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FEBRUARY 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 **\$13,489.49 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$10,810.51 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
PO BOX 5667
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2000 MAIN ST.
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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.

A message from our 2013/14

HB Neighborhood

Watch Board

President Jess Diaz



I am honored to take the helm as President of the HB Neighborhood Watch Board. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend a welcome to newly-appointed Huntington Beach Police Chief Robert Handy. We look forward to working with him.

One goal of the Neighborhood Watch Board is to have a full complement of board members. I am glad to announce we are almost there. However, we still need volunteers to help with our monthly Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Assembly, preparing newsletters for mailing and distribution, with the speakers' bureau presenting crime prevention information at Block Meetings, and other committees. If you can spare an hour or two once a month, I encourage you to call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist, at 714 536-5399 for details on how you can help.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch Board is to work with our neighbors, both residential and commercial, to ensure the safety of our community. If you would like to set up a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood, please contact us.

In closing, I'd like to offer a safety tip. **Remember to lock your doors.** Some people falsely believe their neighborhood is safe and have never been the victim of a crime so it's okay to leave the doors to their homes and vehicles unlocked. Not true. People never know when they'll be targeted; let's work together to harden the target.

HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

BLOCK CAPTAIN AND COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014
7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
2000 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON BEACH
TRAINING ROOM A
(follow the signs)

Come and meet:

ROBERT HANDY, CHIEF OF POLICE
HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Handy will share information about himself and the direction in which he would like to take the Department.

He wants to hear from you too—so, we will have time for questions and answers.

PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR QUESTION TO: nberndt@hbpd.org

Subject Line: Question for Chief Handy



YOU WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEMBERS & OUR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (AKA DISPATCH) MEMBERS

YOU WILL SEE:

- WHAT OCCURS IN THE DISPATCH CENTER
- HOW CALLS ARE HANDLED
- WHAT THE DISPATCHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE THEM INFORMATION IN A CERTAIN ORDER
- WHAT THE DISPATCHER IS DOING WHILE ON THE PHONE WITH YOU AND SENDING AN OFFICER TO YOUR LOCATION



WE WILL SET UP A MOCK COMMUNICATIONS CENTER SO YOU CAN GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS TECHNICAL, HIGH PRESSURE JOB. LEARN HOW CALLS ARE PRIORITIZED AND WHAT NUMBERS SHOULD BE CALLED AND WHEN.





TIPS TO HELP PREVENT AUTO BURGLARIES

By Professor Sal W. Hanna, Licensed Private Investigator

Don't be a victim of an auto burglary!



Many auto burglaries start with a smashed window or forced entry. Theft can occur at any time of the day and are “crimes of opportunity.” In fact, most of them have one thing in common: valuables left in the vehicle attract the attention of a thief and create opportunity.

It takes 30 seconds for a thief to break into your vehicle and steal your valuables!

No one wants to wake up to, leave work, or come back from shopping to find their vehicle with a broken window and items stolen. There are simple things you can do to prevent this from happening:

- ✓ **Secure your valuables out of plain sight and not in your vehicle.** Packages, purses, GPS devices or other valuables in public view make your vehicle a target.
- ✓ **Hide your property prior to reaching your destination if you must leave it in the vehicle.** GPS devices are commonly left in vehicle windshields, dashboards or holders. This device is a good indicator to thieves that you may have other valuables inside your car which are easily stolen and sold. If you must leave an item in your vehicle, be sure to store it out of sight in a place like your trunk.
- ✓ **Car chargers and other indicators.** So you decide to hide your GPS, but what about the docking station stuck to your windshield or laptop charger still plugged into your accessory port? Just because the laptop is not visible doesn't mean the thieves aren't looking for other signals that there may be one in your vehicle.
- ✓ **Park in well lit, high traffic areas when possible.** When parking in malls, shopping centers, or other areas look for good lighting and security cameras. Criminals look for easy targets and the cloak of anonymity which lights and security cameras do not provide. When parking in a residential neighborhood dark alleys are prime locations for auto burglaries.
- ✓ **Lock ALL your vehicle doors** no matter the length of time you plan on being away from your vehicle. Thinking “I'm just going to run inside the house and grab...” is a great way to give thieves the easy target they seek to find.
- ✓ **If you have an alarm or anti-theft device, use it.** Many people think car alarms going off are so common that no one pays attention to them. At 2 AM a car alarm will wake someone up who will pay attention in a neighborhood. This makes the vehicle less of an easy target.

