342. Of those, 67,437 were dispatched to officers in the field.

In addition to their day-to-day duties and responsibilities, Communications personnel also dispatch for major events such as 4th of July Parade and Fireworks, US Open Surfing Contest, SWAT call-outs, Every 15 Minutes, and the Special Olympics Torch Run.



## Property & Evidence Unit

The importance of the property function in a law enforcement agency cannot be overstated. The role of the Property & Evidence Unit is vital to ensuring that the Huntington Beach Police Department can accomplish its mission. The Property & Evidence Unit exists to receive and safely store evidence, found property, and property for safekeeping. Staff ensures the timely return of property to its rightful owners and facilitates the legal disposition of evidence once a case is adjudicated. Staff is responsible for maintaining a proper “chain of custody” for all items submitted to the Department.

The Property & Evidence Unit is staffed by three full-time Property Officers, one part-time employee and one volunteer. In 2015, 17,229 items were booked into the Property & Evidence Unit. Staff also purged 27,636 items and returned 1,178 pieces to their owners. In addition to performing these functions, staff also makes several deliveries of evidence to the county crime lab each week for testing.

The Huntington Beach Police Department’s Property & Evidence Unit has four main storage areas. There is also a vehicle storage garage located within the City corporation complex. The main storage room is directly connected to the property office. One storage room is used exclusively for the storage of homicide case evidence. Another room is used for bulk property and evidence storage and contains two freezers used for the storage of DNA and biological evidence. In the fourth area, a mobile filing system holds found and safekeeping items. Within these different storage areas, there are approximately 90,000 items currently being stored and maintained.

The Property Officers are members of the California Association for Property and Evidence (CAPE). This membership helps maintain communication with other law enforcement agencies in the county and state which enables us to stay connected with all new legislative updates, policies and procedures.



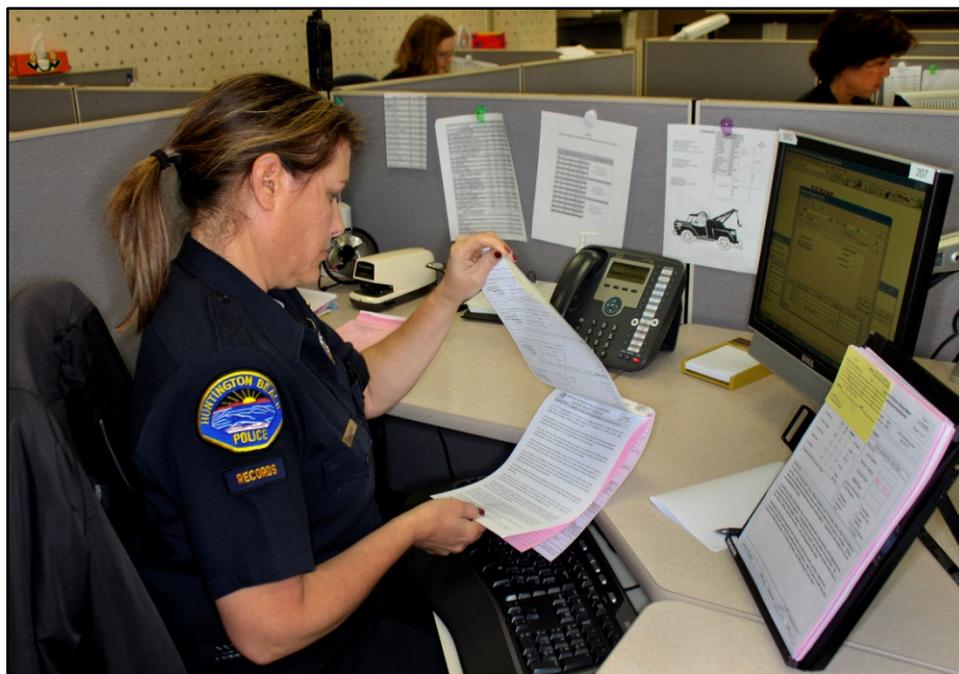
## **Records Bureau**

The Records Bureau operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is staffed by uniformed civilian employees (one Records Administrator, one Systems Coordinator, three Records Supervisors, five Service Specialists, sixteen full-time Records Specialists, one part-time Records employee and three citizen volunteers). Staff members strive to meet the needs of the Department in a timely and efficient manner by providing support to sworn and civilian personnel, as well as the citizens of Huntington Beach.

The Records Bureau is an integral part of the Police Department, working closely with all bureaus of the Department. Records personnel are responsible for processing, maintaining, securing and disseminating all police reports. Staff members play a key role in ensuring the accuracy and completeness of court packages and citations. The Records Bureau processes bookings of all arrestees and runs warrants checks for officers in the field and in Investigations. This ensures timely processing of arrestees for paperwork needed for court appearances.

Records has the responsibility of operating teletype systems for inquiries, contact messages and data entry, which includes entering stolen, stored, impounded, repossessed and recovered vehicles, as well as missing persons, restraining orders, property and firearms into the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS). The Records Bureau is responsible for registering narcotic, sex and arson offenders, ensuring proper updates into CLETS/NCIC databases. Service Specialists handle inquiries and entries into several local, state and national databases for investigations. Warrant and subpoena specialists are responsible for confirming and processing warrants, maintaining files and documenting due diligence and service of department warrants. These specialists also process subpoenas, create and maintain subpoena logs, ensure timely tracking of court cases and monitor the disposition of court cases. The specialists confirm availability of personnel to appear in court.

The Records Bureau assists the public with obtaining copies of police reports, applying for various types of licensing, release of vehicles and registering criminal offenders. Records staff members also respond to questions and complaints from the public in accordance with department procedures and presents facts related to laws and ordinances. Records personnel research and respond to requests from insurance companies, probation officers, and other licensing and law enforcement agencies. Through data entry into the records management system, Records personnel ensure statistical crime and arrest data is properly reported on a monthly basis to the FBI and Department of Justice via Uniform Crime Reporting. In 2015, Records processed in excess of 20,290 crime reports, 3,000 citations and 33,000 requests for records.



## Volunteer Programs

The Huntington Beach Police Department is proud of its three unique volunteer programs. These programs play an integral role in the Department by performing tasks that allow our officers to have more time for patrol or other duties to better serve the community. The three programs are:

- The Neighborhood Watch Board, Newsletter Assembly Group, and members
- The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS)



The RSVPs conduct vacation house checks upon request and remove illegally posted signs throughout the City. In addition, RSVPs and VIPS both assist at the Police Department front counter, coordinate the Curb Crime Program, assist at special events, work at our substations and conduct tours of the Police Department. They also conduct Officer Friendly presentations at our schools, assist with the Neighborhood Watch Program, help at National Night Out, the Police Open House and Surf City Law Enforcement Night. They assist in the Detective Bureau, Crime Lab, Records Bureau, Payroll, Narcotics Unit, assist with bicycle auctions, found property from our life guard stations and much more. Some of our volunteers are unique in the fact they actually handle full case loads for misdemeanor crimes; filing the cases then following them through resolution.

