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JANUARY 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 \$24,300 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 to now, we have received **\$7,683.74 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$16,616.26 to go by June 30, 2013.** 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.

**Distraction Burglaries:
HBPD wants
you to be alert**



Recently, there has been a growing trend of distraction home burglaries and the victims are typically the older or the elderly. In a distraction burglary, the suspect(s) will initiate contact with the victim while they are in front of their home or in a public parking lot entering or exiting their vehicle. The suspects will typically claim to be roofers, utility workers, driveway pavers, painters or auto body repairmen.

They will claim they can remove the dents from your car, do some sort of repair work on your home, or claim to be utility workers looking for gas leaks, electrical problems, water pressure issues, etc. They will offer a reduced price for their work to gain your undivided attention.

While suspect #1 is distracting the victim with his great deal, a second suspect will make entry into the home undetected. Suspect #2 will go to the usual places where jewelry, currency, etc. is kept, searching for valuables. Once suspect #2 is done, suspect #1 will momentarily excuse himself, disappearing with the valuables. Please be aware of this scam and call the Huntington Beach Police Department immediately if you suspect you have been a victim. Dial 911 if necessary.

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NEW PAYMENT SCAM TARGETS **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CUSTOMERS**

Southern California Edison



Southern California Edison (SCE) is advising customers to be aware of a new telephone scam that is demanding immediate payment for allegedly past due electricity bills. Imposters have been calling SCE customers telling them they must make immediate payment on past due bills or have their electric service disconnected. The callers are also demanding that payment be made through a prepaid cash card, such as a PayPal or Green Dot card.

“We ask our customers to be alert to these calls that demand immediate payment and threaten service disconnection,” said Henry Martinez, SCE vice president of Safety, Security & Compliance. “Customers suspecting a fraudulent call should ask for the caller’s name, department and business phone number. If the caller refuses to provide this information, customers should terminate the call and report the incident immediately to local police or SCE at 800-655-4555.”

SCE also reminds customers to ask for identification when a stranger comes to the door or calls claiming to be a utility worker. SCE utility workers will provide verification, including their department and phone number, when asked. In most cases, home visits by SCE are scheduled by the customer and SCE will confirm the appointment in writing. If there are any concerns, SCE and law enforcement officials suggest having the utility worker wait outside until their identity can be verified. SCE customers should also note that:

- An SCE employee will never ask for money in person.
- Never reveal your credit card, ATM or calling card numbers (or PIN numbers) to anyone.
- If someone calls and requests you leave your residence at a specific time for a utility-related cause, call the police. This could be a burglary set up by the caller.
- Be suspicious of anyone who arrives at your house without an appointment asking to check an appliance, wiring, or suggesting that there may be some other electrical problem inside your residence
- For more ways customers can stay safe, please see www.sce.com/safety and read the safety tips section.

Reminder on California Law Regarding Cell Phones and Driving

A law passed by the California Legislature made it an infraction to talk on a cell phone while driving effective July 1, 2008. On January 1, 2009, an additional law was enacted making it an infraction to use any type of electronic wireless communication device to write, read or send text based communications.

Adults are allowed to talk on a hands free cell phone device while driving. Anyone under 18 years old is not allowed any use of a cell phone while driving, not even with a hands free device. No one is allowed to write, read or send text based communications while driving.

The law is stricter on teen drivers because of their lack of experience in driving. Also, teen drivers are more likely to be distracted while driving. The best practice is to turn off a cell phone while in a vehicle. If it is on and rings, do not answer it until you have safely reached your destination. The only allowable exception is to contact law enforcement, the fire department or a health care provider in an emergency situation.

A police officer can stop any motorist seen using a cell phone, or similar device, to issue them a traffic citation. Huntington Beach Police Department strictly enforces these laws. Since 2010, Huntington Beach police officers have issued 2,748 traffic citations for these offenses.

For more information about the use of electronic wireless communication devices while driving, visit the California DMV webpage at: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws/index.htm>

Drugged Driving on the Rise

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) recently conducted the first-ever statewide roadside survey of alcohol and drug use by drivers. The survey results showed that 1 in 7 drivers tested positive for drugs that can cause impairment. The truth is, a person can be arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) of any type of legal or illegal drug, including marijuana, ecstasy, or even prescription medications.

In an effort to better assess the impaired driving problem, Governor Brown signed AB 2552, which separates the DUI law into three categories: alcohol, drugs, and alcohol combined with drugs. In addition, OTS has issued additional funding specifically to train police officers, crime lab technicians, and District Attorney offices to help identify and prosecute impaired drivers.

