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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 **\$8,704.31 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$15,595.69 to go by June 30, 2015.** 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:

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**New Year's  
Checklist**



Happy New Year!

HB Neighborhood Watch hopes all your holidays were pleasant. If you are like many people, you exchanged gifts during this season. However, just because the holidays have passed, you can't put your guard down. You must still be vigilant, alert, and report all suspicious activity.

Below are just a few things you should do as we start this New Year to keep from becoming a victim:

- If you received electronic items as gifts, be sure to break down the boxes and place them in the proper trash receptacle (you don't want to advertise what items you have in your home).
- The New Year is a good time to write down serial numbers and descriptions of items. You should also take pictures of jewelry (use a black background and lay items next to a yard stick) and don't forget to write a brief description of it. You can also choose to go through your home with a video recorder. Describe items in each room and give serial numbers when possible.
- Make two copies of your serial number and jewelry list or video; keep one in a safe place at home and the other in your safe deposit box or other safe place away from your home in case that list is taken or destroyed.
- Review all credit card and bank statements.
- Request a **free annual copy** of your credit report from **one** of the credit reporting bureaus every 4 months.

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You finally have the freedom to drive. Maybe you have your own car, maybe you share one with your brother or sister, or maybe you hardly ever get the car. Despite how much you are actually driving, it's important to know some basic rules for keeping you and your car safe.

### Big No's

- Never, ever, drink or do drugs and then drive.
- Don't ride with drivers who are under the influence.
- Don't text or use your cell phone while driving.
- Always lock your car whether you are in it or not.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas. If you feel uncomfortable, ask a security guard to escort you to your car.
- Keep your car in good working condition and keep the gas tank full.
- Focus on the road at all times. Don't play around with your iPod or MP3 player while you are driving.
- Stay calm. Don't make obscene gestures to other drivers, no matter how angry they make you.
- Back off when someone cuts you off or tailgates you.
- Keep your anger under control. Road rage is a dangerous thing.



### Cell Phones on the Road

You may think talking on the phone or sending a text message while driving is no big deal. You may even do it all the time. However, there is a reason why many states are passing laws against cell phone use while driving. There have been an alarming number of accidents related to cell phone use while driving. Remember, your call or text message can wait until you park the car.

- Drivers using cell phones while driving are said to be as bad as those driving drunk.
- You're not the only person on the road. You share the road with millions of people that you put in danger each time you use the phone while you drive
- Driving is a huge responsibility and it is also a privilege, not a right, so you should take it very seriously.

### Keep Your Car Safe

- Never leave your car running or your keys in the ignition.
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car.
- Keep valuables out of plain view. Lock them up in the trunk or take them inside with you.
- Always carry your registration and insurance card with you.
- Report anything stolen to law enforcement.
- Don't leave personal information in the car.



## SENIOR SCAMS: JUST SAY NO

From Consumer Action ([www.consumer-action.org](http://www.consumer-action.org))

Everyone must be on guard against scams, but seniors can be more vulnerable to fraud. Some seniors are trusting and willing to believe what people tell them. Many crooks—and even friends and family members—take advantage of the good nature of seniors to cheat them.

According to a 2011 report by MetLife, the annual financial loss by victims of elder financial abuse is estimated to be at least \$2.9 billion.

### PROTECT YOUR ASSETS

You worked hard for your money and property, but if you allow someone to take advantage of you, everything you have could be taken away. Learn to protect your assets by following these simple rules:

- Never reveal your bank account numbers or other personal information to someone who calls you on the phone.
- Never allow strangers to come into your home and take information about you and your assets.
- Never assume that a stranger who says he represents a deserving organization will use the money you give him for a good purpose.
- Never assign power of attorney to people you don't know very well.
- Never sign contracts that have any blank lines in them. Someone may later add clauses that will harm you.
- Never arrange for a home loan until you have had a knowledgeable third party review the contract. A disreputable lender could steal your home.

*(Continued in February)*

## New Year's Checklist

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Review it for any discrepancies and or unauthorized credit report checks.

- Equifax: 1-800-685-1111 or [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)
- Experian: 1-800-397-3742 or [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
- TransUnion: 1-800-916-8800 or [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)
- **Don't forget to get a copy of your child's credit report** and review it too.
- After you've removed the decorations and taken down holiday lighting, take a home security survey of your home. Check your outside lighting; is it adequate and are the motion detectors or dusk to dawn lights working properly?
- Check the time set on your light and radio timers. Adjust the time if you changed them for the holidays.
- Check all the locks on your doors and windows. Be sure they work properly or have them repaired.
- If you have a camera on your home be sure it is working properly.
- If you have an alarm monitoring system, call the alarm company to check that it's working properly. If your alarm company signs are faded ask if they will provide you with new ones.
- Update your computer fire walls and antivirus software.
- Check your fire and carbon monoxide alarms and replace batteries if needed.
- Put together a family emergency plan and update out of state telephone contacts.
- If it has been a year since your last Neighborhood Watch Block meeting or you've never had one, it's time to talk to your neighbors about scheduling one. Please call the Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933 (We usually need at least a 2 or 3 week notice).

