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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 **\$6,215.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$18,085.00 to go by June 30, 2016.** 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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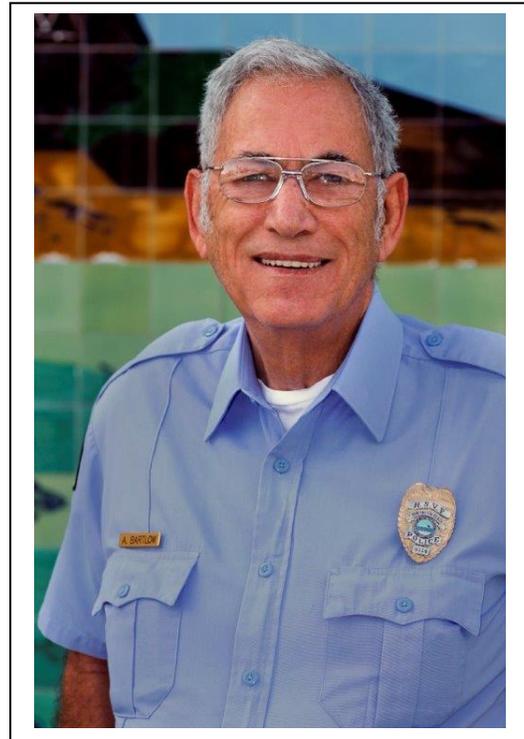
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You will be deeply missed.



Social Host Ordinance

A New Law to Prevent Underage Drinking in Huntington Beach

What is a Social Host Ordinance?

A Social Host Ordinance is a law that prohibits adults from hosting drinking parties for minors. Teen drinking parties are a nuisance and threat to public safety. Recognizing this, the City Council of Huntington Beach adopted a Social Host Ordinance on March 4, 2013.

Why Not Host Parties for Minors?

A recent study of over 6,000 youth found that teens who received alcohol from a parent or a friend’s parent at a party consumed more drinks, and were twice as likely to drink regularly and binge drink. (Foley, et al.). Additionally, teens frequently have harmful experiences at parent-sanctioned drinking parties. Even when parents keep an eye on teens while they drink, young people may still get behind the wheel or get into a car with someone who has been drinking. *Huntington Beach has adopted a Social Host Ordinance and the Huntington Beach Police Department is enforcing the law.*

What You Can Do

If you are hosting a party where alcohol is being served, monitor your alcohol and make sure no minors are drinking. Call the police if minors refuse to cooperate or the party becomes unmanageable. You will not be cited if you request police assistance before someone else files a complaint.

 Learn more about the Social Host Ordinance and Operation Safe HB at operationsafehb.org or [facebook.com/OperationSafeHB](https://www.facebook.com/OperationSafeHB).

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DUI CRACKDOWN IN HUNTINGTON BEACH





A New Twist to the “Tech Support” Scam

(Sid Kirchheimer, AARP)



After seven long years, this tech support scam continues as a reigning rip-off, generating ever more reports nationwide to the “AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline”. In 2016, Microsoft estimates that another 3.3 million Americans will fall victim to it. In 2015, nearly \$1.5 billion was lost to fraudsters posing as tech company employees. The typical scenario is scary enough: Callers (sometimes from overseas boiler rooms) claim that your computer is infected with a dangerous virus; it’s merely a lie to get payment for fraudulent tech support services and gain remote access to your files. In the latest twist, tech support scammers have been using ransomware – a type of malware that freezes computers and encrypts files, leaving them inaccessible until a ransom is paid. In this new dual dupe, uncovered by security software manufacturer Symantec (maker of Norton products), some websites that pitch questionable tech support services are simultaneously dishing out ransomware. The unwary are often led to these websites via pop-up messages claiming a tech or performance problem, tempting users to download ransomware-laden software or to call a number.