Here are some tips on how you can help reduce impaired driving:

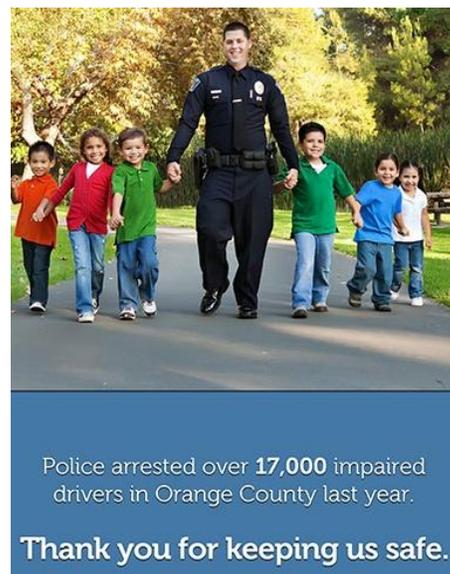
- **Report impaired drivers.**

If you see an impaired driver on the road, call 911 immediately. Provide a description of the car, the location and how the car is being driven. Every step taken will help reduce impaired driving and save lives.

- **Safeguard your medications.**

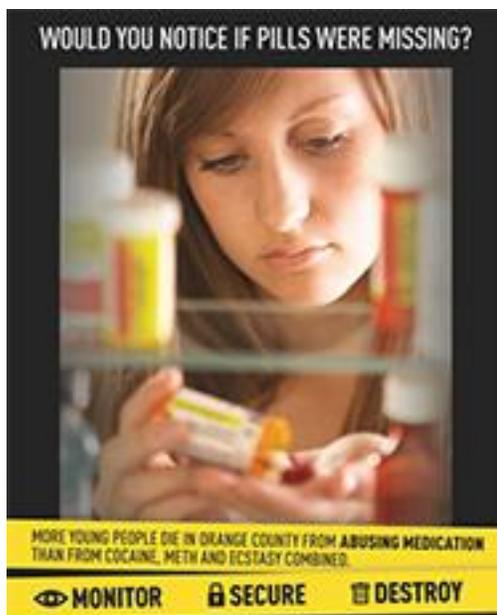
If you use medications, keep them in a secure location and destroy them when they are no longer needed. This will help to keep medications out of the hands of those who may be tempted to abuse them and drive under the influence.

It's easy to safeguard your medications! You can bring your unneeded and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications to the Huntington Beach Police Department and place them in the "Drop-Box" for no-cost, confidential disposal.



Police arrested over **17,000** impaired drivers in Orange County last year.

Thank you for keeping us safe.



You can also Monitor, Secure and Destroy your medications in your own home! Visit www.cspinc.org/RX to learn how.

- **Spread the word.**

Our team of trained Health Educators may be able to lead an *educational workshop* for your group!

We look forward to talking to your group of youth, adults or health professionals about the dangers of prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse, impaired driving, and ways to prevent it.

Contact us at (714) 441-0807 or email your local Huntington Beach Health Educators:

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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

40 reported 12/16/12 – 01/15/13

46 reported 11/16/12 – 12/15/12

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

There were ten garage entries.

There were three storage unit entries.

There were four attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

63 reported 12/16/12 – 01/15/13

51 reported 11/16/12 – 12/15/12

GRAND THEFT AUTO

34 reported 12/16/12 – 01/15/13

20 reported 11/16/12 – 12/15/12

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries

4 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 456-1

RD 462-1

Streets: Atlanta Ave., Zetland Dr., and Alcazar Ln.

In RD 456, Zetland Dr., suspect described as: male, height 5' 10", medium weight, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and dark pants. He rode off on a 10 speed bicycle with flat handles.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 453-1 RD 462-1

RD 463-1 RD 477-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476-1

BEAT 3

6 Residential Burglaries

8 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 427-3 RD 434-1

RD 437-1 RD 442-1

Streets: Kukui Dr., Pitcairn Ln., Maikai Dr., Phoenix Ln., Valley Forge Dr., and Nashville Ave.

In RD 427, Kukui Dr., There were three apparent points of attempted entry but none were successful.

In RD 427, Pitcairn Ln., it appears suspect(s) used an unknown tool to pry open the locked sliding glass door to gain entry.

In RD 427, Maikai Dr., suspect(s) gained entry by prying open the French doors to a bedroom using an unknown pry tool.

