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DECEMBER 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 **\$5,351.74 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$18,948.26 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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Welcome to 2013:

Annual Crime

Prevention Safety Tips



Another year has gone by and we hope that 2012 was a safe and crime free year for you. That has not been the case for many people so we'd like to remind you about a few crime prevention tips that may make this year a little safer:

Make 2 lists of all your valuables and their serial numbers in case you are the victim of a theft or burglary. You could also make a movie of your valuables by walking throughout your home, room by room, and describing each item while reading the serial number (if it has one). Don't forget to check items in your garage too. Keep one list someplace convenient, and another in a safe location not in your home (maybe a safe deposit box or at work).

Do not share passwords for your accounts or computers with anyone. Try to use a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols when creating your passwords for extra security.

Ask for the free copy of your credit report. You are entitled to one free copy annually from each of the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion). This will allow you to check it 3 times a year at no cost.

Check all your doors and windows to be sure that the locks are all working properly; if they aren't, it's time to repair them.

Be sure to lock **all** doors and windows when you are away and keep doors closed even when you are home.

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SIX TIMELY TIPS FOR USING APPS WITH KIDS

by Patti Poss, Mobile Technology Unit
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Do your kids or grandkids use apps on your phone, tablet or e-reader? Of course they do. Many apps are fun, educational and engaging. But before you hand over your mobile device to a youngster, here are six things to know and do:

1. Try out the apps your kid wants to use so you're comfortable with the content and the features.
2. Use the device and app settings to restrict a kid's ability to download apps, make purchases within an app, or access additional material.
3. Consider turning off your wi-fi and carrier connections using "airplane mode" to disable any interactive features, prevent inadvertent taps, and block access to material that you think is inappropriate or just don't want.
4. Look for statements about whether the app or anything within the app collects kids' personal information — and whether they limit sharing, using or retaining the information. If you can't find those assurances, choose another app.
5. Check on whether the app connects to social media, gaming platforms, or other services that enable sharing photos, video or personal information, or chatting with other players. Then determine whether you can block or limit those connections.
6. Talk to your kids about the restrictions you set for downloading, purchasing and using apps; tell them what information you're comfortable sharing through mobile devices, and why.

Want to know more? The FTC has released a [new report on mobile apps for kids](#). Following up on a previous report, the survey found, among other things, that many apps included interactive features, or sent information from the mobile device to ad networks, analytics companies, or other third parties, without disclosing the practices to parents. For more information, please log on to www.onguardonline.gov

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Welcome to 2013: Annual Crime Prevention Safety Tips

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Check all your financial statements monthly and keep track of when bills should be arriving each month. Sometimes when criminals steal your identity they have your statements sent to a different address.

Check your outside lighting; especially in hidden corners where people could hide.

Trim your shrubbery up on the bottom and down on top so criminals cannot easily hide behind them. Thorny shrubbery or plants can also be used as a deterrent.

Talk to your children about not sharing passwords, vacation plans, or personal information on the Internet or with strangers.

Lock your vehicle at all times even if it is parked in your garage. Be sure to keep valuables out of sight including a GPS holder or telephone charger.

If you park your vehicle in front of your garage, be sure to have lighting or motion sensors positioned on your vehicle.

Remind everyone in your household not to text and drive. Use only the hands free setting on your cell phone.

Do not drink and drive.

There are a few neighborhoods that have gotten involved and joined the HB Neighborhood Watch Program. They have hosted a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting; the benefit is that they are extra eyes and ears for the Police Department. At the meetings, they receive crime prevention tips on how to be good witnesses and report crimes to the Police Department while communicating with their neighbors. The results have been a reduction in crime in those neighborhoods.

Call your Community Liaison Unit at 714-536-5933 or speak with one of your HB Neighborhood Watch Board Members about how to set up a meeting in your neighborhood. Crime Prevention is everyone's business!



HBPD Online: You Can Report Crimes Online



The Huntington Beach Police Department online citizen police report system allows a person to submit a report for certain minor crimes. You may also print a copy of the police report you have submitted for free. This can be a great convenience, for example, since it can be done quickly for insurance claims.

However, not all reports can be filed online. A few of the reports that can be filed online include lost property, petty theft, harassing telephone calls, and vandalism. The police department website gives detailed information on what the requirements are for filing a report online.

For more information on how to use the system visit the Huntington Beach Police Department web page at www.hbpd.org and link to "Report a Crime Online."