“If the victim falls for the scam and dials the number, professional-sounding call center staff members use the opportunity to install malware or potentially unwanted applications (PUAs) onto the user’s computer,” explains Symantec threat analyst Deepak Singh. They do this by persuading targets to visit websites or follow instructions that provide the con artists with remote access to their computers. “Unfortunate victims could end up paying both the fake tech support scam for ‘help’ and the ransom to decrypt their files.” This can amount to a pretty penny.

Tech support scammers can charge up to \$750 for their nonexistent services (in addition to accessing your files for possible identity theft). Ransomware fees are generally between \$200 and \$10,000, according to the FBI (<https://www.fbi.gov/sandiego/press-releases/2015/fbi-warns-public-of-cryptowall-ransomware-schemes>). Ignore pop-up messages claiming you need to download software or “call for support” and don’t click within the pop-up.

The good news is that “Most tech support scams that currently operate are browser-based annoyances that can be easily resolved if the victim knows how,” Singh adds.

Other ways you can beat tech support scams:

- Know that Microsoft, computer manufacturers, and protection software companies don’t make “personal” phone calls or send e-mail warnings. When real threats are detected, a security update or warning is usually sent en masse and directly to your computer via the antivirus protection already installed on your machine.
- Don’t be fooled if a phony tech support caller knows your name, address, or even the operating system you’re using. Cybercrooks select their targets through public phone directories and often guess your operating system by citing more popular ones.
- Unless you initiate contact with a trusted technology assistance firm, never give strangers remote access to your computer. They may get it by asking you to type a certain code, to download a program they provide or to provide them with your username and password.
- At least once a week, check for updates in your security software, and run scans several times a week. PC users can also check for malware with the Microsoft Safety Scanner. Mac users should regularly run Software update.
- If you’ve already been swindled in this scam, beware of follow-up messages claiming that you’re entitled to a “refund” for fees you already paid. That’s another maneuver that aims to get your bank account information for a supposed direct-deposit reimbursement. “But instead of putting money in your account,” warns the Federal Trade Commission (<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0346-tech-support-scams>), “the scammers withdraw money from your account.”

For more information about scams, sign up for the Fraud Watch Network (<http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-watch-network/?cmp=RDRCT-FRDWCHNET>). You can receive free email alerts from AARP.

In this newsletter next month, we will have more about IRS scams. Remember, the IRS will not do the following:

- Ask for payment using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer
- Demand immediate payment over the phone – or even call without having first mailed a bill.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying

You can also contact them at <https://www.irs.gov>, by telephone at 800-829-1040, or contact your local office.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

HB police patrol areas are the North and the South. 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

35 reports 12/16/15- 01/15/16
31 reports 11/16/15- 12/15/15

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

There were two garage entries.

There were three attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

63 reports 12/16/15- 01/15/16
49 reports 11/16/15- 12/15/15

GRAND THEFT AUTO

40 reports 12/16/15- 01/15/16
38 reports 11/16/15- 12/15/15

BEAT 2

4 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 462-2
RD 473-1

Streets: Shell Cir, Sea Breeze Dr., Beach Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

In RD 462, Sea Breeze Dr., it appears suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked rear sliding door, removed various items, and fled.

In RD 262, Beach Blvd., it appears suspect(s) gained entry

by breaking a kitchen window. Items were stolen and suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 453-1 RD 456-1
RD 463-1 RD 465-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 445-1 RD 452-1
RD 476-1

BEAT 3

8 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 423-2 RD 424-2
RD 427-1 RD 433-1
RD 437-1 RD 442-1

Streets: Yorktown Ave., Worcester Ln., Homestead Ln., Kipahulu Ln., Milano Dr., Lexington Ln. and Oceanhill Dr.

In RD 423, Worcester Ln., it appears the suspect(s) broke a kitchen window to gain entry to the residence. Suspect(s) stole various items and fled.

In RD 442, Oceanhill Dr., it appears suspect(s) gained entry to the residence while the residence was being fumigated. A screen was removed and entrance was made through an open window. Various items were stolen and the suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 424-1 RD 433-2
RD 434-1 RD 435-1
RD 436-2 RD 444-1
RD 446-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 423-1 RD 427-1
RD 434-2 RD 437-1
RD 445-1 RD 447-1

In RD 447, vehicle was recovered.