In RD 434, Phoenix Ln., suspect entered garage through unknown means and removes a black Stump Jumper Elite men's mountain bike from inside the garage.

In RD 442, Nashville Ave., An unknown suspect(s) used unknown means to open a rollup garage door. Suspect(s) stole various items then fled.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 424-2 RD 426-1

RD 427-1 RD 436-2

RD 442-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 442-2

BEAT 4

7 Residential Burglaries

10 Vehicle Burglaries

4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 349-3 RD 359-2

RD 431-2

Streets: 19th St., 21st St., 20th St., 15th St., Pacific Coast Hwy., Pine St., and Lake St.

In RD 349, 19th St., It appears suspect(s) removed the combination pad lock from the garage door, entered, and stole a personalized set

of "Titleist" golf clubs with the bag and two cases of wine.

In RD 349, 21st St., suspect enters an opened garage and steals 2 bicycles.

In RD 349, 20th St., suspect enters an open garage and steals a black "Fuji, Tahoe" bicycle.

In RD 431, Pine St., it appears that an unknown suspect(s) entered into the shed by an unknown means. Once inside the shed the suspect(s) removes the black extra large t-shirts from the side wall storage bins and a custom (GREEK) Shorty Flex carbon fiber surfboard. The suspect(s) then flees in an unknown direction.

In RD 431, Lake St., suspect is possibly known.

There were five garage entries.

There was one storage shed entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 315-1 RD 327-1

RD 337-1 RD 349-1

RD 359-2 RD 441-1

RD 451-1 RD 461-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 359-1 RD 431-1

RD 451-2

BEAT 5

9 Residential Burglaries

8 Vehicle Burglaries

4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 292-2 RD 293-1

RD 319-1 RD 412-1

RD 421-2 RD 422-1

RD 426-1

Streets: Happy Dr., Gaspé Cir., Gulf Ln., Livingston Dr., Ocean Park Ln., Coho Dr., Gothard St., Coenson Cir., and Flounder Dr.

In RD 292, Happy Dr., suspect(s) remove unsecured bicycles from an underground parking structure.

In RD 292, Gaspé Cir., Victim left her purse sitting on a counter in the garage with the garage door open. Victim said she went inside the house and returned within 15 minutes and her purse was gone. Suspect was not seen.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

In RD 293, Gulf Ln., suspect is in custody.

In RD 412, Ocean Park Ln., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 426, Flounder Dr., it appears the point of entry and exit was through the rear master bathroom window and door.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 291-1 RD 292-5
RD 293-1 RD 432-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 291-1 RD 292-2
RD 421-1

BEAT 6

2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 264-2

Streets: Conner Dr., and Lucia Ln.

In RD 264, Conner Dr., it appears suspect(s) pried open the kitchen window to gain entry then fled through a glass sliding door with the stolen items.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272-1 RD 273-1
RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto

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

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
17 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 158-2 RD 189-1

Streets: Springdale St. and Angelina Dr.

In RD 158, Springdale St., it appears that unknown suspect(s) entered the apartment through the living room window and stole various items.

In RD 158, Springdale St., it appears the suspect(s) broke the hasp lock off the door to the carport storage locker and then stole numerous household items.

There was one storage locker entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 168-2 RD 178-1
RD 179-3 RD 188-1
RD 251-2 RD 252-3
RD 253-3 RD 261-1
RD 262-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 169-1 RD 179-1
RD 252-1 RD 261-1
RD 262-1

BEAT 8

7 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 163-1 RD 164-1
RD 166-1 RD 174-1
RD 175-1 RD 176-1
RD 187-1

Streets: Nalu Cir., Pierson Dr., Heil Ave., Edgewater Ln., Bolsa Chica St., Dorado Dr., and Felson Cir.

In RD 166, Heil Ave., it appeared the suspect(s) entered through the kitchen window and exited through the front door.

In RD 174, Edgewater Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered the residence from the patio and then through the unlocked rear sliding glass door to gain entry into the residence.

In RD 187, Felson Cir., suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151-1 RD 164-2
RD 165-4 RD 171-1
RD 175-1 RD 177-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 157-2 RD 173-1
RD 177-2

In RD 157, Venturi Dr., this was an attempted auto theft.

BEAT 9

3 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
8 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 139-2 RD 232-1

Streets: Victoria Ln., Oxford Dr., and McFadden Ave.

In RD 139, Oxford Dr., it appears suspect(s) tried to pry open the door leading from the back yard into the garage but did not gain entry.

