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JULY DONATION UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) **fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30 each year. We have estimated we will need approximately \$25,000 this year to cover the various HBNW program expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, etc. From the start of our fiscal year until June 30, we have received **\$21,549.19 in donations and newsletter advertisements—for 2012, we were \$3,450.81 short of our goal.** The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$6 donation pays for each subscriber's distribution costs; a \$10 donation helps with these costs and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 or more donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a HBNW sticker and a token of appreciation. Remember, HBNW is a non-profit organization; **donations are tax deductible.**

As a resident of the city, we encourage you to review the HBNW program budget and expenses.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either **electronically** or through the mail. The Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and crime statistics. Donations are not necessary to receive the Newsletter, but if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.



**HOME SAFETY TIPS
FOR THE ELDERLY**

from the Huntington Beach Fire Department

As many senior citizens choose to live alone or may be visitors in your home, it is important to take into consideration some simple tips to help safeguard themselves and prevent injuries. As people age, there are many factors to take into consideration. Here are some helpful tips:

- Avoid trip hazards:
 - Remove throw rugs
 - Reduce clutter
 - Keep stairs and entry ways brightly lit
 - Relocate lamps and appliances close to walls so the electrical cords are not in the traffic areas. If a cord must extend across a traffic area, secure the cord with brightly colored tape to draw attention to it. Do not cover the cord with a rug as the bump may create a trip hazard.
 - Move low furniture out of traffic areas
- Use non-skid wax and floor cleaners to prevent a slippery floor
- Use a textured bathmat in shower stalls, bathtubs and floors to reduce the risk of slipping
 - Other helpful bathroom devices – raised toilet seats and grab bars
- Brighten lighting by using at least 100 watt bulbs for reading and at least 60 watt bulbs in most other rooms
- Place night lights in the pathways, especially the route to the bathroom

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FACEBOOK PRIVACY SETTINGS CHECKLIST

Below are some suggestions to help guide you through the process of customizing your Facebook privacy settings. There is also a companion fact sheet as well as a step-by-step tutorial available in the Resources section of the IACP Center for Social Media (www.iacpsocialmedia.org).

ACCOUNT SECURITY

- Enable secure (https) browsing
- Request notifications be sent to you when a new device logs into your account

CONNECTING ON FACEBOOK

- Select privacy levels for connecting with others on Facebook including who can send you friend requests and messages, and who can see different pieces of information on your profile

SHARING ON FACEBOOK

- Select privacy levels for things you share including wall posts and places you check in to
- Edit privacy settings for existing photo albums and videos
- Select privacy levels for things others can share including photos and videos you are tagged in, permission to comment on your posts, and permission to see posts on your wall
- Disable "Suggest photos of me to friends"
- Disable "Friends can check me in to Places"

APPS AND WEB SITES

- Edit which apps, games, and Web sites you use
- Select what information is accessible through your friends
- Disable instant personalization
- Disable public search

BLOCK LISTS

- Add users (if any) to your blocked list

You may contact IACP Center for Social Media staff for additional assistance. See contact information below.



HOME SAFETY TIPS FOR THE ELDERLY, cont

from the Huntington Beach Fire Department

- Lower water temperature on water heaters to avoid scalding.
- Keep regularly used items located on shelves that are easily accessible.
- Steps and ramps – consider building a ramp or gradual slope with a handrail for easier access.
- Smoke Alarms
 - Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
 - For added safety, interconnect all the smoke alarms so that when one sounds, they all sound.
 - Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years; this can be helpful for people who have difficulty changing batteries.
 - Smoke alarms and alert devices, called accessories, are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Strobe lights throughout the home are activated by smoke alarms and alert people who are deaf to fire conditions. When people who are deaf are asleep, a high intensity strobe light is required along with a pillow or bed shaker to wake them up and alert them to fire conditions.
- Heating
 - Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment (i.e., furnace, fireplace, portable space heater).
 - Never use your oven to heat a home.
 - Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

The Fire Department's Senior Home Inspection Program (SHIP) has trained volunteers who provide free home safety inspections. Callers can leave a message on the Project SHIP request line at 714-374-1615 and a volunteer will contact them to schedule the inspection.

