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**MAY 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 **\$17,038.49 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$7,261.51 to go by June 30, 2014.** The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. An \$8 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:

**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

**Send to: HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
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**Or: HB POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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**For more information please call (714) 536-5933.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2014  
Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
9882 Adams Ave.,  
Huntington Beach, CA**



The Huntington Beach Police Department, HB Neighborhood Watch Program and Target Stores, Huntington Beach, are joining forces for our annual night of celebration. Please make arrangements to join us; bring your family, neighbors or friends, and help us show criminals we are united against crime and will report all suspicious activity.

There will be crime prevention and safety materials for adults and children. We plan to have many vendors, sharing safety and health information, as well as visits from Officer McGruff, our Crime Prevention dog, Doc Barker, the Make-A-Wish K-9 ambassador, and some HBPD K-9's with their handlers. We're inviting the Fire Department, CERT, Rainbow Disposal, Magic Freddy Events, CSP, and many others. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, food vendors, and free raffles.

Look for more information in our July Neighborhood Watch Newsletter - or call the HBPD Community Relations Specialist Nilda Patiño de Berndt at 714-536-5933.



## **RECOGNIZING CREDIT CARD FRAUD**

Provided by: Consumer Action [www.consumer.action.org](http://www.consumer.action.org)

With summer just around the corner you may be making more plans for vacations and local outings. Below you will find some helpful information and tips on how to be pro-active and help protect you and your family from becoming victims of credit card fraud.

**Credit card** fraud can occur when consumers give their credit card number to unfamiliar individuals, when cards are lost or stolen, when mail is diverted from the intended recipient and taken by criminals, or when employees of a business copy the cards or card numbers of the company's customers. Then,

- Unauthorized charges are made to the victim's credit card.
- Counterfeit cards are made with the victim's account number.

**Identity theft** is the fraudulent use of someone's personal information—such as their Social Security number or date of birth—to commit financial fraud.

- Identity thieves can harm and inconvenience victims by using their names and other personal information to commit crimes, open new credit accounts, and access existing credit and bank accounts.
- While victims of identity theft are not held liable for the crimes, it takes a lot of work by victims to prove fraud and clean up the financial chaos caused by the crimes.

**Skimming** is making an illegal copy of a credit card or a bank card using a device that reads and duplicates the information from the original card.

- Dishonest business employees use small machines called "skimmers" to read numbers and other information from credit cards to capture and resell it to criminals.
- Criminals use the information to create counterfeit cards or to charge items over the phone or the Internet.

**Phishing** is sending massive numbers of phony e-mails to consumers, pretending that the messages come from the person's bank, in an effort to get the intended victim to reveal personal information such as bank account numbers.

- Phishing has become a widespread practice of criminals, who have succeeded in stealing personal information via e-mail from many people. The crime succeeds because the e-mails look legitimate, with realistic bank logos and web site addresses, or URLs, that are very close to the real thing.
- When account holders respond, they are directed to a fake web site where they are asked to type in account numbers, passwords and other personal banking or credit card information. Then, in a matter of hours, the criminals drain the victims' bank accounts, using the passwords to authorize the electronic transfer of funds to other accounts.
- **Banks never ask for personal information in this way. Don't respond to e-mails — or phone calls — asking you to provide your credit card numbers, Social Security number or your mother's maiden name.**
- Even when you have a legitimate request, banks ask that you never send detailed account information in an e-mail, because e-mails are not secure and the information may be intercepted by criminals. Instead, visit in person, use the bank's secure web site, call on the phone, or write a letter when you are attempting to settle a dispute with a merchant or your bank.

**Security codes** are three- or four-digit numbers found on the back of credit cards that are used by some merchants to verify that the card is in your possession when you make purchases by phone or on the Internet.

- The numbers are found at the top right corner of the card on Visa and MasterCard credit cards, or on the back, following the printed credit card number, near the space where you sign the card.
- If your card number and expiration date were stolen, but not the card itself, the thief would not have access to the security code required by many merchants when you make online purchases.