Did you know the most commonly stolen items from vehicles are:

- Backpacks, gym bags, briefcases, and day-planners
- Cash/coins, checkbooks, and credit/debit cards
- Wallets and purses (*even when hidden under a seat or in an unlocked glove compartment*)
- Laptop computers, iPods, and MP3 players (*and docking stations*)
- Cell phones (*and chargers*)
- Portable GPS navigation systems
- Stereo/CD players (*and faceplates*), amps, speakers (*even when bolted down!*)
- Jewelry, keys, mail (*identity theft*), tools and **ANYTHING** of obvious value.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD RETIRED VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR FORCE



The Huntington Beach Police Department's RSVP (**Retired Senior Volunteer Program**) is comprised of men and women 55 years or older from all walks of life. Many of our RSVP's join the program because they want to give back to the community by sharing their time, talents, wisdom, and knowledge with the Huntington Beach Police Department.

Some of the duties performed by our RSVP's include but are not limited to:

- Vacation House Checks
- Remove illegally posted signs
- Curb Crime Program
- Assist in the Detective Bureau
- Assist at the HBPD Front Counter
- Assist the Community Liaison Unit
- Fourth of July Parade
- Staff Substations
- Assist at Special Events

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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

45 reported 01/16/14 – 02/15/14

38 reported 12/16/13 – 01/15/14

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

There were thirteen garage entries.

There were two storage unit entries.

There was one shed entry.

There were two attempted entries.

There were three laundry room entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

46 reported 01/16/14 – 02/15/14

59 reported 12/16/13 – 01/15/14

GRAND THEFT AUTO

21 reported 01/16/14 – 02/15/14

30 reported 12/16/13 – 01/15/14

BEAT 2

5 Residential Burglaries

4 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 463-1

RD 465-2 RD 486-1

Streets: Geneva Ave., Ridgefield Dr., Compass Ln., Pier Dr., and Wood Island Ln.

In RD 452, Geneva Ave., an unknown suspect(s) entered the garage via an open garage door.

In RD 463, Ridgefield Dr., it appears someone entered the backyard from the alley and entered the detached unlocked garage. They stole the keys to the residence and later used them to gain access to the front door some time during the night.

In RD 486, Wood Island Ln., it appears the home has an audible alarm and this likely caused the

suspect(s) to flee.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 455-1 RD 463-1

RD 465-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476-1

BEAT 3

8 Residential Burglaries

4 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 425-3 RD 436-1

RD 437-2 RD 442-2

Streets: Velardo Dr., Krepp Dr., Inverness Ln., Bismark Dr., Brookhurst St., Florida St., and England St.

In RD 425, Velardo Dr., it appears the suspect(s) entered the unlocked side gate and then gained access to the garage via the unlocked door in the backyard. Once inside the garage the suspect stole the vehicle parked with the door unlocked and keys left inside.

In RD 425, Velardo Dr., it appears that the suspect(s) entered the backyard via the unlocked side gate and then entered the garage through the open roll up garage door.

In RD 425, Krepp Dr., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 437, Brookhurst St., it appears an unknown suspect(s) entered the unlocked residence and stole pain medications from the medicine cabinet.

There were two garage entries.

There were two laundry room entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 434-1 RD 442-1

RD 444-1 RD 445-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 423-1 RD 425-1

BEAT 4

4 Residential Burglaries

8 Vehicle Burglaries

3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 349-3 RD 451-1

Streets: 22nd St., Pecan Ave., 19th St., and 11th St.

In RD 359, 22nd St., suspects are known.

In RD 349, 19th St., it appears an unknown suspect cut the lock off the victim's attached garage and opened the door to gain entry.

There were two garage entries.