BEAT 4

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 359-1 RD 441-1

Streets: 10th St. and Lake St.

In RD 359, 10th St., it appears suspect(s) gained entry through the upstairs bathroom window. The residents were home at the time and heard noises. They went to check and saw a suspect attempting to climb in the window. The resident then closed the door and called 911. Three suspects were seen fleeing.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 349-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 431-1 RD 441-1

In RD 431, vehicle was recovered.

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 413-1 RD 432-2

Streets: Valley Cir., Delaware St., and Huntington St.

In RD 413, Valley Cir., it appears suspect(s) entered an open and unlocked garage. Suspect(s) removed various items then fled in an unknown direction.

In RD 432, Delaware St., suspect is in custody.

In RD 432, Huntington St., it appears suspect(s) gained entry through an open door, stole a wallet, and fled.

There was one garage entry.

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

RD 293-1 RD 413-1
RD 421-1 RD 432-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 291-1 RD 292-2
RD 411-1 RD 413-1

BEAT 6**6 Residential Burglaries****6 Vehicle Burglaries****5 Grand Theft Auto****Residential Burglaries**

RD 271-1 RD 273-1
RD 281-2 RD 283-2

Streets: Warner Ave., Van Dyke Ln., Gothard St., Cameron Ln., and Benjamin Dr.

In RD 281, Gothard St., it appears suspect(s) gained entry by prying off the padlock. The contents of the storage unit were ransacked. Unknown loss at time of the report.

In RD 281, Gothard St., it appears suspect(s) gained entry by prying off the padlock and the contents of the storage unit had been ransacked. Suspect(s) stole items and fled.

In RD 283, Benjamin Dr., it appears suspect(s) gained entry through the unlocked back sliding door, removed items, and fled.

There was one attempted entry.

There was one garage entry.

There were two storage unit entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272-1 RD 273-4
RD 282-1

Grand Theft Auto

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

BEAT 7**7 Residential Burglaries****15 Vehicle Burglaries****13 Grand Theft Auto****Residential Burglaries**

RD 168-1 RD 169-1
RD 179-1 RD 251-1
RD 252-1 RD 262-2

Streets: Summercloud Ln., Bishop Dr., Golden West St., Bluesails Dr., Silver Ln. and Viewpoint Ln.

In RD 168, Summercloud Ln., suspects are in custody.

In RD 169, Bishop Dr., it appears suspect(s) gained entry to the garage by kicking in the pedestrian entry door. Suspect(s) removed various items from within and fled.

In RD 179, Golden West St., it appears the suspect(s) entered through an unlocked rear sliding door. The suspect(s) removed various items and fled.

In RD 262, Viewpoint Ln., it appears suspect(s) gained entry through an unlocked front slider window. At the time it was unclear if any items were stolen.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 159-1 RD 178-2
RD 189-1 RD 251-5
RD 252-1 RD 253-4
RD 282-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 168-1 RD 169-1
RD 242-1 RD 251-3
RD 252-5 RD 262-2

BEAT 8**0 Residential Burglaries****8 Vehicle Burglaries****4 Grand Theft Auto****Residential Burglaries**

None Reported

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 152-1 RD 153-1
RD 165-1 RD 173-1
RD 174-1 RD 176-1
RD 177-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 157-1 RD 165-1
RD 173-2

BEAT 9**5 Residential Burglaries****16 Vehicle Burglaries****1 Grand Theft Auto****Residential Burglaries**

RD 136-2 RD 138-1
RD 232-2

Streets: McFadden Ave., Tasman Dr., Cornell Dr., and Cascade Ln.

In RD 136, McFadden Ave., it appears suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering a kitchen window with an unknown object. Suspect(s) ransacked the home, stole various items and fled in an unknown direction.