Our agency has one the largest volunteer programs for a Police Department in Southern California. We constantly receive accolades from residents thanking the Department for the hard work and dedication of the Police Volunteers. Many of the services they provide would NOT be possible without them. Our volunteers have saved the Police Department approximately \$510,680 (based on the cost per hour provided by OncOC). The volunteers have donated approximately 19,388 hours of service, talents, and skills for a simple "Thank You."

## Search and Rescue Explorers



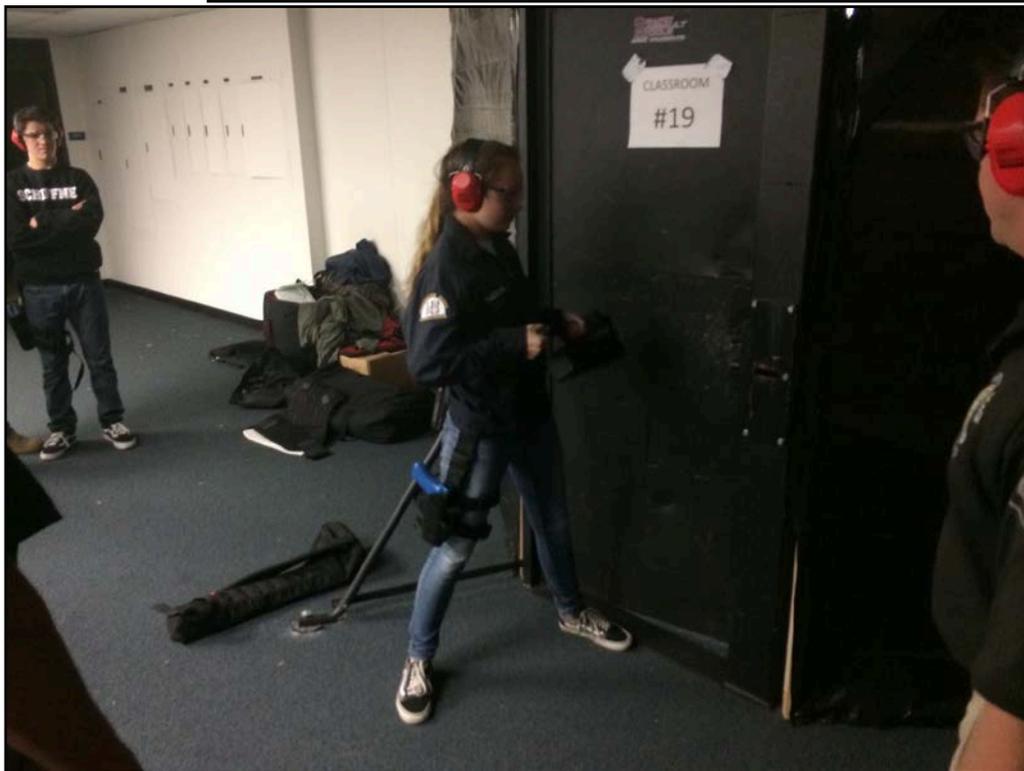
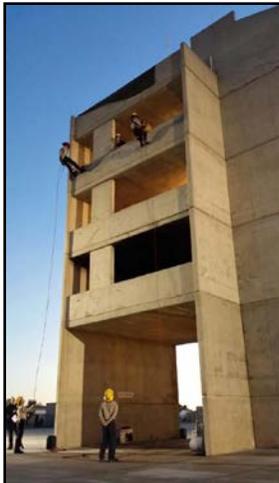
Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Explorer Post #563 is designed to provide career and personal development, as well as fun and friendly atmosphere for young men and women interested in police, fire and/or rescue work. Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Explorer Post #563 is comprised of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. The Explorers volunteer thousands of hours each year serving the community of Huntington Beach. The City relies heavily on the Explorers for major events like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and many local organizations utilize them for events throughout the year. The Explorers play a crucial role at every DUI checkpoint, and without their tireless efforts the Police Department would not have the manpower to staff these checkpoints. In 2015, the Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Explorers donated over 7,000 hours to the City of Huntington Beach.

This Explorer Post is unique because it incorporates three different facets of public safety; Police, Fire, and Marine Safety are all involved in this program. Based on training provided by these personnel, Explorers gain knowledge and experience in areas specific to their desired career paths. Explorers are exposed to a wide variety of training. Their training includes firearms, pier jumps and repelling from a five story building. The Explorers also have the ability to go on ride-alongs with all three agencies. Police officers, firefighters and Marine Safety Officers mentor the Explorers during their late adolescent years and into adulthood.

Historically, the Police Department has hired Explorers for various law enforcement positions. Currently, one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, a helicopter pilot and several police officers started their careers in law enforcement as a part of the Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Explorer program.

This program is a 501(C)(3) and accepts financial contributions year round to cover expenses. Anyone interested in donating or becoming an Explorer should take a look at the program's website at [www.hbsar.org](http://www.hbsar.org). If you have any questions, you can contact the Board of Advisors via email at [board@hbsar.org](mailto:board@hbsar.org).





## Uniform Division

### Patrol Bureau

The City of Huntington Beach is divided into two geographical areas, North and South, with Talbert being the dividing intersection. The North Area is currently supervised by six patrol sergeants and forty-five patrol officers. The South Area is patrolled by six patrol sergeants and forty-eight patrol officers, of which three have K-9 partners. Supplementing the south are eight officers assigned to the Main Street business district. Supervising the Patrol Division officers are the Executive Officer and four Watch Commanders.

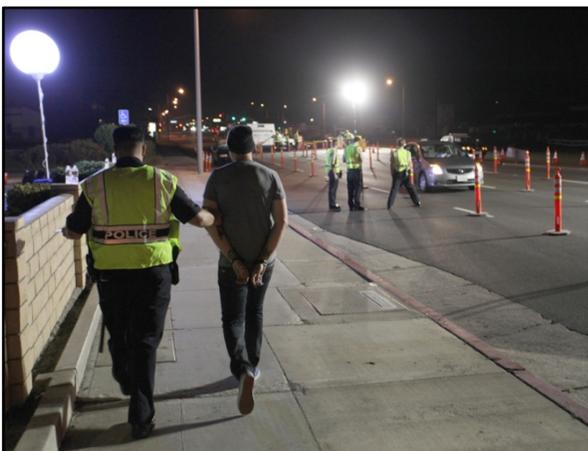
Working symbiotically with Investigations and our crime analyst, the North Area identified several goals related to crime reduction in 2015 including: thefts from vehicles, burglary, homelessness and alcohol related traffic collisions. The strategy to accomplish this was through education, awareness and enforcement. Officers attended Neighborhood Watch meetings to educate residents about reducing the risk of being victimized and how to identify suspicious behavior. We continue to use Social Media as an educational platform and push out valuable information to residents. We developed Task Forces and put officers in positions to make a difference. Some of the problems we have addressed include: targeting property crimes, financial elder abuse education, a Neighborhood Enhancement effort in Oak View, Mounted Patrols, GPS equipped bait vehicles, and Homeless Outreach. Officers focused their attention on local habitual offenders by working closely with parole and probation agencies. Our crime analyst provides a steady flow of information related to crime trends, "hot spots", and active criminals and/or fugitives within the area. Officers are committed to finding long-term solutions to problems and have been successful.