There was one laundry room entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 348-1 RD 349-3

RD 441-1 RD 451-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 349-1 RD 451-2

BEAT 5

4 Residential Burglaries

6 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 413-3 RD 432-1

Streets: Pueblo Cir., Ellis Ave., Vallarta Dr., and Toronto St.

In RD 413 Pueblo Cir., it appears the suspect(s) entered the garage via the unlocked door. The suspect located the spare key to the house and used the key to unlock and enter the residence via the front door. Once inside the suspect quickly took various items then fled out the front door leaving it open and the spare key still in the locking mechanism.

In RD 432, Toronto St., suspect is possible known.

There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 293-1 RD 412-1

RD 413-1 RD 422-1

RD 432-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 293-1 RD 413-1

BEAT 6

3 Residential Burglaries

8 Vehicle Burglaries

3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 261-1 RD 273-1

RD 281-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Streets: Queens Ln., Stanley Ln., and Gothard St.

In RD 261, Queens Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered via an open window.

In RD 281, Gothard St., it appears an unknown suspect(s) used a tool approximately ½" wide to try to pry open the storage shed.

There was one garage entry.

There was one shed entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 264-1
RD 272-5 RD 282-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-3

BEAT 7

8 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 159-1 RD 168-1
RD 178-1 RD 179-1
RD 188-1 RD 253-2
RD 262-1

Streets: Loyola Dr., Warner Ave., Northfield Ln., Oxboro Ln., and Edinger Ave.

In RD 168, Warner Ave., suspect is in custody.

In RD 178, Northfield Ln., it appears the unknown suspect(s) pried open the sliding door to gain entry.

In RD 188, Oxboro Ln., suspects described as: suspect #1: Male, Hispanic, age 20 – 30 years old., wearing blue jeans, and a long sleeve white t-shirt with a grey t-shirt over it. Suspect #2: Male, Hispanic. Vehicle described as an SUV, white, possibly a Dodge Durango with body damage on right rear quarter panel.

In RD 253, Edinger Ave., it appears an unknown suspect(s) entered two separate apartments via unknown means, stole items, and fled.

In RD 262, Warner Ave., suspect(s) are possibly known.

There were two garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 198-1 RD 253-2
RD 293-1

Grand Theft Auto

None reported

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 162-1 RD 176-2

Streets: Intrepid Ln., Warner Ave., and El Dorado Dr.

In RD 162, Intrepid Ln., suspect is in custody.

In RD 176, Warner Ave., it appears the unknown suspect(s) entered into the underground parking storage unit via an unknown means.

In RD 176, El Dorado Dr, it appears nothing was missing from the garage and appears the alarm was activated once the door was opened scaring off the suspect.

There was one garage entry.

There was one storage unit entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151-1 RD 154-1
RD 163-2 RD 173-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 155-1 RD 163-1
RD 165-2 RD 171-1
RD 175-1

BEAT 9

10 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 116-1 RD 117-1
RD 118-1 RD 128-2
RD 136-1 RD 138-1
RD 146-1 RD 148-1
RD 149-1

Streets: Graham St., Croupier Dr., Anacapa Dr., Royal Oak Dr., Chateau Ln., McFadden Ave., Drake Ln., Bluebird Ln., Royalist Dr., and Sherbeck Ln.

In RD 116, Graham St., it appears suspect(s) pried open a rear sliding door to gain entry. Exact loss was not known at the time, but it was determined a pillowcase had been removed.

In RD 118, Anacapa Dr., it appeared that the suspect(s) had entered the rear yard through the east gate. The suspect(s) then broke the window of the laundry room door and reached in to unlock the door. After the door was unlocked the suspect(s) entered the residence via the exterior laundry room door.

In RD 128, Chateau Ln., the suspects were described as: suspect #1: Male, Black, 19–23 years old, wearing a blue hoodie. Suspect #2: Male, Black, 19–23 years old, wearing a red hoodie. The suspect vehicle is a black Mercedes S550 with dark tinted windows.

In RD 146, Bluebird Ln., it appears the garage pedestrian door had been forced open and the door between the garage and residence was found open but had been closed when the residents left earlier.