Check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice

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

46 reported 11/16/12 – 12/15/12

53 reported 10/16/12 – 11/15/12

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

There were thirteen garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were six attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

51 reported 11/16/12 – 12/15/12

61 reported 10/16/12 – 11/15/12

GRAND THEFT AUTO

20 reported 11/16/12 – 12/15/12

31 reported 10/16/12 – 11/15/12

BEAT 2

7 Residential Burglaries

4 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-2 RD 455-1

RD 462-1 RD 466-1

RD 476-1 RD 485-1

Streets: Atlanta Ave., Geneva Ave., Kelvin Ln., Neptune Dr., Jamaica Cir., Laguna Cir., and Brookhurst St.

In RD 452, Atlanta Ave., suspect used bolt cutters to cut the padlock from the garage door to gain entry.

In RD 462, Neptune Dr., suspect entered an unlocked garage to steal two bicycles and tools.

In RD 476, Laguna Cir., suspect used an unknown pry tool on the locked front door of the residence in an attempt to defeat the deadbolt. Once confronted by the victim, the suspect fled eastbound out of the

courtyard. Suspect is described as male, Hispanic, 30-40 years old, height 5'9", weight 160 lbs, short possibly shaved brown hair, wearing a white T-shirt and jeans.

There were three garage entries.

There were two attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 456-1

RD 475-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 453-1

BEAT 3

7 Residential Burglaries

2 Vehicle Burglaries

0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 423-1 RD 425-1

RD 436-1 RD 442-3

RD 444-1

Streets: Wadebridge Cir., Brabham Dr., Berkshire Ln., Lake St., Huntington St., Georgia St., and Masters Dr.

In RD 425, Brabham Dr., victims were out of town while having their home fumigated. They received a telephone call from the fumigation company telling them their house had been burglarized as it was discovered when they removed the tent from their home.

In RD 442, Lake St., it is possible suspects may have used a stolen pass key from the lock box.

In RD 442, Huntington St., suspects removed the lock from the garage to gain entry.

In RD 442, Georgia St., it appears suspects unlocked the garage key operated mechanism by an unknown means to gain entry.

In RD 444, Masters Dr., it appears suspects used a crowbar or something similar to pry and damage the front door and deadbolt to gain entry.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 427-1 RD 442-1

Grand Theft Auto

None Reported

BEAT 4

7 Residential Burglaries

7 Vehicle Burglaries

7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 348-1 RD 359-1

RD 431-1 RD 441-2

RD 451-1 RD 461-1

Streets: Pacific Coast Highway, 18th St., Pine St., Crest Ave., Palm Ave., 10th St., and 2nd St.

In RD 348, Pacific Coast Highway, suspects gained entry to the container by hitting the roof, causing the joints to dislodge.

In RD 359, 18th St., it appears someone placed a wooden tool into the lock in an attempt to defeat the locking mechanism; however, there was no entry into the house.

In RD 441, Palm Ave., entry was made by pulling the garage door upward with enough force to cause the garage door opener to malfunction and disengage.

There were two garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were three attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 337-1 RD 349-1

RD 359-1 RD 451-3

RD 461-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 348-2 RD 451-4

RD 461-1

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries

7 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 319-1 RD 422-2

Streets: Turf Dr., Florida St., and England St.

In RD 319, Turf Dr., unknown suspect(s) enter open/unlocked garage, then remove items from the unlocked vehicle parked inside.

** There were eight similar crimes that occurred in the same area, time frame, and same method.

There was one garage entry.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 318-1 RD 411-1
RD 421-4 RD 422-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 412-1 RD 432-1

BEAT 6

4 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 264-1 RD 272-1
RD 273-1 RD 283-1

Streets: Merle Cir., Keelson Ln., Marken Ln., and Darsy Dr.

In RD 264, Merle Cir., the point of entry appears to be a bedroom window that was left unlocked.

In RD 273, Marken Ln., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 283, Darsy Dr., it appears the point of entry was through an unlocked bedroom window.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 261-1 RD 264-2
RD 271-1 RD 272-5

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-1

BEAT 7

10 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 158-2 RD 159-1
RD 169-1 RD 178-1
RD 252-2 RD 261-1
RD 262-2

Streets: Springdale St., Govin Cir., Verlene Cir., Auburn Dr., Pinehurst Ln., Shee Ln., Holt Dr., Heil Ave., and View Point Ln.

In RD 158, Govin Cir., it appears suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked rear door and stole a stainless steel Smith and Wesson 6 shot .357 revolver from the night stand drawer next to the victim's bed.

In RD 159, Auburn Dr., it appears suspect(s) broke the kitchen window to gain entry and exited through the rear sliding door.

In RD 252, Shee Ln., victim walked

into the living room and saw an arm reach through the cut screen of the window next to the front door. The victim said the arm reached far enough through the screen to open the locked door and entered. The suspect then pushed the victim face down on the living room floor and told victim to stay like that and no one would get hurt. Suspect 1 was joined by 2 other suspects that robbed the residence. They took various items then fled out the same door they entered through. The victim believes there may have been a fourth suspect waiting outside in a vehicle for them.