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### **New cards**

- As a protection, most card issuers now suggest that you call from your home phone to activate a new card before you use it.
- Sign the back of the card with a permanent black ink pen as soon as you receive it.
- Some people suggest writing "ask for ID" in the signature space. This is not a good idea. Consider signing your cards instead of writing "ask for ID." Many credit card issuers have advised merchants not to let purchases go through if the card isn't signed.
- Record all your account numbers and company contact information and keep the record in a safe, secure place.
- Keep copies of your vouchers and ATM receipts, so that you can check them against your billing statements.

### **Protect your wallet or purse**

- Keep a close eye on your belongings.
- Never carry all your cards — only bring the one or two that you might need.
- Carry your credit cards separately from your wallet, in a credit card case or in another compartment in your purse.
- If your wallet or purse is stolen, call your credit card issuers immediately.

### **Avoid mail fraud**

- Notify the post office immediately if you change your address.
- Make sure your mailbox is secure and always locked. Never leave your outgoing bill payments in an unlocked mail box or apartment building lobby.
- Call your credit card and banking companies to change your billing address when you move.
- Always put your complete return address on the envelope.
- Shred all your unwanted credit card solicitations before you discard them.
- Know when your credit card and other bills are due to arrive, and call the companies if you fail to receive them.

### **Internet safeguards**

- If you bank online, don't use "automatic sign on" for bank or credit card sites.
- Some websites offer "free access" if you provide your credit card number. Stay away—it is likely that your card will be charged by the company you give it to, or even by companies you've never heard of.

### **Protect your information**

- Never write down your personal identification number (PIN)—memorize it.
- Never give your PIN to anyone and don't write your PIN number on your card.
- Don't write your credit card account number on a post card or on the outside of an envelope you are going to deposit in the mail.
- Don't keep your PIN number in the same place as your credit card or ATM card.
- Never provide your credit card number or other personal information on the phone, unless you are able to verify that you are speaking with your trusted financial institution or a reputable merchant.
- Don't lend your card to anyone, because you are responsible for all charges. You will not be protected against unauthorized use if the charges are made by someone to whom you knowingly and willingly gave the card to, including family and friends.
- Don't give your account number to anyone who calls you on the phone or sends you an e-mail.

**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**

34 reported 04/16/14 – 05/15/14

31 reported 03/16/14 – 04/15/14

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

There were eleven garage entries.

There were seven attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

51 reported 04/16/14 – 05/15/14

34 reported 03/16/14 – 04/15/14

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

39 reported 04/16/14 – 05/15/14

23 reported 03/16/14 – 04/15/14

**BEAT 2**

9 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 452-3    RD 454-1  
RD 456-2    RD 463-2  
RD 466-1

Streets: Geneva Ave., Elmira Ave., Delaware St., Trinity Circle, Voyager Cir., National Ln., Newland St., Beach Blvd., and Amberwick Ln.

In RD 452, Elmira Ave., unknown suspect removed the padlocks from the garage door to gain entry. Suspect steals motorcycle from within and flees in an unknown direction.

In RD 456, Voyager Cir., it appears an unknown suspect attempted to break into the rear backyard window of the victims' residence. The suspect used a pry tool to break the window screen. The suspect was most likely scared off by the victims' dog.

In RD 466, Amberwick Ln., it appears unknown suspect(s) removed the screens to the rear windows of the residence. It is possible the suspect then pushed in the window to the rear bathroom door and reached inside to unlock the door handle. While inside, the suspect broke into victims' safe inside the master bedroom and removed a watch from the kitchen.

There were three garage entries.

There were three attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 452-3    RD 485-1  
RD 495-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 452-1    RD 463-1  
RD 464-1    RD 475-1

**BEAT 3**

6 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 423-1    RD 435-1  
RD 437-2    RD 442-1  
RD 443-1

Streets: Surfline Dr., Sanderson Ln., Merrimac Dr., Canberra Ln., Riverview Cir., and Bluffside Cir.