The North Area features many of our auto dealerships, Bella Terra Center, Huntington Beach Hospital, Ocean View High School, Marina High School, the Oak View neighborhood, the Huntington Harbor neighborhood, Central Park, Boeing and Quicksilver.

The South Area of the city includes nine miles of beautiful coastline, which is a tourist attraction and vacation destination. It is also where we concentrate much of our efforts during the summer tourist season. When the summer season starts, we supplement our enforcement efforts with one sergeant and eight officers who are responsible for patrolling the beaches and parts of Main Street. They conduct routine patrols via four wheel drive vehicles and quad-motorcycles. In addition to the beaches, the South also features Edison High School, the Waterfront Hilton, The Hyatt, Huntington Beach High School, the AES Power plant, the Hoag Medical Tower, the Rogers Senior Center, The Pier, horse stables, the Police Station, City Hall, Joint Powers Training Center, Pacific City and the Sea Cliff Neighborhood and Country Club.

Also working with Investigations and our crime analyst, the South Area identified several goals related to crime reduction in 2015 including; Driving Under the Influence, vandalism, thefts from vehicles, bicycle thefts, homelessness, rowdy behavior in and around Main Street. The strategy to deal with these issues continues to hinge on awareness, education and community outreach. Officers continue to attend

Neighborhood Watch meetings, use Social Media as a community outreach platform, utilize task forces such as; the Mounted Unit, the Know Your Limit Program, Tip-a-Cop Coffee with a Cop, Homeless Outreach, GPS equipped bait vehicles, and Beach Patrol.



## Air Support Unit

On December 9, 1968, Acting City Manager Brander Castle approved the purchase of a Hughes 269 helicopter. This purchase made Huntington Beach the first city in Orange County, and the fifth city in the nation, to initiate a police helicopter patrol program. The first pilots selected were Sgt. Bob Morrison and Officer Floyd Stafford. The Police Heliport is named after Bob Morrison in honor of his years of dedication.



Currently the Air Support Unit has three MD520N NOTAR helicopters. These helicopters were selected for their speed, agility, wide mission capability, and low noise signature because they do not use a tail rotor. There are six officer pilots and two mechanics, supervised by one pilot Sergeant.

Our crews provide support to patrol personnel assisting in vehicle/foot pursuits, area searches, missing persons calls, ocean search and rescue calls, burglary incidents, fire fighting duties, and acts as a general crime deterrent. The unit currently flies up to 3,000 hours a year. The crews can handle unconventional incidents, as well. For instance, they have participated in searches and rescues of individuals lost or injured in some of the local mountains. The helicopter also has a very rapid response time and has occasionally landed during emergencies, saving numerous lives.



In addition to patrolling Huntington Beach, our police helicopter provides contracted helicopter services to our neighboring cities; Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. Studies have determined that a police helicopter can be viewed as a force multiplier, equaling up to 10 patrol cars on the ground. Having the helicopter allows the City to police with an efficient and effective force, keeping Huntington Beach one of the safest cities in the country.

## Canine Unit

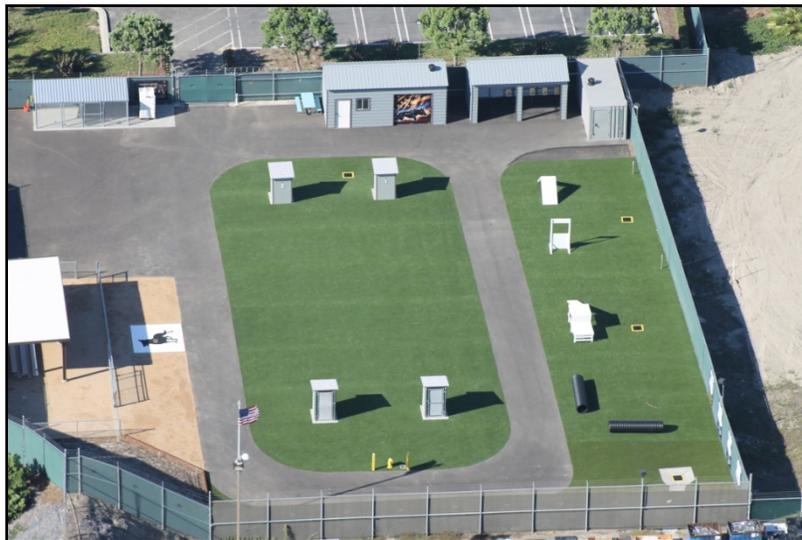
Founded in 1972, the Huntington Beach Police Canine Unit is Orange County's oldest unit. It was established to augment police services provided to the community. Highly skilled and trained teams of handlers and canines have evolved from the program and are used to locate individuals, contraband and apprehend criminal offenders. The use of a canine can drastically reduce the risk of injury to officers and the public.

To date, the Huntington Beach Police Department has deployed 35 police service dogs since the unit's inception in 1972. The current breed used by the Huntington Beach Police Canine Unit is Belgian Malinois. This is due to their solid nerves, high drive to work, athleticism and minimal health problems, which could limit the time frame of their careers.

The Huntington Beach Police Department currently has three canine teams protecting our citizens; Officer Casey Thomas and his partner "Bodhy"; Officer Wade Wilson and his partner "Marco"; and our newest team, Officer Scott Kansaku and his partner "Dingo."

Over the past several years, our canine Teams have located numerous dangerous suspects and have taken large quantities of narcotics off the streets. The citizens of Huntington Beach and the personnel at HBPD are very fortunate to have such a well trained and dedicated K9 Unit at their service.

In 2015, the Police Department opened a state-of-the-art Canine Training Facility at Boeing's Huntington Beach campus. The Facility is used by Huntington Beach Police canine teams as well as canine teams from other cities.



Police K-9 Training Facility

Canine Teams



OFFICER CASEY THOMAS AND *Bodhy*

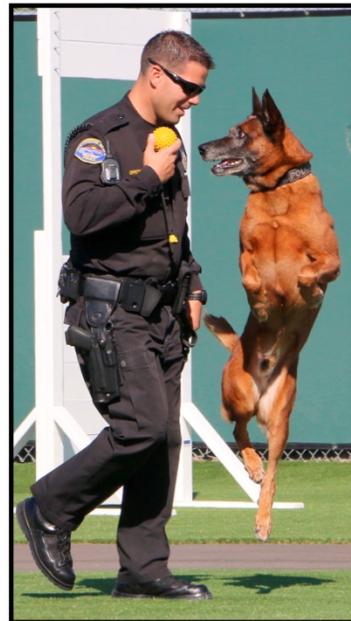


OFFICER WADE WILSON AND K9 *Marco*



OFFICER SCOTT KANSAKU AND *Dingo*

Canine Teams in Action



## Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is managed by a Lieutenant, supervised by three Sergeants, and a Parking Control Supervisor. There are 13 motor officers, 2 DUI enforcement officers, 2 accident investigators and 17 parking control officers.

The Traffic Unit is responsible for education and enforcement activities involving traffic laws, parking issues, bicycle safety, and the investigation of traffic collisions. The Traffic Unit has educated over 3,000 students from 10 educational presentations. The Traffic Unit works collectively with other City departments to find solutions to traffic related challenges.