**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**

44 reported 11/14/14 – 12/15/14  
36 reported 10/16/14 – 11/13/14

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

There were seven garage entries.

There were seven attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

45 reported 11/14/14 – 12/15/14  
35 reported 10/16/14 – 11/13/14

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

26 reported 11/14/14 – 12/15/14  
37 reported 10/16/14 – 11/15/14

**BEAT 2**

3 Residential Burglaries  
4 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 452-1 RD 464-1  
RD 476-1

Streets: Geneva Ave., Shepherd Ln., and Brooknurst St.

In RD 464, Shepherd Ln., suspect is possibly known.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 452-1 RD 455-1  
RD 464-1 RD 473-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 453-1 RD 455-1  
RD 466-1

**BEAT 3**

7 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 423-1 RD 433-1  
RD 444-1 RD 446-2  
RD 447-2

Streets: Polk Cir., Edgewood Ln., Imperial Cove Ln., Everglades Ln., Wind Cove Ln., Craimer Ln., and Meredith Dr.

In RD 446, Everglades Ln., it appears the unknown suspect(s) pried the front door open after not gaining access to the residence via the windows and glass sliding door.

In RD 447, Craimer Ln., suspects are in custody.

In RD 447, Meredith Dr., it appeared that entry was made through the doggy door which allowed the garage door to be unlocked and opened. The suspect(s) then entered the residence through an unlocked door which allows entry from the garage into the house.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 433-1 RD 437-1  
RD 442-2 RD 446-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 436-1 RD 437-1  
RD 447-1

**BEAT 4**

4 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 339-1 RD 359-1  
RD 431-1 RD 451-1

Streets: Quiet Bay Ln., 12<sup>th</sup> St., Park St., and Main St.

In RD 339, Quiet Bay Ln., suspect(s) smashed a window with an unknown object to gain entry.

In RD 359- 12<sup>th</sup> St., suspect(s) cut the padlock off the garage door to gain entry. Suspect(s) possibly used bolt cutters to cut the padlock.

In RD 451, Main St., suspect is known.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 339-1 RD 348-1  
RD 349-1 RD 441-1  
RD 451-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 451-1 RD 461-1

**BEAT 5**

6 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 291-1 RD 293-2  
RD 319-2 RD 413-1

Streets: Ellis Ave., Springhurst Dr., Rolf Cir., Hitching Post Cir., Derby Cir., and Demion Ln.

In RD 291, Ellis Ave., suspect #1 described as: height 5'9", bald with a black mustache. Suspect #2: height 5' 8", blond hair, flat top, and suspect #3 is a dark skinned male.

In RD 319, Hitching Post Cir, suspect(s) pried the west window and were able to gain entry by breaking the latch that secured the window.

In RD 319, Derby Circle, it appears an unknown suspect accessed the back yard and unscrewed the light bulb at the back porch light. The suspect(s) entered the residence by smashing the window to the downstairs bedroom using the metal bar-be-que burner.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 291-1 RD 293-1  
RD 319-1 RD 413-1  
RD 432-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 293-1 RD 412-1  
RD 413-1 RD 432-1

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

**BEAT 6**

**3 Residential Burglaries**  
**8 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**3 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 272-1 RD 273-2**

Streets: Oak Ln, Waal Cir., and A Ln.

In RD 273, Waal Cir., suspect(s) described as: 2 male Hispanics wearing black hooded sweatshirts and black pants.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 263-2 RD 264-1**  
**RD 272-2 RD 273-1**  
**RD 283-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 272-2 RD 273-1**

**BEAT 7**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 159-2 RD 178-1**  
**RD 179-1 RD 189-2**  
**RD 251-2 RD 261-1**  
**RD 262-2**

Streets: Defiance Dr., Redlands Ln., Avalon Ln., Taurus Ln., Edwards/Central Park Dr., Via Angelina Dr., Stonewood Dr., Wishing Well Ln., Tunstall Ln., Viewpoint Ln., and Rhone Ln.

In RD 159, Defiance Dr., unknown suspect cut the fumigation tent and tried to gain entry into the residence. All the doors and windows were locked so suspect did not gain entry.

In RD 159, Redlands Ln., it appeared the suspect pried open the rear door to gain entry. The suspect then entered the location, removed a pillow case from the master bedroom, and used it to carry items out. The suspect fled out the front door.

In RD 179, Taurus Ln., it appears the unknown suspect entered the

exterior of the property from the south side gate, cut the window screen, and attempted to open the window.