In RD 423, Surfline Dr., the point of entry was through a front residential window that had been closed but left unlocked.

In RD 437, Merrimac Dr., suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage entry

There were two attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 434-1    RD 437-1  
RD 446-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 436-1    RD 437-2  
RD 442-1

**BEAT 4**

2 Residential Burglaries  
9 Vehicle Burglaries  
7 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 431-1    RD 451-1

Streets: Shipley St., and 5<sup>th</sup> St.

In RD 451, 5<sup>th</sup> St., it appears an unknown suspect used a flat pry tool to defeat the lock and gain entry into the garage storage locker.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 315-1    RD 326-1  
RD 348-1    RD 349-3  
RD 359-1    RD 451-2

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 349-2    RD 359-1  
RD 451-3    RD 461-1

**BEAT 5**

5 Residential Burglaries  
1 Vehicle Burglary  
7 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 319-1    RD 421-1  
RD 422-1    RD 432-2

Streets: Carriage Cir., Shoreline Ln., Nomad Cir., Utica Ave., and Florida St.

In RD 421, Shoreline Ln., it appeared that the suspect removed the screen from the open bedroom window and entered the residence.

In RD 432, Utica Ave., it is believed the suspect entered the victims' home through the open front door screen which was unlocked. Suspect took a cell phone and fled in an unknown direction.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 293-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 293-2    RD 413-1  
RD 422-4

**BEAT 6**

1 Residential Burglary  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 273-1

Streets: Valencia Dr.

In RD 273, Valencia Dr., suspect did not gain entry, attempted only.

There was one attempted entry.

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

RD 272-1      RD 282-1  
RD 283-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 271-1      RD 273-1  
RD 283-1

**BEAT 7**

**4 Residential Burglaries**  
**12 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 188-1      RD 252-2  
RD 262-1

Streets: Steiner Cir., Stark Dr., Holt Dr., and Warner Ave.

In RD 188, Steiner Cir., it appeared the suspect(s) entered the residence via the front door, forcing the door open by unknown means. The force of the door opening caused damage to the drywall located south of it. It also appeared the suspect(s) used an object, possibly a baseball bat, to smash holes into the wall of the hallway leading to the bedrooms, as well as a storage closet at the end of the hall.

In RD 262, Warner Ave., it appeared the suspect(s) climbed onto the lower level patio fence, jumped up and grabbed a hold of the upper railing and pulled him/herself up and onto the balcony before entering via the partially ajar sliding glass door.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 158-1      RD 178-1  
RD 179-1      RD 189-2  
RD 252-1      RD 253-5  
RD 261-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 179-1      RD 251-1  
RD 252-1      RD 262-1

**BEAT 8**

**3 Residential Burglaries**  
**7 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**6 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 163-1      RD 171-1  
RD 174-1

Streets: Baruna Ln., 16<sup>th</sup> St., and Edgewater Ln.

In RD 171, 16<sup>th</sup> St., the suspect was described as: male, white, in his mid

20's, with short and neat hair, medium build, height 6', weight 200 pounds. The suspect was wearing a black baseball cap, black sunglasses, a light-colored T-shirt, and dark shorts.

There were three garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 151-1      RD 164-1  
RD 171-2      RD 174-2  
RD 175-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 155-1      RD 164-1  
RD 165-4

**BEAT 9**

**4 Residential Burglaries**  
**11 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 137-1      RD 138-2  
RD 149-1

Streets: Standish Ln., La Salle Ln., Dundee Dr., and Red Coach Dr.

In RD 137, Standish Ln., it appears the point of entry was an unlocked rear slider and point of exit was the front door.

In RD 138, La Salle Ln., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 138, Dundee Dr., suspect did not gain entry.

In RD 149, Red Coach Dr., suspect is in custody.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 117-1      RD 128-1  
RD 139-2      RD 147-1  
RD 148-1      RD 241-1  
RD 242-4

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 126-1      RD 137-1  
RD 241-1      RD 242-1

The HBPD Facebook page has information on recent community events, law enforcement outreach, safety education, directed enforcement programs, crime fighting initiatives, and much more.