LIFETIME PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

OneOC recently recognized RSVPs that received the Presidential Lifetime Honoree's 4000+ Hours, or 10 years of service, at a luncheon held in Santa Ana, CA.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was established to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours of service over a 12 month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. On July 18, 2012 One OC celebrated 100+ of their RSVP members that earned the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for serving 4,000+ hours and/or 10+ years of service.

Huntington Beach Police Department was proud to have had 17 people recognized and honored at this luncheon. In addition, RSVP Ken Katz was given special recognition for being the "Top Total Hours" volunteered in Orange County. More photos from the event are on page 6. Below are the names of HBPD volunteers that were honored:

Don Bayhan

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-9. 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

55 reported 06/16/12 - 07/15/12

37 reported 05/16/12 - 06/15/12

Twenty-three of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Eighteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; fourteen were committed at night, and twenty-three at an unknown time.

There were thirteen garage entries.

There were nine attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

52 reported 06/16/12 - 07/15/12

55 reported 05/16/12 - 06/15/12

GRAND THEFT AUTO

43 reported 06/16/12 - 07/15/12

35 reported 05/16/12 - 06/15/12

BEAT 2

10 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-2 RD 453-1
RD 455-1 RD 462-1
RD 463-2 RD 475-1
RD 476-1 RD 486-1

Streets: Indianapolis Ave., Reilly Dr., Carrolltown Dr., Huntington St., Doncaster Dr., Aloha Dr., and Oceancrest Dr.

In RD 452, Indianapolis Ave., it appears the suspect(s) entered the garage through an unlocked pedestrian door. Suspect(s) then entered an unlocked vehicle parked inside and stole items from within it and fled.

In RD 452 Indianapolis Ave., Victim left a purse on a bench under an open kitchen window. Suspect cut the screen, reached in, and removed a wallet from the purse side pocket.

The suspect was scared off when victim's spouse noticed a hand reaching in the window and yelled out to the suspect. Suspect fled towards the alley.

In RD 462, Huntington St., suspect described as; male, white, 17years old, height 6'4", thin build, shaved head, wearing a black shirt and grey shorts.

In RD 463, Doncaster Dr., suspect gained entry through the unlocked gate and unlocked garage door.

In RD 463, Doncaster Dr., the suspect entered the garage through an unlocked door. The suspect removed a jewelry box from the garage and exited the location in an unknown direction of travel.

In RD 476, Oceancrest Dr., suspect is known.

There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 463-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 455-1 RD 462-1
RD 466-1

BEAT 3

9 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 423-1 RD 427-1
RD 434-1 RD 435-1
RD 436-1 RD 443-1
RD 444-2 RD 447-1

Streets: Newhaven Ln., Ward St., Bellmead Dr., Waterbury Ln., Continental Dr., Tranquil Ln., Mansard Ln., and Ravenwood Ln.

In RD 423, Newhaven Ln., suspect is in custody.

In RD 443, Continental Dr., suspect #1 described as; White or Hispanic, wearing a grey hoodie, black pants, grey hat, and gloves. Suspect #2 described as: Female, white or Hispanic, short, heavy build, wearing a black "USA" sweatshirt, black pants, and black shoes. Suspect vehicle was described as a dark colored sedan.

There were 4 attempted entries.

There was 1 garage entry.

There was one storage trailer entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 434-3 RD 436-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 442-2 RD 446-1

BEAT 4

7 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 327-1 RD 348-1
RD 359-1 RD 431-2
RD 432-1 RD 451-1

Streets: Surflanding Ln., Main St., Utica Ave., Feather Dr., Pacific Coast Hwy., and Lake St.

In RD 431, Main St., Unknown suspect(s) forced open the garage door to gain entry and stole items from inside. Suspect(s) also stole items from an unlocked shed located in the rear yard.