In RD 252, Holt Dr., it appears that an unknown suspect(s) cut a metal pad lock with a cutting tool. Suspect(s) then entered victim's garage and stole tools.

In RD 261, Heil Ave., it appears suspect(s) entered victim's room through the unlocked bedroom door.

In RD 262, View Point Ln., suspect(s) may have used a key to enter.

There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 178-2 RD 179-2
RD 253-1 RD 261-1
RD 262-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 158-1 RD 169-1
RD 179-1 RD 253-1

BEAT 8

4 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 151-1 RD 153-1
RD 157-2

Streets: Bayview St., Cotuit Cir., Birdie Ln., and Chipper Ln.

In RD 151, Bayview Dr., suspect is in custody.

In RD 157, Birdie Ln., it appeared that the unknown suspect attempted to enter the residence by prying the rear sliding glass door with an unknown object.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 162-1 RD 165-1
RD 176-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 152-1 RD 154-1
RD 155-1 RD 171-1

In RD 152 a boat was stolen.

BEAT 9

4 Residential Burglaries
11 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 139-1 RD 242-3

Streets: Oxford Dr., Center Ave., and Huntington Village Ln.

In RD 242, Center Ave., victim secured her property inside a locker at a gym, using her own combination lock. When she returned she noticed someone had removed her lock and taken her purse from inside the locker.

In RD 242, Huntington Village Ln., unknown suspect(s) pried the garage door by unknown means then accessed the red emergency handle to disengage and unlock the garage. It did not appear that anything was stolen from the garage but suspects did write the letters "PW" on one of the interior walls of the garage.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 137-1 RD 139-1
RD 147-2 RD 242-7

Grand Theft Auto

RD 242-1

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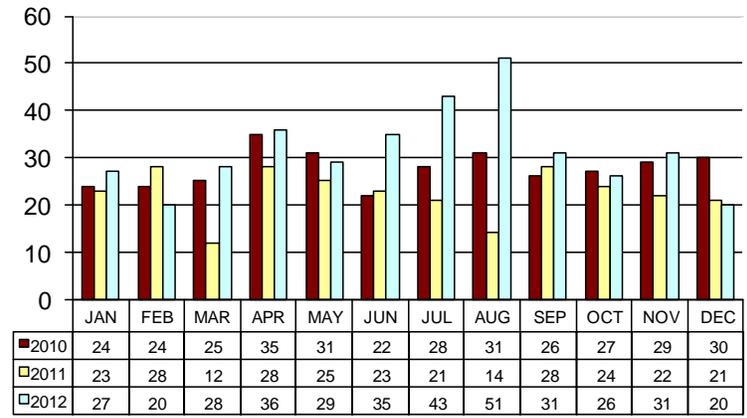
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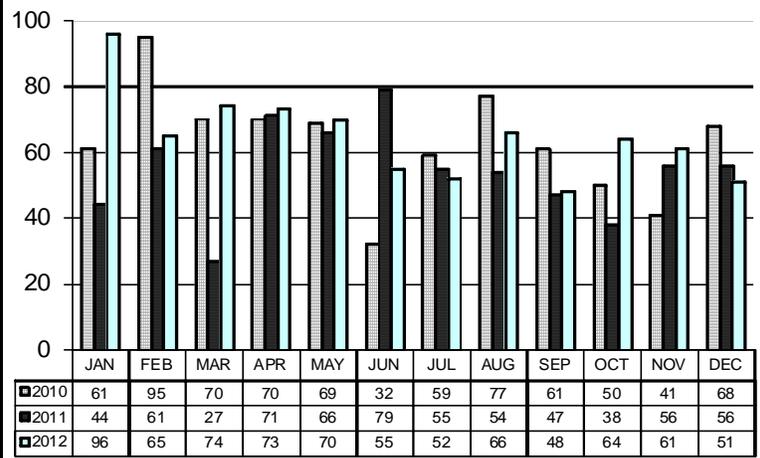
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H.B. Neighborhood Watch Board members provide speakers and materials for *Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings*. This is a great way to get together with your neighbors, learn crime prevention and safety tips, and find out what crimes are occurring in your neighborhood. To arrange a meeting, please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933.