This past year officers responded to 2,130 collisions, of which 16 resulted in fatalities. Out of the 2,130 collisions, 926 resulted in injuries. The Traffic Unit placed an emphasis on addressing driving while under the influence (DUI) enforcement. The Traffic Unit conducted 6 DUI checkpoints, 61 saturation patrols, and had 12 "Know Your Limit" campaigns where over 1422 patrons were educated from 61 alcohol establishments.

The Traffic Unit also works with other law enforcement agencies to help with the reduction of collisions by participating in national "Click it or Ticket," "Distracted Drivers Awareness Month," and several National Highway Traffic Safety Mobilization periods of deployment and educating.

In addition to addressing crime trends associated with collisions and impaired driving, the Traffic Unit also is responsible for the Special Events that occur within the City. They coordinated over 185 events a year including the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, The US Open of Surfing, Surf City Marathon, the Special Olympics Torch Run, and many more. The primary focus of these events is to provide public safety by ensuring companies, vendors, and individuals adhere to state, federal, and local ordinances. The Traffic Unit coordinates efforts with other City departments to facilitate a safe and fun event.



## **Mounted Enforcement Unit**

In 2014, the Department reinstated the Huntington Beach Mounted Enforcement Unit. This team is comprised of four officers, who work as mounted officers in addition to their regular assignment. This newly formed team worked hard to become trained and skilled in their new detail. This specialized team assists with the suppression of criminal activity by adding high profile enforcement to our parks, beaches, downtown area and Special Events.

After many months of training, the Huntington Beach Mounted Unit joined forces with the Orange County Regional Mounted Enforcement Unit (OCRMEU). This regionalized team shares resources with seven other Orange County agencies that allows up to 40 mounted members. Each agency has the ability to draw on a much larger contingent of mounted officers for specific events or civil unrest. The OCRMEU trains in mobile field force activities to ensure a safe and effective approach to crowd management.

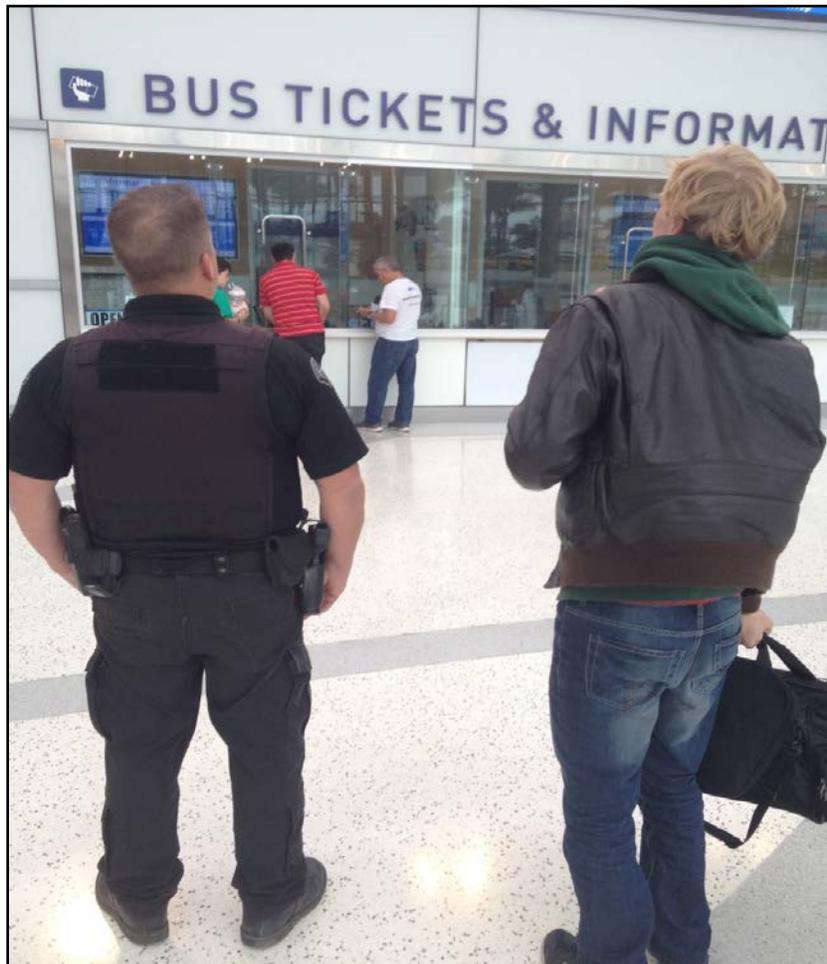
The Huntington Beach Mounted Unit has been a popular addition to the Police Department. They have strengthened community relations by participating in events such as, Tip-A-Cop for Special Olympics, Tuesday's City Sponsored Street Fair, many special events and conducted special patrols throughout the city including Central Park, Oak View Community and Bella Terra.



The Orange County Regional Mounted Unit was called upon during the US OPEN of Surfing to assist with crowd control and keeping the event safe and fun!

## Homeless Outreach Unit

In 2014, the Huntington Beach Police Department saw an increase in calls for service related to the homeless population. A group of officers volunteered to help bridge the gap between the needs of the homeless and the resources available to them. The Police Department joined forces with the non-profit organization Coast to Coast Foundation to provide needed services to the homeless in our community. Coast to Coast Foundation's mission is to provide services that continually make a difference in the homeless community while bridging the gap in support for homeless children to succeed in school. A group of volunteers from the community work with officers to meet and establish relationships with those who require services and are living within our community. This newly formed group has been successful in compiling data, coordinating resources and assisting those in need of housing, food, transportation and medical services.



Officer Gabe Ricci of the Homeless Task Force assisted this young man in getting back to his home state. Funds were provided by the Coast to Coast Foundation to pay for the ticket. Officer Ricci was instrumental in getting him in communication with family and getting him off the streets.

## SWAT/Crisis Negotiation Team

The Huntington Beach Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) consists of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, 16 Officers, four HB Fire Department Tactical Paramedics, one Tactical Physician, and three Tactical Dispatchers. Within the SWAT team there are two members who are Explosive Breachers, and seven members who are on the Waterborne Team. Members of SWAT also participate in a regional Joint Hazards Assessment Team (JHAT), that trains and equips operators to respond to chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear threat events. The Waterborne Team is a surface swimming team equipped to handle incidents on boats, docks, harbors and beaches.

In May, the JHAT Team was activated to Garden Grove to search for burglary suspects in an apartment complex which was being fumigated. JHAT officers were able to operate in the gas environment due to the breathing apparatus equipment they have and train with on a regular basis.



The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) consists of two Sergeants, ten Officers, and one reserve officer who are trained in crisis and mental health intervention techniques. They report to the SWAT Lieutenant and train several times a year with the SWAT team. They deploy with SWAT on team activations and assist at events that do not require a full SWAT deployment. These incidents include working with suicidal subjects and addressing others with mental health needs.

Both CNT and SWAT are auxiliary assignments for all involved employees. Participation in these units is in addition to their regularly assigned duties.

Because of their skills, training, and experience, SWAT team members are frequently utilized as instructors to provide training to other members of the Department. They provide ongoing tactical training to new officers and Advanced Officer Training to current members.