In RD 149, Sherbeck Ln, it appears suspects may have gained entry via a dog door that was removed.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 117-1 RD 136-1
RD 137-1 RD 139-1
RD 241-1 RD 242-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 126-1 RD 148-1
RD 241-2

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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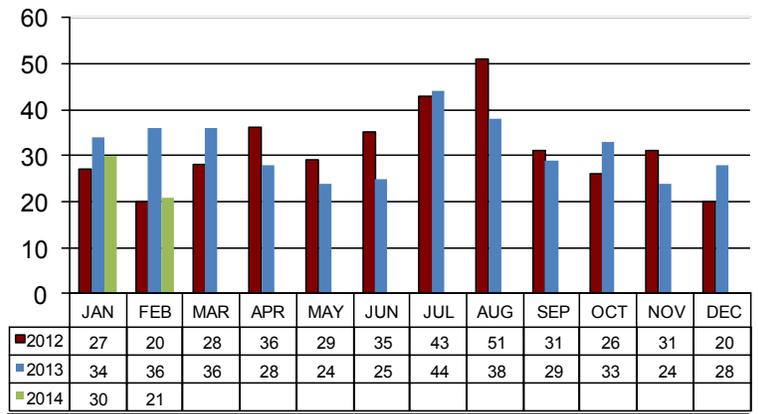
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- Neighborhood Watch Board Members or Speakers Bureau
- Many other miscellaneous activities as needed

Prospective applicants are selected after passing an oral interview, a background check, and a positive assessment of their suitability for the various duties performed with the Police Department. If selected, you must then attend a 30 hour RSVP Academy.

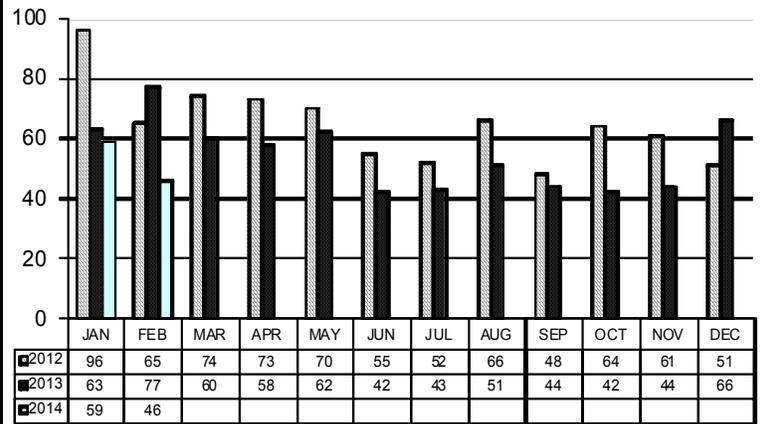
Participants must live in Huntington Beach, have a valid driver's license, and be in good physical health. You must be able to contribute a minimum of 24 hours per month.

Applications will be accepted for the next RSVP Academy through May 15, 2014. We will contact you by May 29, 2014 to schedule your interview. For more information, or to request an application, please contact Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933 or e-mail nberndt@hbpd.org