In RD 432, Utica Ave., It appears suspect(s) entered through an opened window.

In RD 359, Pacific Coast Hwy., Suspect(s) described as white male, 30 years old, brown hair, height 5'10", a tattoo of a football shape on his neck, wearing a black t-shirt and shorts, and riding an orange beach cruiser.

In RD 451, Lake St., Victim said he pulled his car out of his garage and watched it shut. When he returned about 15 minutes later, he opened the garage door and discovered his skateboard and three bicycles were missing.

There were four garage entries.

There was one utility room entry.

There was one shed entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 338-1 RD 349-4
RD 451-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 349-2 RD 451-5

BEAT 5

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 319-3 RD 411-1
RD 421-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Streets: Carriage Dr., Churchill Dr., Wichita Ave., and Rincon Ct.

In RD 319, Carriage Dr., it appears suspect(s) did not gain entry.

In RD 319, Churchill Dr., suspect(s) entered the garage by unknown means. Inside the garage the suspect(s) entered the unlocked vehicle, stole items, and fled.

****It should be noted the same type of entry and burglary occurred at another home on this street the same day.**

In RD 411, Wichita Ave., suspect entered through an unlocked/opened rear sliding door.

In RD 421, Rincon Ct., it appears the suspect(s) entered the unlocked open garage and stole items from the unlocked vehicles parked inside the garage.

There was one attempted entry.

There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 318-1 RD 411-1
RD 412-1 RD 413-1
RD 422-1**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 292-2 RD 319-1
RD 413-1**

BEAT 6

**7 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 272-2 RD 273-2
RD 282-1 RD 283-2**

Streets: Emerald Ln., Sycamore Dr., Marken Ln., Holland Dr., Newman Ave., Paseo Cir., and Van Buren Ln.

In RD 272, Emerald Ln., suspect is known.

In RD 273, Holland Dr., unknown suspect cut the lock off a storage locker and stole several items from within.

In RD 282, Newman Ave., unknown suspect(s) drilled out the door knob, but it did not appear they gained entry.

In RD 283, Van Buren Ln., suspect is in custody.

There was 1 attempted entry.

There was one garage entry.

There was one storage locker entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 273-1 RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 263-1 RD 264-1
RD 283-1**

BEAT 7

**9 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 158-3 RD 168-1
RD 188-1 RD 251-1
RD 252-1 RD 261-1
RD 262-1**

Streets: Softwind Dr., Edinger Ave., Angler Ln., Warner Ave., Balmoral Dr., Bluesails Dr., Parkside Ln., Burke Ln., and Viewpoint Ln.

In RD 158, Softwind Dr., suspect(s) possibly used a key.

In RD 188, Balmoral Dr., it appeared that an unknown suspect(s) accessed the residence through an open bedroom window. The suspect(s) removed the window screen and climbed inside.

In RD 251, Bluesails Dr., it appears that the suspect removed a rear bedroom screen and climbed in the window to gain entry.

In RD 262, Viewpoint Ln., it did not appear entry was made.

There was one attempted entry.

There was one entry to a shipping container.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 159-1 RD 169-1
RD 251-1 RD 252-2
RD 253-2 RD 262-1**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 179-1 RD 251-1
RD 252-2**

BEAT 8

**5 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 153-1 RD 163-1
RD 166-1 RD 171-1
RD 174-1**

Streets: Mistral Dr., Gilbert Dr., Stonehaven Cir., Pacific Ave., and Edgewater Ln.

In RD 166, Stonehaven Cir., suspect entered through an opened 2nd story bathroom window. Suspect stole various items including a set of car key and the vehicle parked in the garage. Suspect is in custody.

In RD 171, Pacific Ave., suspect(s) entered a closed but unlocked kitchen door, removed a purse from the kitchen table, and fled out the same door.

There was one attempted entry.

There was one garage entry.