During 2015, the SWAT Team conducted explosive breaching training at various locations in the Edinger corridor as old buildings were slated for destruction. They continued to use the Kettler School facility as well. In November, the Team, along with Fire Department personnel, conducted fire mitigation training for the entire county JHAT contingent. This training continues to foster the great working relationship we have with our counterparts in the Fire Department.

The SWAT Team also assisted the Economic Crimes Unit and the U.S. Secret Service Los Angeles Electronic Crimes Task Force with a large scale joint counterfeiting investigation. The investigation led to the identification of several Los Angeles gang members throughout LA and Orange counties. The SWAT Team assisted in serving a search warrant and arrested a suspect in Los Angeles.



## **Ceremonial Detail**

The HBPD Ceremonial Detail was formed in 1997. It currently is comprised of 20 Sworn Personnel. Since its inception, the Ceremonial Detail has attended the Orange County Police Officer Memorial as representatives for the two Huntington Beach Police Department officers killed in the line of duty, Officers Le Roy Dart (1928) and Leslie J. Prince (1974).

The HBPD Ceremonial Detail is an integral component of the California Police Officer Memorial in Sacramento. They provide escort for dignitaries, lay the wreath for the Candlelight Vigil, and provide security for the Police Officer Memorial Ceremony, and the Survivor's Family Dinner.

They assist with the National Police Officer Memorial in Washington D.C., and participate in the Annual Police Officers Unity Bicycle ride from New York to Washington D.C., during the National Memorial week.

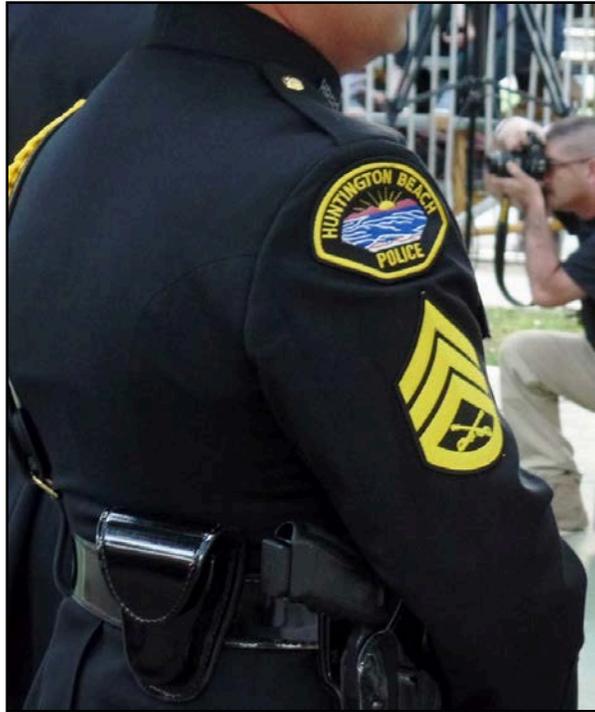
Upon request they perform Honor Guard duties at funerals of fallen officers, retired officers, and civilian law enforcement personnel.

They perform Color Guard duties at several functions throughout the year. Examples of these functions are:

- HB 911 Memorial ceremonies
- HB Chamber of Commerce Awards
- Miss HB Pageant
- HB Centennial Ball
- Flags for Heroes
- Marine Corp 3/1 Battalion Annual 5k Run opening ceremonies
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day opening ceremonies at Angel Stadium
- Opening ceremonies for the NHL Ducks at Honda Center
- Badge of Honor Foundation opening ceremonies

The Ceremonial Detail has the honor of escorting any hometown military personnel who have been killed in action, from John Wayne Airport to Huntington Beach.

The Ceremonial Detail is an essential branch of the Huntington Beach Police Department that provides a valuable service to the Department and to the City of Huntington Beach.



## Investigation Division

### Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is managed by a Lieutenant and comprised of three investigative units, the Crimes Against Persons Unit, the General Investigation Unit and the Economic Crimes Unit. Each unit is staffed by experienced detectives and professional staff with specialized skills and equipment to address follow-up investigations within their areas of expertise. The Detective Bureau also staffs a Crime Analyst responsible for gathering, analyzing and distributing crime trends to the field units, detectives and command staff. This close to real-time information allows police personnel to predict where future crime may occur and proactively deploy resources to reduce or prevent it.

The Crimes Against Persons Unit is comprised of one Sergeant, seven Detectives, one Community Services Officer, one Police Service Specialist, one Reserve Officer, and two volunteers. The unit generally handles cases involving injury or the threat of injury to people, such as assault, robbery and homicide, as well as all sexual assaults. Detectives in this unit received over 2,700 cases to investigate in 2015.

One significant case handled by this unit involved a citizen who reported his juvenile son had been receiving inappropriate electronic communications from a former baseball coach. CAP detectives identified, located, and arrested the suspect. They later obtained a full confession. Further investigation uncovered 9 additional juvenile victims. At the time of his arrest he was coaching high school baseball in another Orange County city.

A second case involved a suspect who robbed or attempted to rob several banks in the city. CAP detectives interviewed several victims and witnesses. During their investigation they were able to identify, locate, and arrest the suspect. Through skillful interviewing techniques, they obtained a full confession from the suspect. The detectives also recovered incriminating evidence during a search warrant related to the suspect.

The General Investigation Unit is staffed by one Sergeant, eight Detectives, one contracted Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, two part-time Domestic Violence Investigators, two Community Services Officers, and two part-time employees. Investigators from this unit received over 8,500 cases in 2015. Several members of the unit handle follow-up investigations involving theft, residential and commercial burglary, property damage and arson. The remaining members are assigned to the Domestic Violence Team which is funded in part by a grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. This team focuses solely on assisting victims of domestic violence and prosecuting their perpetrators. One of the Community Services Officers handles all court liaison duties coordinating court appearances by officers, filing of cases with the District Attorney and compliance with discovery requests.

A significant case handled by this unit involved four suspects who used a stolen vehicle to ram through the front entrance of a local AT&T. They stole cell phones from the rear storage area and fled in another vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and a pursuit ensued and the suspects wrecked their vehicle a short time later. All four suspects were subsequently captured by officers. The investigation revealed the suspects were gang members out of Los Angeles and responsible for multiple burglaries throughout Orange, LA, and Riverside counties. Over a dozen burglaries were solved from this one incident and a wealth of information was obtained and shared with other agencies.

The Economic Crimes Unit is made up of one Sergeant, seven Detectives, one Community Services Officer, and one Forensic System Specialist. This unit handles white collar crime cases such as identity theft, counterfeiting, theft by fraud and real estate crimes. Detectives from this unit handled over 1,200 cases in 2015.

A significant case handled by this unit involved the caretaker of an 88 year old victim. The caretaker cashed several personal checks from the victim's account and used the victim's credit card to make numerous unauthorized personal purchases. The total loss suffered by the victim was approximately \$30,000.00. Video surveillance and ultimately a confession was obtained to support the allegations. The case was submitted to the DA's office and numerous charges were filed including several counts of Elder Financial Abuse.