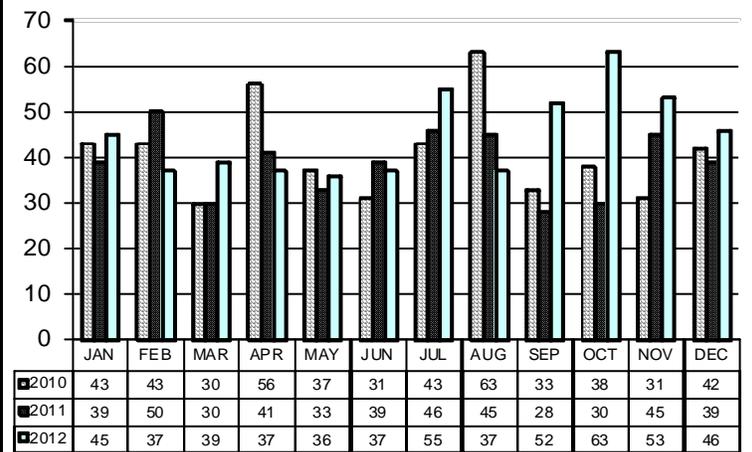
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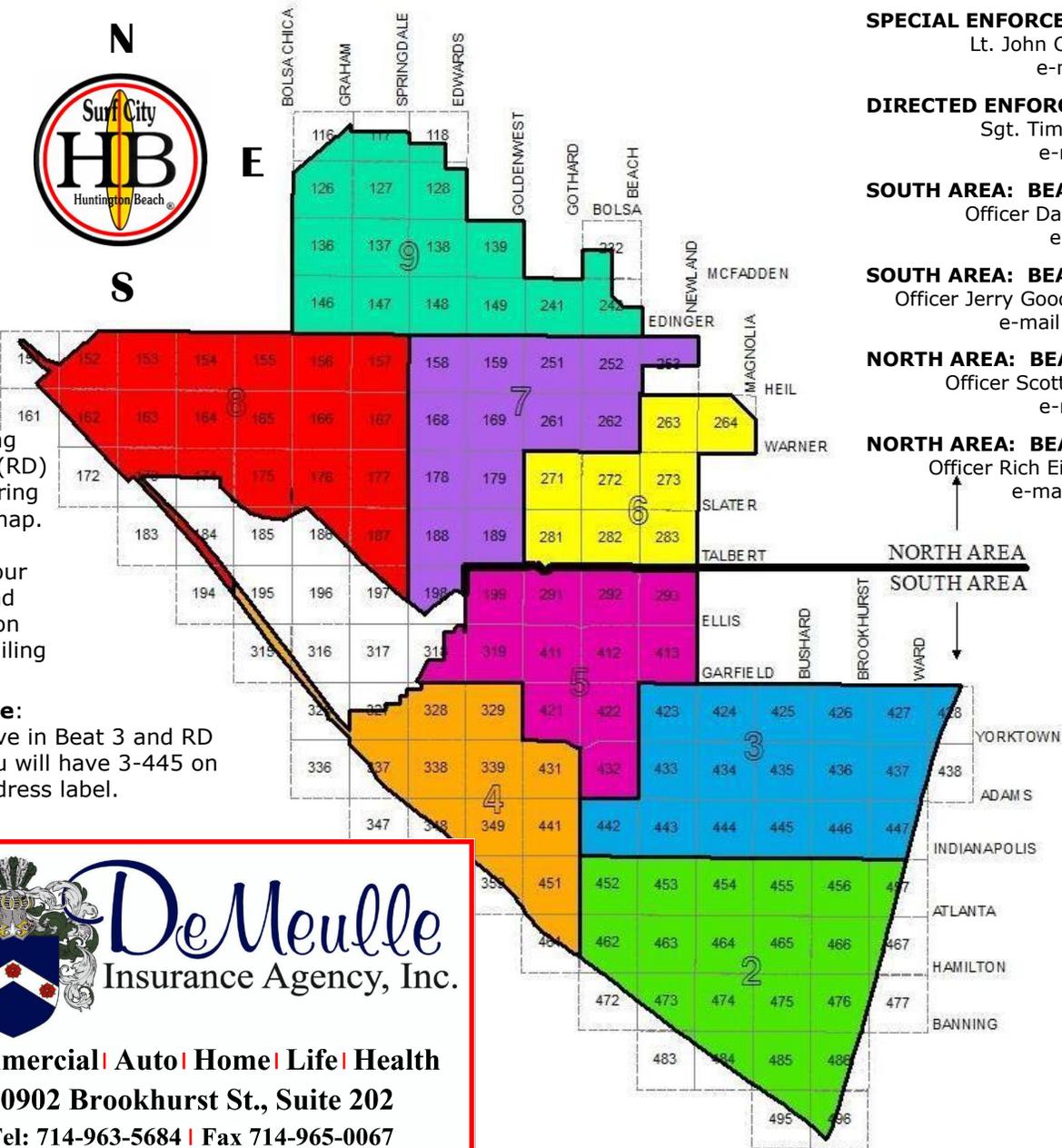


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If you live in Beat 3 and RD 445, you will have 3-445 on your address label.



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