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Your advertisement will be located on page 7 of our newsletter.

You will need to submit your advertisement in Word or PDF format and we request that you make a 6 month commitment.

If you would like more information or have any questions please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933.

Save postage and save a tree; receive your Newsletter on-line. To sign up send your request via e-mail to [nberndt@hbpd.org](mailto:nberndt@hbpd.org).

H.B. Neighborhood Watch Board members provide speakers and materials for *Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings*. To arrange a meeting please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933 or ask one of your Neighborhood Watch Board Members.

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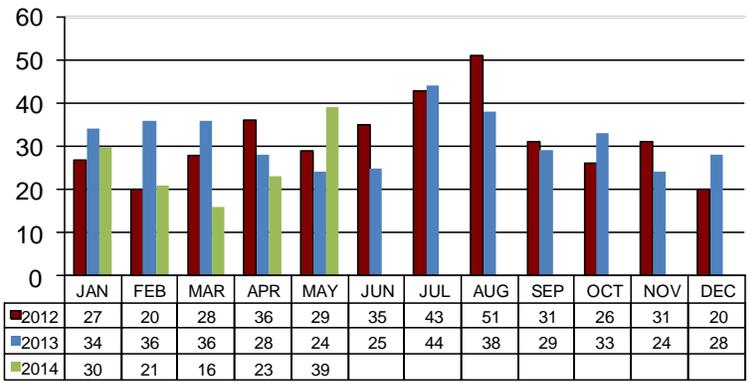
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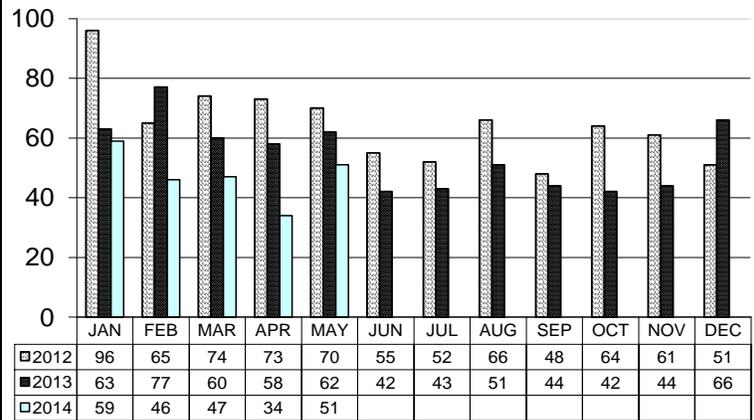
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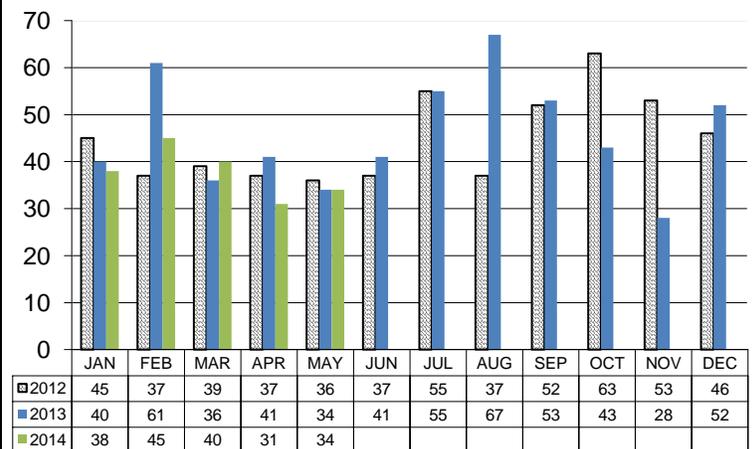
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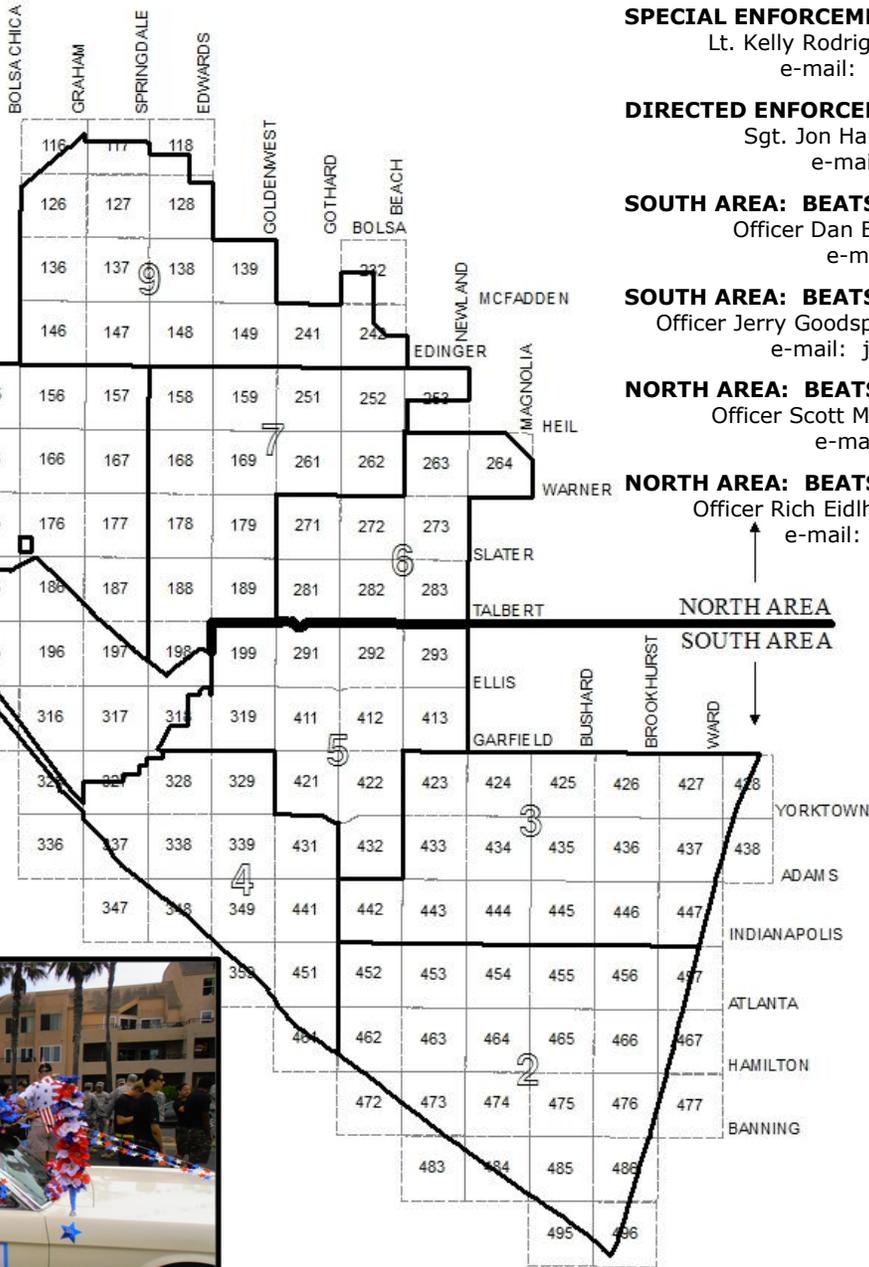
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**Note:**

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**Example:**

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



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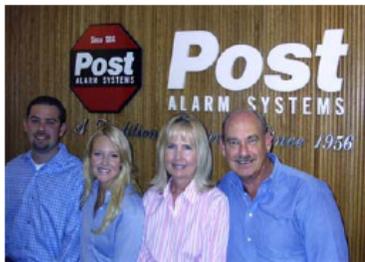
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