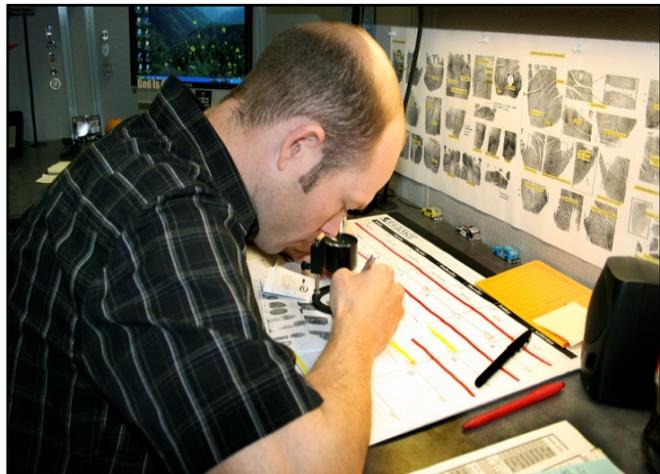
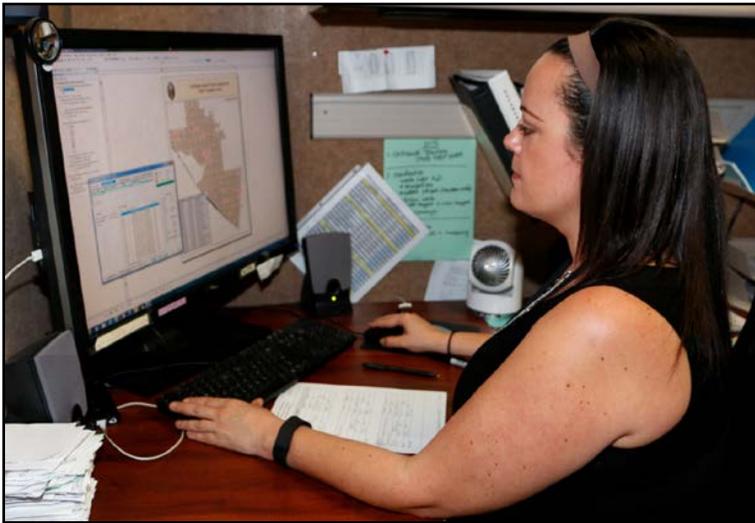
Another case involved a sophisticated counterfeit operation. The suspect was stopped by patrol officers for a minor traffic violation. During their investigation, they located what appeared to be counterfeit currency. The suspect was staying in a local motel. A probation search was conducted of the motel room, where officers and detectives located a sophisticated system to produce counterfeit \$100.00 bills. Detectives were able to liaison with the United States Secret Service to ensure Federal criminal charges were filed. The suspect was arrested and delivered to the U.S. Marshall's department where he was held until his Federal trial, where he was found guilty of counterfeiting

Additionally, members of the Economic Crimes Unit staff the Police Department's High-Tech Computer Forensics Lab. They examined computers and cell phones related to 135 investigations in 2015. Members of this unit are part of the U.S. Secret Service Los Angeles Electronic Crimes Task Force. During 2015, operating as part of the US Secret Service, Los Angeles Field Office, Electronic Crimes Task Force, our detectives assisted with "Operation Money Wash." This joint investigation revealed over \$120,000 of counterfeit money had been passed by Los Angeles gang members throughout LA and Orange counties. The Economic Crimes Unit, along with our SWAT team, served a search warrant and arrested a suspect in Los Angeles. This case is currently being prosecuted.

The Crime Analysis Unit is made up of one full-time certified crime analyst and one part-time analyst. Crime analysis is an important law enforcement function involving systematic data analysis to identify and examine crime patterns and trends. Identifying patterns assists the Department in effectively deploying resources and assist detectives and officers in identifying and apprehending suspects. Crime analysis also plays a role in devising solutions to crime problems

and formulating crime prevention strategies. The crime analyst also performs a number of other important functions, such as: Federal crime reporting, collecting statistics, conducting data inquiries, preparing crime maps, preparing information for the community, and preparing special bulletins on wanted suspects.





## **Special Investigations Bureau**

The Special Investigations Bureau is managed by a Lieutenant and comprised of four investigative units, the Narcotics Unit, the Gang Unit, the Vice Unit, and Crime Task Force (CTF). The Special Investigations Bureau also staffs a detective at the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC). Each unit is staffed by experienced detectives and professional staff with specialized skills and equipment to address any issues related to narcotics, gang investigations, vice investigations, or any other investigation assigned by the Chief of Police. The four units work together assisting each other with their investigations and/or surveillances; they also assist other units in the department with conducting surveillance or undercover operations.

The Narcotics and Gang Unit is comprised of one Sergeant, four Narcotic Detectives, two Gang Detectives, and one Police Service Specialist. All of the detectives are cross trained to handle narcotics related crimes and gang related crimes. Narcotics and Gang Detectives handle any issues related to narcotics and gangs; including conducting undercover operations, surveillances, patrolling gang areas, and following up on any gang related crime. Often times they work closely with the Crimes Against Persons Unit. In 2015, the unit received 141 tips of possible drug activity from citizens and was assigned over 900 cases. In addition, the unit made and was involved in over 150 arrests, seized 12 firearms, over 5 pounds of methamphetamine, over 66 pounds of cocaine, 10 pounds of heroin, and 3 pounds of marijuana. A noteworthy case handled by this unit involved the successful investigation of a subject who had an organization and was involved in the sales of methamphetamine and cocaine in the downtown Huntington Beach area, and he was also involved in identity theft and fraud. Detectives identified the subject and his accomplices, as well as his supplier. Detectives arrested the subject, his girlfriend, his supplier and two accomplices and also executed two search warrants. Detectives seized numerous items utilized in identity theft, as well as a large amount of narcotics. Due to the large amount of evidence seized and the number of victims identified, the Secret Service adopted the case and federally charged the subject and his accomplice.

In 2015, the Police Department assigned a Narcotic Detective to the Orange County Regional Narcotic Task Force (RNSP). RNSP's focus is to investigate and apprehend major illegal drug suspects from a regional approach.

The Vice Unit and Crime Task Force are staffed by one Sergeant, two Vice Detectives, four Crime Task Force Detectives, and one Community Services Officer. The unit is responsible for conducting vice related investigations, such as sales of alcohol to minors, prostitution, human trafficking, internet crimes against children, and conducting probation/supervised release compliance checks. The unit is also responsible for approving entertainment permits issued to establishments in the city and Establishment Registration Certificates (ERCs) issued to massage parlors operating in the city. In 2014, the unit processed 93 ERCs and processed 111 Entertainment Permits, Conditional Use Permits, and Conceptual Entertainment Permits. In 2014, the department received a grant from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to combat alcohol related crimes in the city. Detectives in the unit conducted numerous undercover operations focusing on overserving, sales of alcohol to minors, and furnishing alcohol to minors. The department is also a member of the Orange County

Human Trafficking Task force, which targets Human Trafficking violators and identifies victims of Human Trafficking. This task force operates under a state grant. The unit conducted two undercover operations targeting Human Trafficking and made 12 arrests for prostitution and pimping and pandering.