In RD 189, Edwards St/Central Park Dr., suspect is in custody.

In RD 251, Stonewood Dr., it appears the suspect(s) pried open a window to gain entry.

In RD 261, Tunstall Ln., it appears an unknown suspect(s) entered through the gate. Suspect propped the gate open, entered the residence through the unlocked sliding door, and stole property from the coffee table while the victims were asleep on the couches.

In RD 262 Rhone Ln., it appeared the suspect(s) entered the residence through the unlocked front door and removed property, leaving via the rear slider.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 159-1 RD 179-1**  
**RD 252-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 168-1 RD 169-1**  
**RD 170-1 RD 251-1**  
**RD 252-1 RD 253-1**

**BEAT 8**

**6 Residential Burglaries**  
**4 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 156-1 RD 166-1**  
**RD 171-1 RD 177-1**  
**RD 186-1 RD 187-1**

Streets: Heil Ave., Pearce Dr., South Pacific Ave., Rogers Dr., Old Glen Ln., and Gainsford Ln.

In RD 171, South Pacific Ave., suspect described as: male, white, age 30's, height 5' 11", weight 250 lbs., brown curly hair, wearing a black jacket, black pants, and black shoes.

In RD 186, Gainsford Ln., it appears the suspect(s) attempted to enter the home by removing the screen and prying on the window of the pedestrian door to the kitchen. They were unsuccessful in obtaining further access to the home.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 152-1 RD 177-2**  
**RD 283-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 163-1**

**BEAT 9**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 128-1 RD 138-2**  
**RD 139-1 RD 148-1**

Streets: Hardwick Cir., Citadel Dr., Victoria Ln., and Puritan Cir.

In RD 139, Victoria Ln., it appears the unknown suspect(s) used an unknown tool to pry the front door open around the door locks.

There were two attempted entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 137-1 RD 139-2**  
**RD 147-1 RD 148-1**  
**RD 242-5**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 146-1 RD 241-1**  
**RD 242-2**