There was one boat entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 162-2 RD 165-1
RD 167-1 RD 171-1
RD 175-2 RD 176-3**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 154-1 RD 162-1
RD 165-1 RD 166-1
RD 173-3 RD 175-2**

BEAT 9

**3 Residential Burglaries
12 Vehicle Burglaries
10 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 128-2 RD 152-1

Streets: Briarcliff Dr., Sunnycrest Ln., and Germain Cir.

In RD 128, Briarcliff Dr., suspect(s) may have been frightened off by the audible alarm.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 117-1 RD 137-1
RD 138-1 RD 241-2
RD 242-7**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 126-2 RD 128-1
RD 138-1 RD 148-1
RD 232-1 RD 241-3
RD 242-1**

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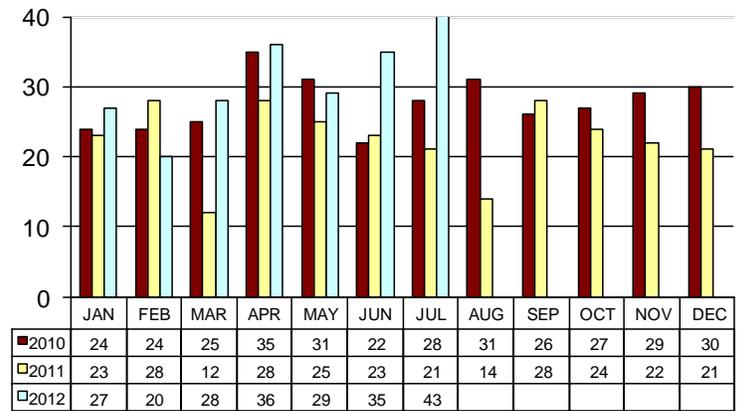
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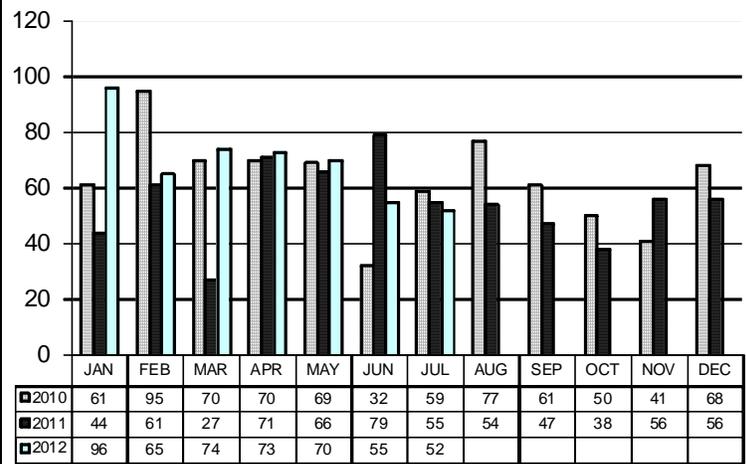
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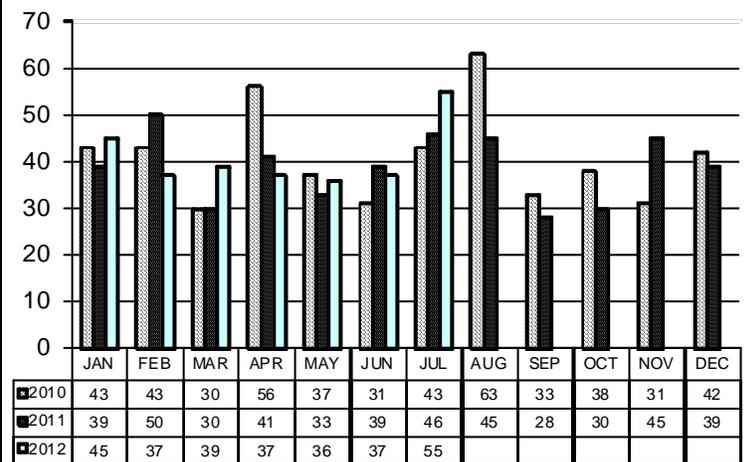
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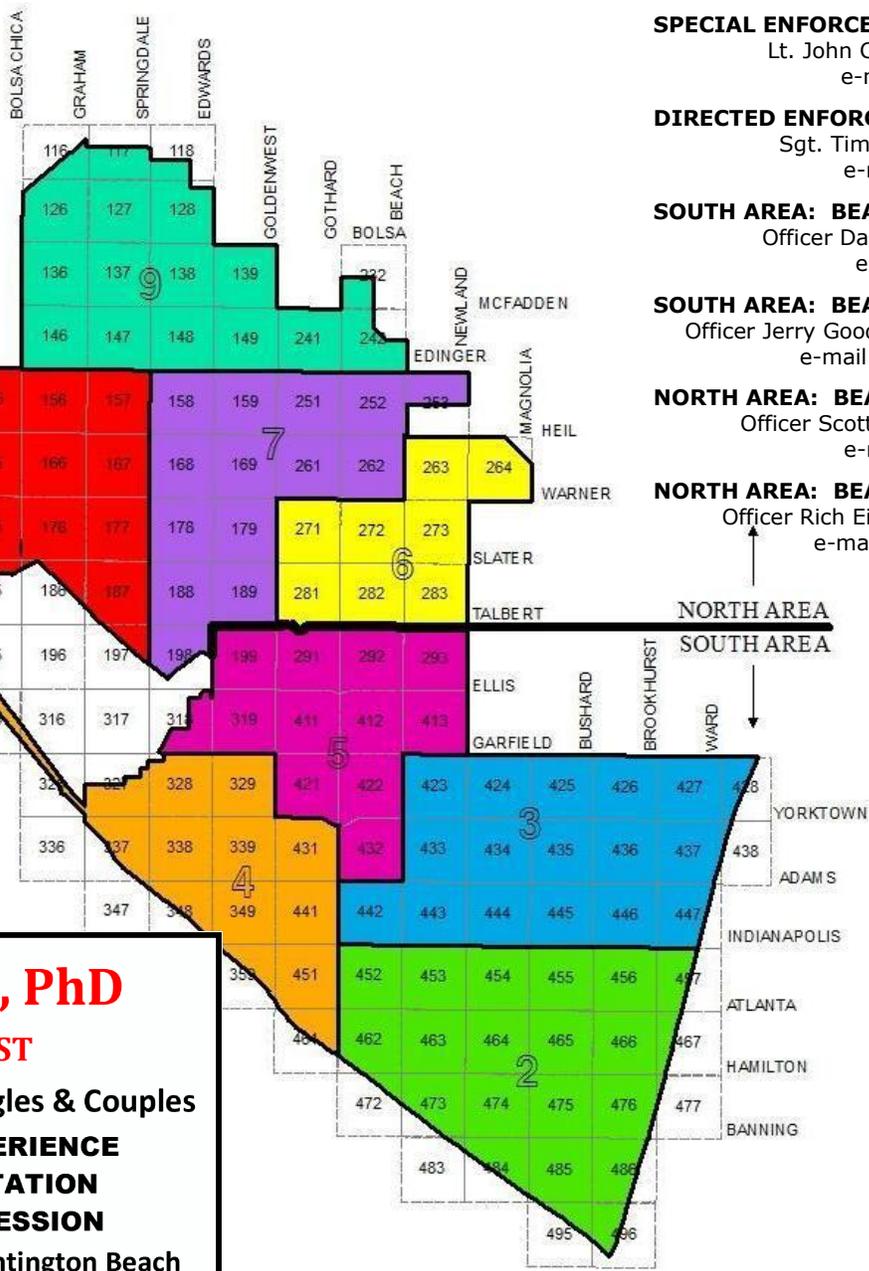
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Example:
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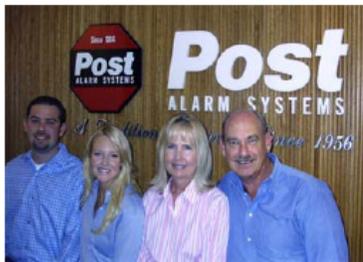
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