One detective is assigned to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAAC). The OCIAAC is a collaborative effort of eleven agencies that provide resources, expertise, and information to detect, prevent and respond to criminal and terrorist activity.



## **Jail Bureau**

The Huntington Beach Police Department Jail Bureau is operated by a professional staff of certified and trained Detention Officers. With a staff of 17 Detention Officers, 4 of which are licensed nursing professionals, the Jail focuses on maintaining the most secure environment possible while still treating every inmate with the utmost dignity and respect. In 2015, the Huntington Beach Jail booked over 5,000 inmates, collected 785 evidence samples for DUI prosecution, and fingerprinted, registered and photographed over 780 narcotic, sex, and arson registrants.

Jail Bureau staff is committed to minimizing the time police officers and detectives spend processing and transporting arrestees. The staff makes every effort to reduce that time and get officers back in the field to deter, detect and solve crime. By processing the arrestees in a timely manner, the officer can return to field duties in as little as 10 minutes. Further reducing the impact on sworn patrol staff, in 2015, Jail staff transported 1,634 inmates to court or county jail.

In addition to booking and housing Huntington Beach arrestees, the Jail offers an alternative for local residents that are sentenced to county jail or facilities outside the area. The Sentenced Inmate Pay-to-Stay Program and the Work Release Program provide viable options to local residents that could lose their jobs, miss school, or be geographically separated from family. Working with judges, attorneys, and defendants, there were 42 local residents that successfully served their sentences in our jail. These inmate workers were able to keep their jobs and/or attend college while serving out their sentences.

Jail Bureau staff works closely with multiple agencies to further improve operations and assist other police departments. Inspections of our facility are completed by the California Board of Standards for Community Corrections, Fire Marshall, the Orange County Health Authority, the Orange County Youth Commission, and a local medical advisor. In 2015, the Jail was found in full compliance with all inspections. While the Jail is not a location where most people want to spend much time, it is a “must see” for various community groups, including: Youth in Government Day students, local Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops, the Citizens’ Academy, and many others.

## 2015 Jail Bookings

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2006	406	426	452	460	469	479	571	501	486	456	415	441	5562
2007	492	414	536	531	481	490	506	468	447	444	434	472	5715
2008	450	471	538	490	492	526	574	523	426	461	486	430	5867
2009	416	429	503	454	490	434	560	467	398	460	473	402	5486
2010	415	409	509	463	508	478	574	542	454	443	453	446	5694
2011	467	387	470	392	446	481	644	548	421	442	377	350	5425
2012	421	363	436	421	428	394	511	500	440	414	332	376	5036
2013	320	327	375	320	318	330	458	330	337	315	269	268	3967
2014	322	266	358	376	394	412	502	477	373	369	335	314	4498
2015	397	390	441	354	398	421	553	468	414	408	378	411	5033



## Huntington Beach Police Department Statistics

### Part I Crimes

Part I Comparison Last Year / This Year				
	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	Difference	Percent Change
<i>Homicide</i>	1	0	-1	-100.0%
<i>Rape</i> (definition change in 2014)	45	52	7	15.6%
<i>Robbery</i>	100	117	17	17.0%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	245	251	6	2.4%
<i>Simple Assaults</i>	1266	1250	-16	-1.3%
<i>Burglary</i>	643	723	80	12.4%
<i>Larceny</i>	3295	3846	551	16.7%
<i>Auto Theft</i>	300	373	73	24.3%
<i>Arson</i>	20	23	3	15.0%
<b>Total</b> (Not including Simple Assaults and Arson)	4629	5362	733	15.8%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	391	420	29	7.4%
<b>Property Crimes</b>	4238	4942	704	16.6%

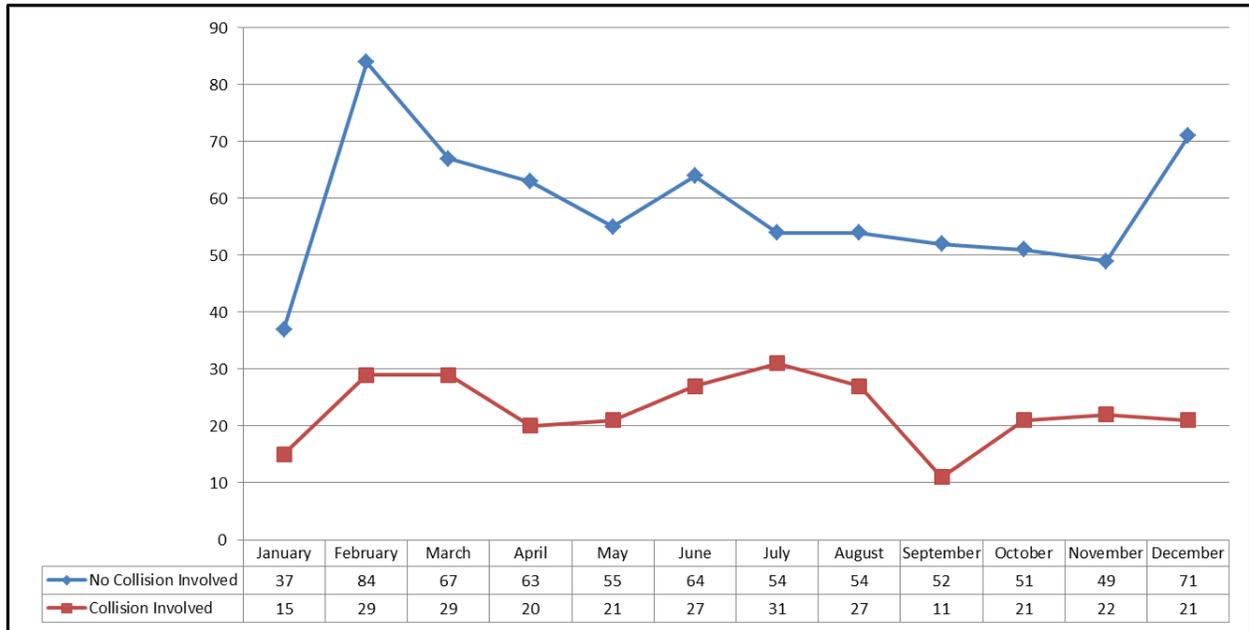
### Criminal Cases Investigated

	Cases RECEIVED 2015	Cases ASSIGNED 2015	Cases CLOSED/ CLEARED 2015
Crimes Against Persons Unit	2700	1725	1645
General Investigations Unit	8560	2540	2690
Economic Crimes Unit	1252	832	919
<b>Total</b>	<b>12512</b>	<b>5097</b>	<b>5254</b>

## 2015 Alarm Calls

	Total Alarm Calls	Total Alarms Responded To	Total Confirmed Crimes	FALSE Alarms	Calls Cancelled
JANUARY	431	302	6	281	129
FEBRUARY	375	266	5	254	109
MARCH	435	310	6	295	125
APRIL	408	271	3	256	137
MAY	437	308	4	290	129
JUNE	451	280	2	257	171
JULY	549	379	6	352	170
AUGUST	510	339	6	310	171
SEPTEMBER	516	374	7	343	142
OCTOBER	540	393	8	362	147
NOVEMBER	500	378	6	358	144
DECEMBER	485	342	6	331	143
Total	5637	3942	65	3689	1717

## 2015 DUI Arrests



When someone is arrested for driving under the influence, they are asked several questions including where they were drinking. In 2010, we instituted a program to send monthly letters to alcohol establishments to alert them of patrons arrested for driving under the influence after being at their establishment. In 2015, we sent 99 letters to 41 different alcohol establishments in the city of Huntington Beach.