There was one storage unit entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 136-1 RD 146-1
RD 242-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 126-1 RD 137-3
RD 139-1 RD 241-1
RD 242-2

Alert below taken from HBPD's Facebook Page. Login to read more:

www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice

Residential Burglaries Reported Overnight by Huntington Beach Police Department on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 2:14pm

Several residences and vehicles were burglarized last night while residents slept. All were in the same neighborhood in the area of Indianapolis and Newland and all appear to have left a door unlocked to the residence. The loss was iPads, cash, wallets and jewelry.

The police department is actively investigating these crimes and would like to remind everyone to lock their doors and windows at night.
(updated 1/24/2013)

Your HB NW Board is looking for new members. This is a great way to bring people together for a mutual cause, help to continue spreading the word about the need for crime prevention, and assist in educating people about crime prevention techniques.

For more information call Nilda Patino de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933.

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New Huntington Beach Police Department Business Hours

Due to budgetary issues the Huntington Beach Police Department has new business hours:

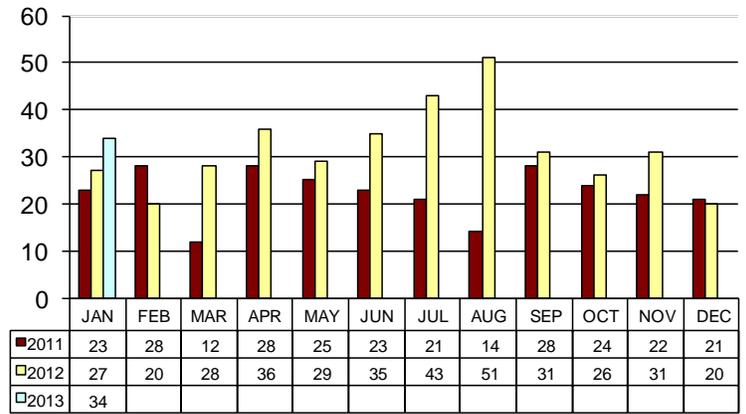
P.D. Front counter is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (7 days a week)

Traffic Bureau front desk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday – Thursday. Closed Friday, Saturday, & Sunday)

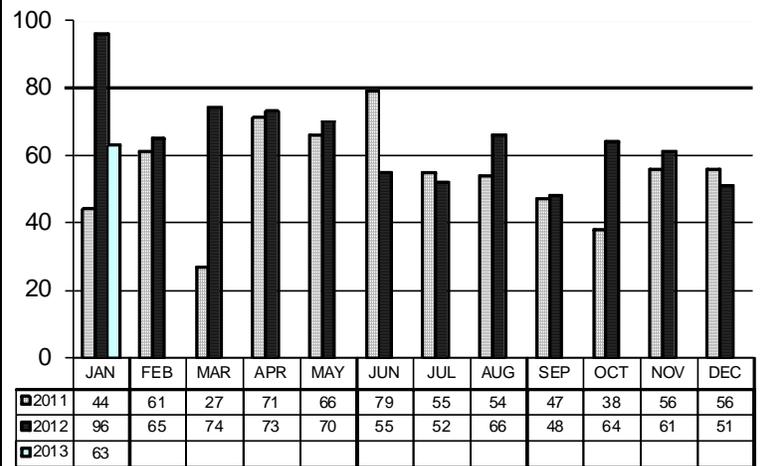
Records Bureau Lobby Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Closed Monday and Friday.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