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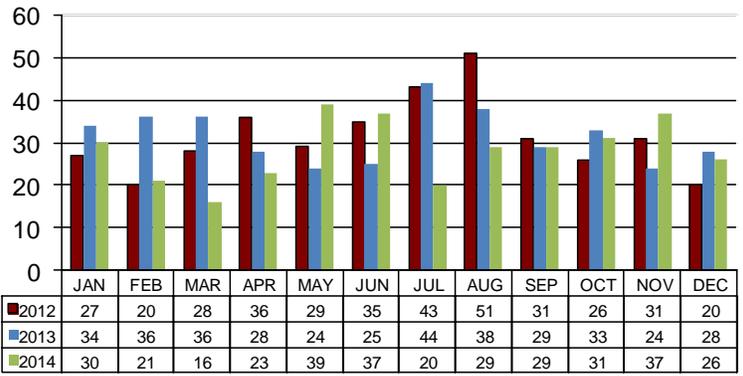
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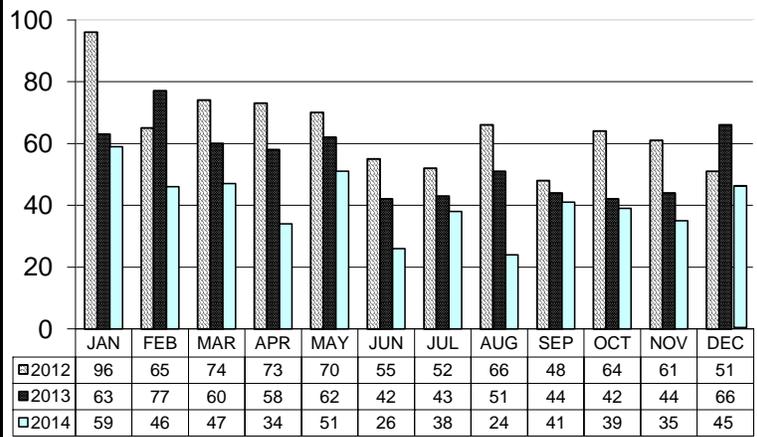
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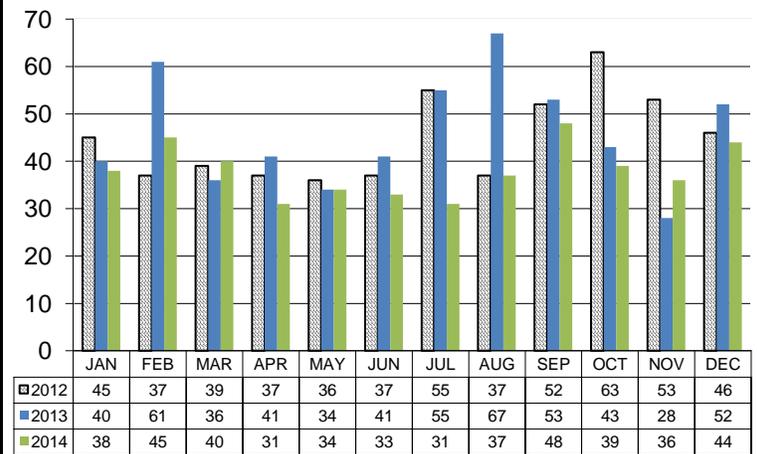
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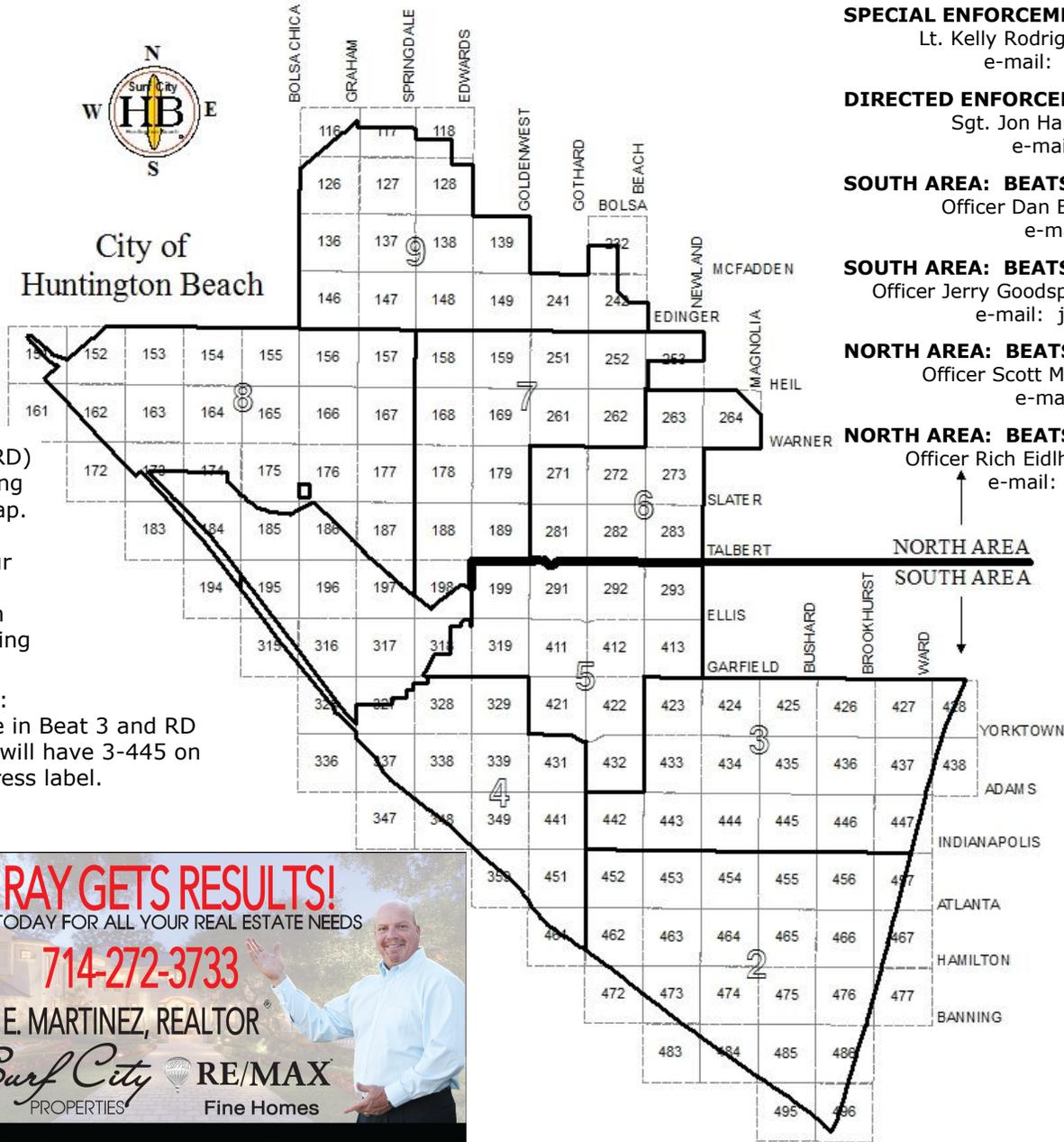
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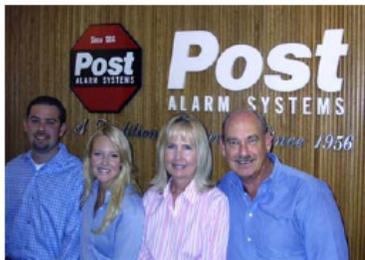
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