## 2015 Traffic Safety

### Traffic Collisions

<u>Accidents by Category</u>		<u>Quantity</u>
Property Damage Only		1,188
Injury		926
Fatal		16
Total Collisions		2,130

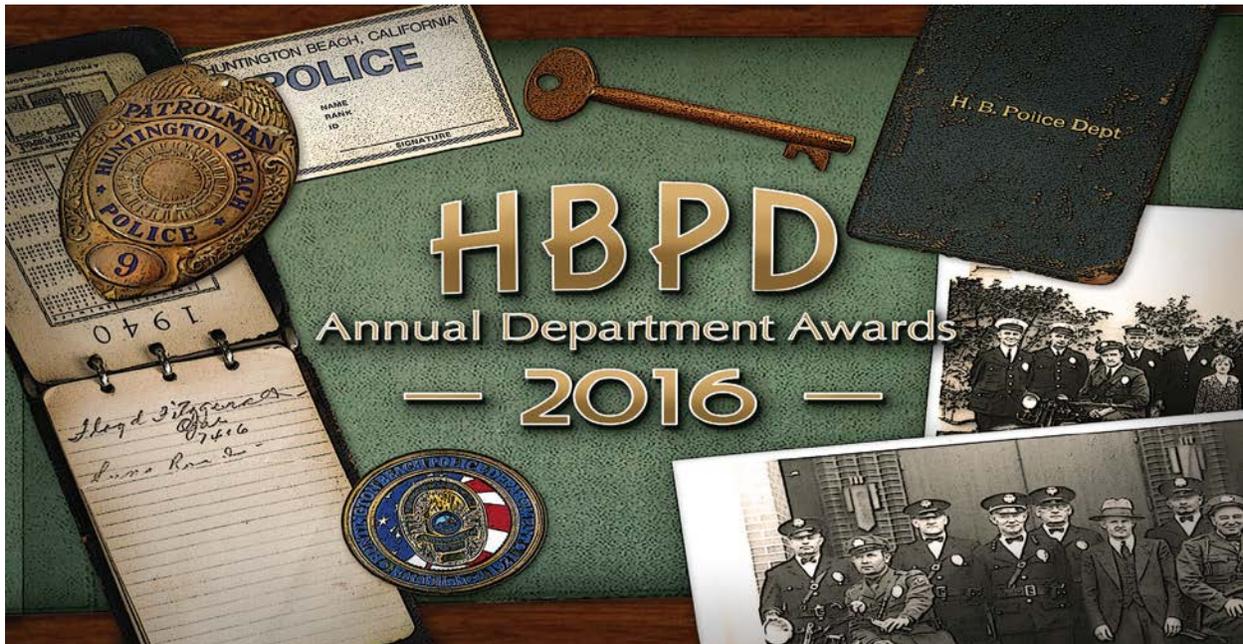
  

<u>Highest Number of Traffic Collisions by Location</u>		
Rank	Intersection	Total Collisions
1.	Beach & Talbert	18
2.	Beach & Ellis	14
3.	Beach & Slater	13
4.	Beach & Warner	12
5.	Beach & Edinger	12
6.	Beach & Stark	11
7.	Beach & Yorktown	10
8.	Warner & Gothard	10

<u>Total Number of Citations</u>	
Hazardous Citations	12,257
Non-Hazardous Citations (for example: equipment violations)	6,364
Total Citations	18,621

## Employee Awards



The 2016 HBPD Annual Department Awards highlighted those who have shown selfless acts of courage during challenging times, exhibited strong leadership, and acted throughout their career with the highest work ethic and unquestionable integrity. The award ceremony was presented by The Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation and held at The Waterfront Beach Resort – A Hilton Hotel. The awards recognize the efforts and commitment of employees from 2015 and from throughout their careers.

**Crime Fighter Award** – Police Officer Joseph Kearby and Detective Thoby Archer

**Civilian Employee of the Year** – Parking Control Officer Melissa Dobson

**Unit/Team Award** – Lieutenant Scott Winks, Sergeants Mike Szyperski and Oscar Garcia and Detectives Trent Tunstall and Rafael Mena

**Officer of the Year** – Police Officer Juan Munoz

**Supervisor of the Year** – Sergeant Aaron Garrido

**Award of Merit** – Sergeant Chris Tatar, Police Officers Robert Frahm and Kurt Stoechlein, Property Officers Melissa Hartley, Dawn Curran-Tubb, Rosy De Leon and Barry Case and Training Unit Assistant Shirley Salter

**Distinguished Service Award** – Captain William Stuart and Police Service Specialist Edie Zadel

**Lifesaving Award** – Sergeant Brain Smith, Officer Ryan Jensen and Communications Supervisor Julie Reynolds

**Medal of Valor** – Police Officers Humberto Valdez, Richard Gonzalez, Jose Gonzales and Brian Schrieber

**The Police Department is proud of all the award recipients.**

## Connecting with the Community

### Shop with a Cop

The Huntington Beach Police Department held its first “Shop with a Cop” on December 8, 2015. The department worked with the Huntington Beach, Ocean View and Westminster city school districts to select 25 students. Each of the 25 students was paired up with an officer to have breakfast with at the Market Broiler and then go shopping at Target.

The Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation and the Nobles Family Foundation each contributed \$100. The students were able to spend \$200 while shopping with their officers and officers even reached into their own pockets to make sure the students were able to get everything they wanted/needed. We had so many personnel volunteer their time to come out and assist in this program.





## Tip a Cop

On September 17, 2015, HBPD held its Tip a Cop fundraiser at the California Pizza Kitchen located at the Bella Terra Mall. The event supports the Special Olympics. The California Pizza Kitchen donated 20% of its proceeds during the event to help support the cause. We were able to raise \$6,600 for the Special Olympics and hope to surpass that this year.

Officers tested their skills taking orders, serving food, and bussing tables. There were static displays outside with our K9 Unit, Mounted Unit, police motorcycle, SWAT, CSI and Search and Rescue. The officers give a new meaning to “protect and serve” while supporting this great cause.







## Blood Drive



10th Annual  
**Battle**  
of the Badges

*Helping save lives . . . on and off the job.*



**American Red Cross**

## Huntington Beach Police Department

**Tuesday, December 29, 2015**  
**2:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Location: Police Training Room**

To schedule your appointment sign up on-line at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) Use sponsor code: **BADGESOCAL** or contact Suzanne at the Red Cross [Suzanne.Jennings@redcross.org](mailto:Suzanne.Jennings@redcross.org) or phone at 714-686-3331

The Police Department participated in the American Red Cross' 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. This was a fun and competitive way to donate blood as a team in competition against other law enforcement and fire departments. This was HBPD's second year to participate. The first year, the department set a new local record for most donations for a first year team and also won the Brigade Award for 50+ donations (we had 92).















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