In RD136, Tasman Dr., it appears suspect(s) gained entry to the residence by prying open a kitchen window. Various items were stolen and suspect(s) fled.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 128-2 RD 137-1
RD 138-1 RD 147-1
RD 148-1 RD 232-1
RD 242-9

Grand Theft Auto

RD 149-1

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DATE	TIME	AREA OF INCIDENT
12/06/15	2:30 PM	Belcaro Drive
12/06/15	9:45 PM	Down Drive/ Toway

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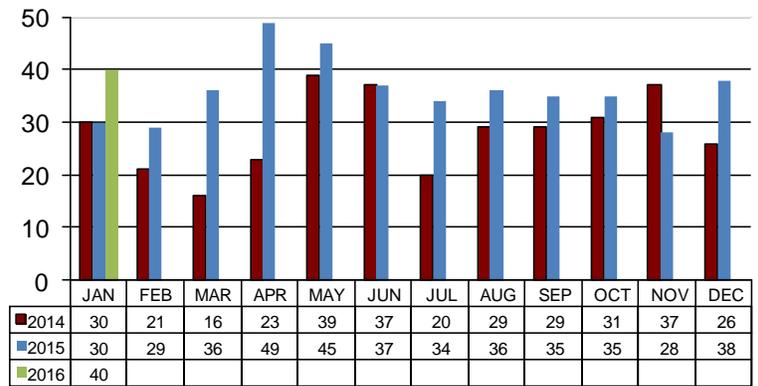