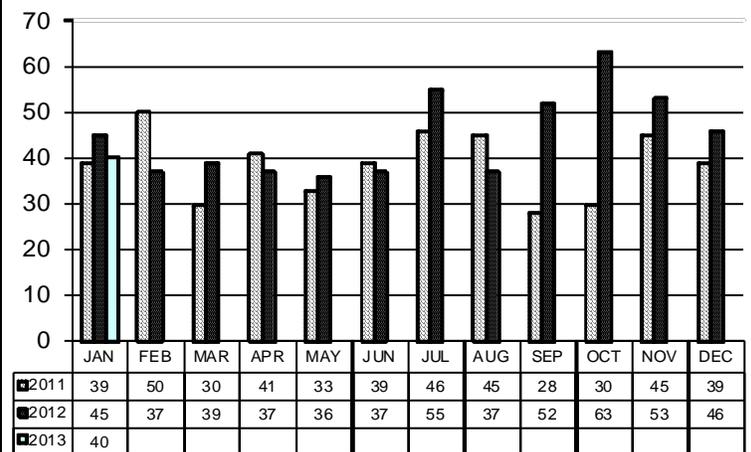
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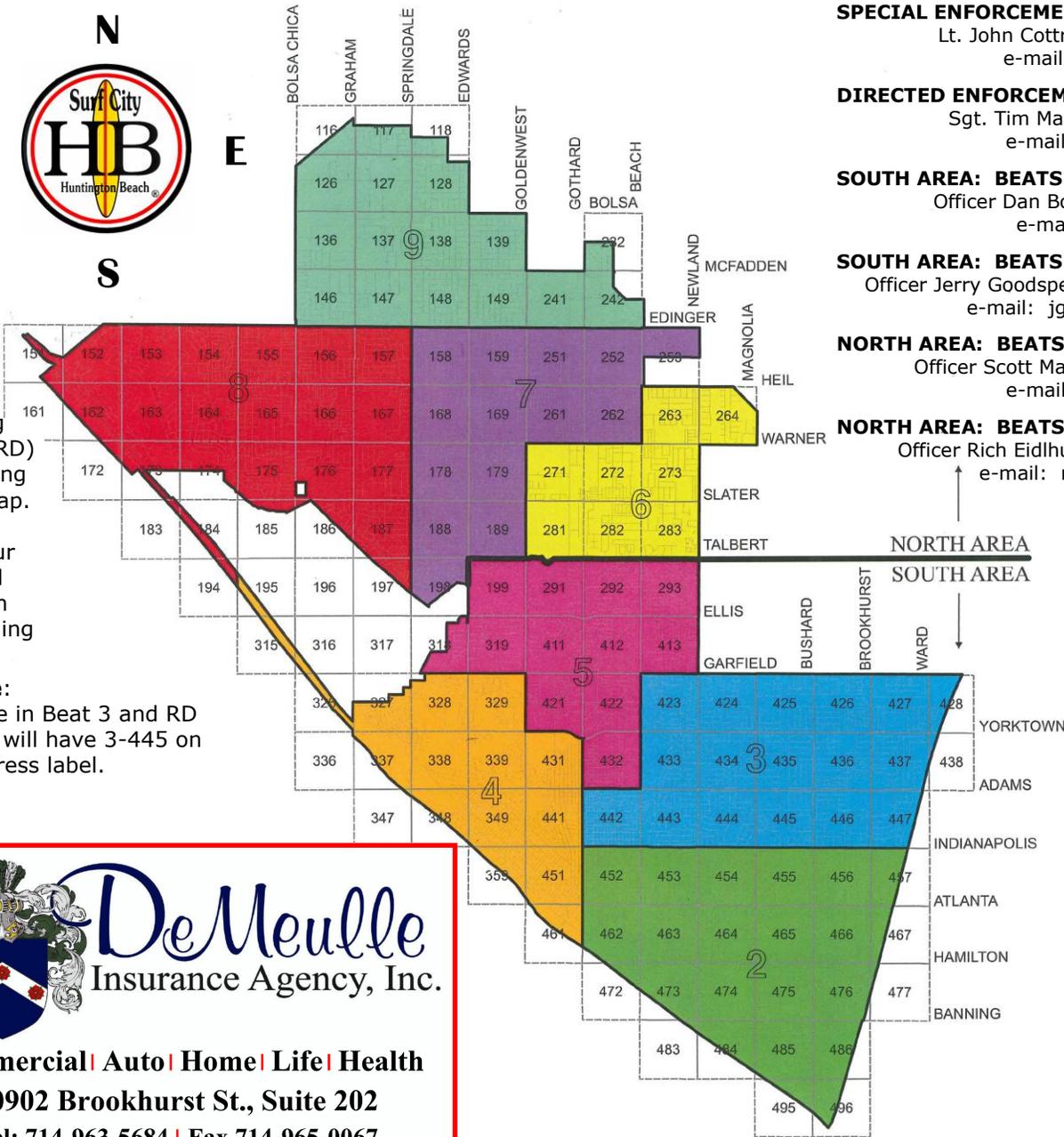


Note:

Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

Example:

If you live in Beat 3 and RD 445, you will have 3-445 on your address label.



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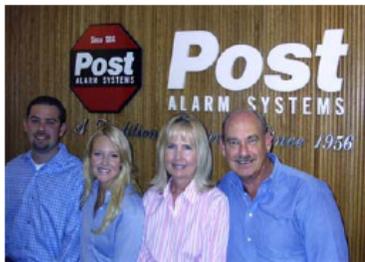
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