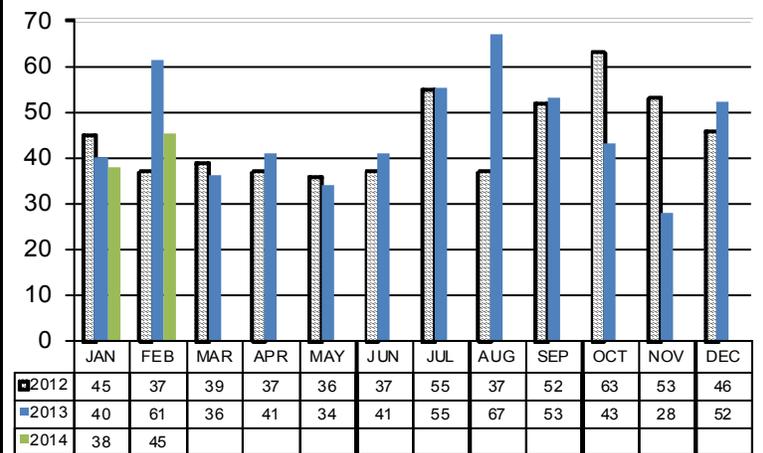
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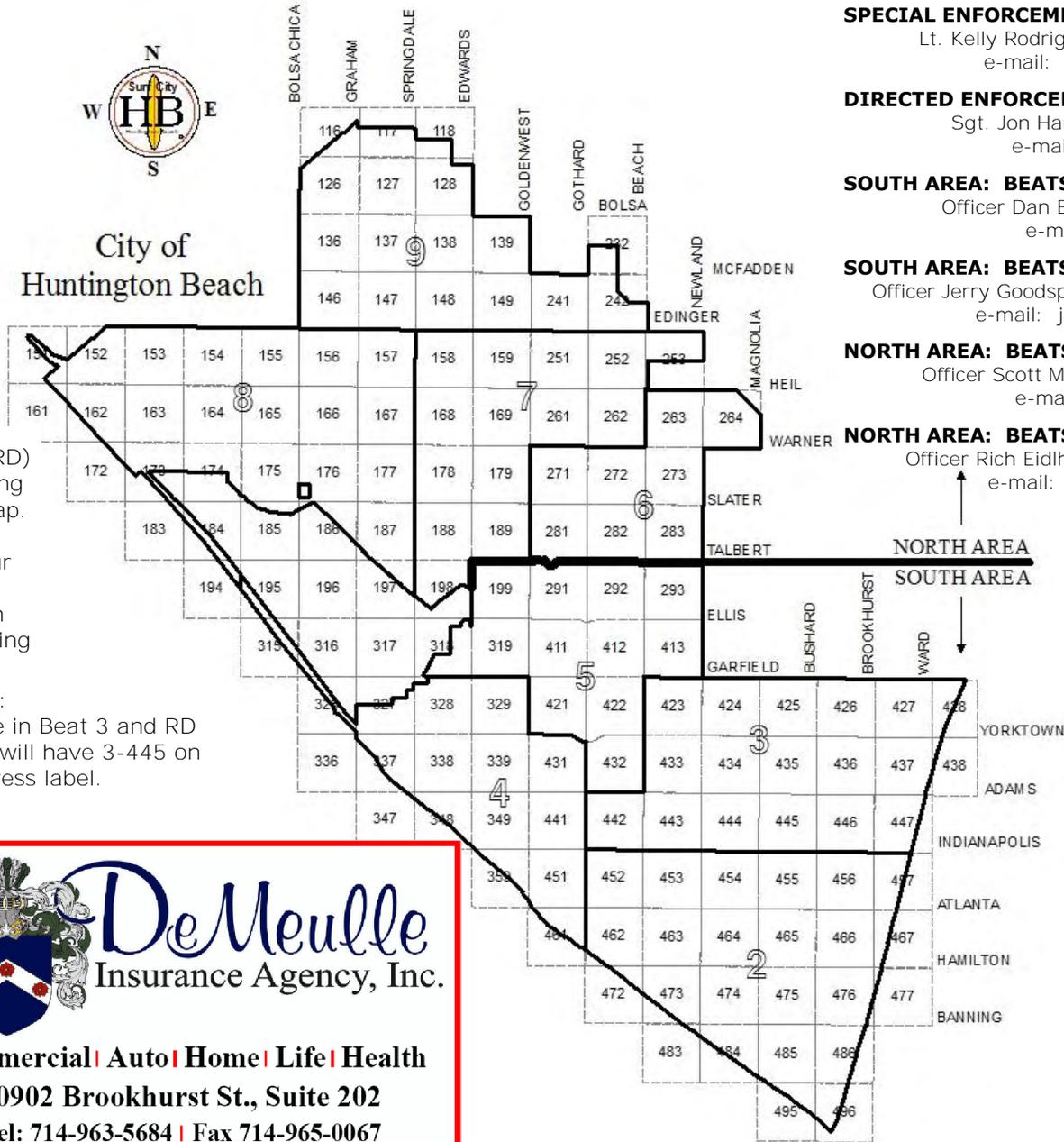
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Note:

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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