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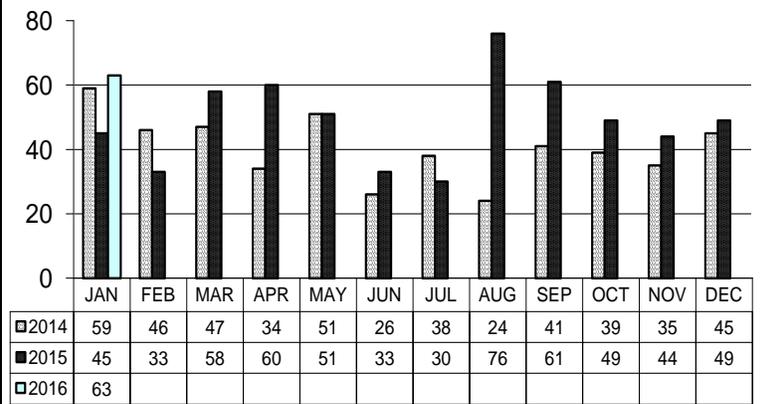
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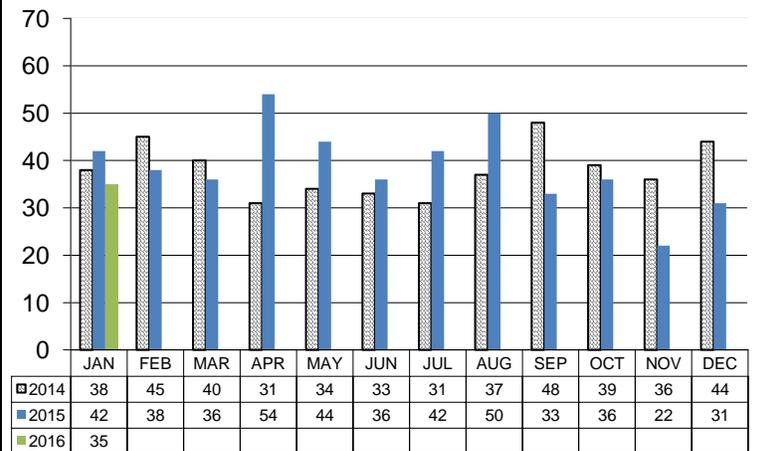
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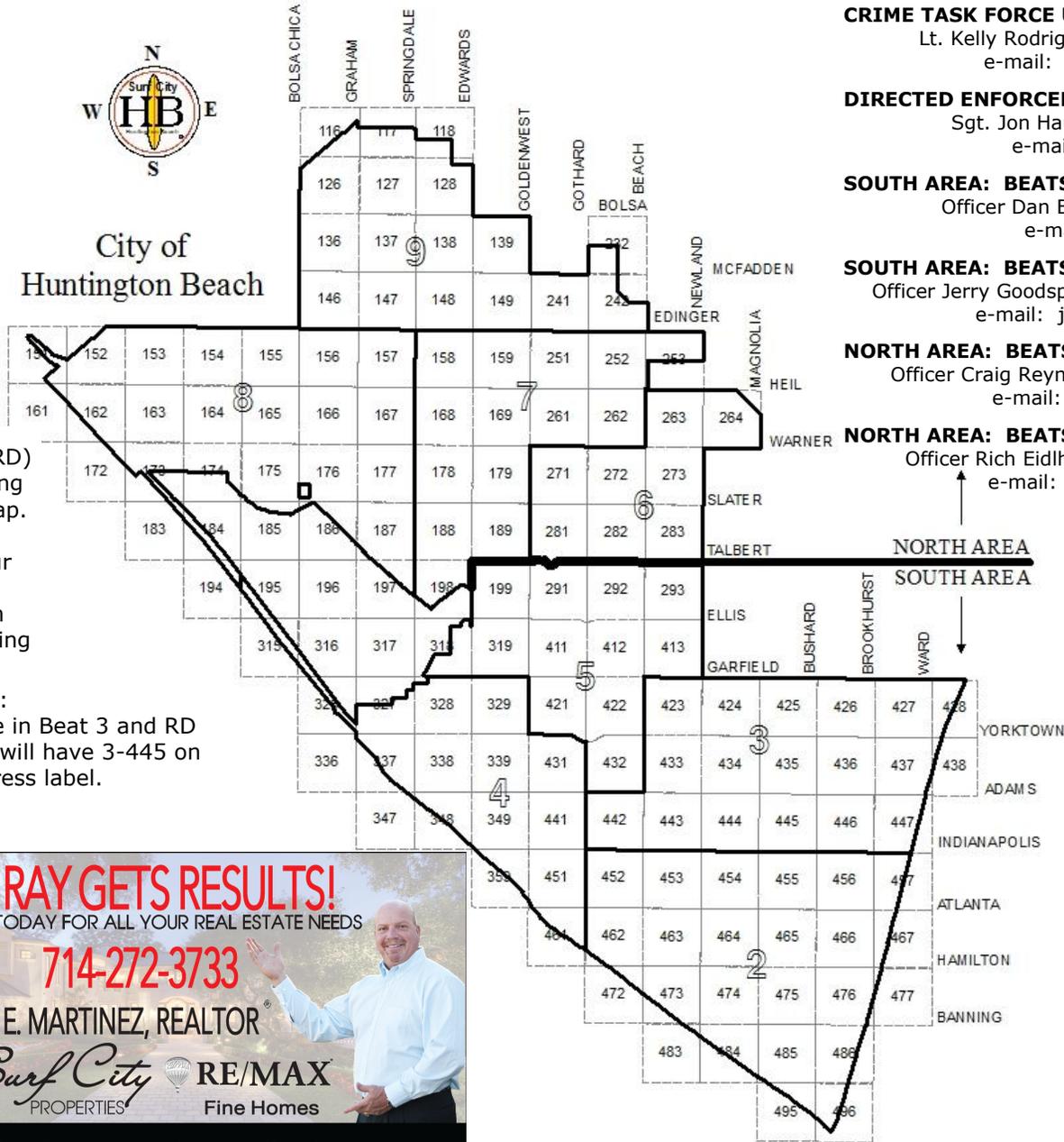
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Note:
Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

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



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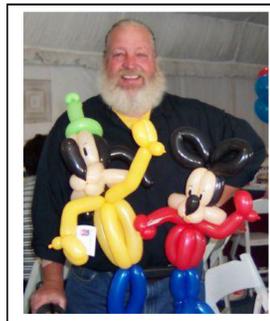
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