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HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
Huntington Beach Police Dept.
2nd Floor Conference Room

HATE CRIMES

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

In California, hate crime is defined as being a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim: Disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group of persons with one or more of the preceding actual or perceived characteristics.

Examples: Painting racist, homophobic and/or religious graffiti on private property; burning a cross on an individual's lawn; an assault; a criminal threat of violence against an individual or group; and/or murder or attempted murder.

A hate incident is behavior that is motivated by hate or bias toward a person's actual or perceived disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation, but that is not criminal in nature. Typically these behaviors are protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of expression.

If this type of activity escalates to threats being made or carried out against a person or property, or becomes an incitement to commit violence, it would be classified as a hate crime.

Examples: The distribution of non-threatening, racist flyers in a public place; displaying non-threatening anti-gay or lesbian placards at a parade or funeral; writing a letter to the editor ridiculing people with disabilities; and/or painting racist graffiti on a freeway overpass.

A hate crime or incident may have occurred if any of the following were present:

- ♦ There was a perception that the victim was targeted because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, etc.
- ♦ The perpetrator wrote or spoke in a manner that indicated bias.
- ♦ The date of the incident or crime coincides with a date that is of significance to the victim's religion, nationality, ethnicity, etc.

HATE CRIMES

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WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM VICTIMIZED?

- Call the police or sheriff's department immediately and make a report.
- Obtain medical attention, if needed. Be sure to keep all medical documentation.
- Leave all evidence in place. Do not touch, remove or clean up anything.
- Document what happened by: taking photographs of the evidence; writing down exactly what was said, particularly any words that indicate bias motivation; and other information that may be valuable.
- Get the name(s), address(es), and phone number(s) of other victims and witnesses.
- If possible, write down a description of the perpetrator and the perpetrator's vehicle.
- Call **1-888-NO-2-HATE** and report the occurrence to OC Human Relations Commission.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

Civil Remedies: California legislation gives the courts the ability to order the perpetrator to pay up to \$25,000 to compensate for the harm you have suffered, and/or as punishment, and/or to deter future violations. The courts can issue a restraining order to protect you from further harm. If you decide to pursue a lawsuit against the perpetrator, your first options include hiring a private attorney or contacting the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), (www.dfeh.ca.gov).

Victim Assistance: Help is available through CSP Victims Services in the form of:

- ✓ translation for non-English speakers
- ✓ information resources and referrals
- ✓ crisis intervention and counseling
- ✓ emergency financial assistance
- ✓ culturally-sensitive orientation to the criminal justice system
- ✓ support in communicating with the police, the courts and other authorities

assistance with writing victim impact statements, obtaining restitution assistance and filing Office for Victims of Crime Compensation claims, (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/help/progdir.htm).

Please contact CSP Victims Services for more information at (949) 975-0244.

Criminal Enforcement: Your local police or sheriff's department enforces criminal laws and is the first responder. Criminal prosecution of your case can be pursued by the Orange County District Attorney's Office, Office of the California State Attorney General, or the U.S. State Attorney, depending on the nature of the case. The Federal Bureau of Investigation may also assist in your case if appropriate, (www.ocgov.com/da/).

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP HATE

- Learn to recognize hate crimes and incidents.
- Report suspected hate crimes and incidents to your local police department and OC Human Relations.
- Create an environment of zero tolerance for bias and hate-motivated behaviors.
- Create opportunities for diverse people to come together to learn about each other.
- Create diverse teams to encourage people to work together on common goals.
- Maintain a respectful, inclusive climate in your school, community, neighborhood, work or business.
- Model respect and inclusion towards others, especially when you are around children.
- Offer to support and assist victims to let them know they are not alone.
- Speak out against acts of prejudice, discrimination and hate in your community.

REASONS HATE CRIMES AND INCIDENTS OFTEN GO UNREPORTED

- ◆ Victims of hate are often very traumatized after the incident and feel that reporting to law enforcement will further victimize them.
- ◆ People are often fearful the perpetrator will return and harass them further if they make a report.
- ◆ People may also believe making a report only serves to stigmatize themselves and/or family.
- ◆ People often have little faith the perpetrators will be caught and successfully prosecuted.
- ◆ Immigrant victims can have difficulty communicating the incident due to cultural barriers, including language.
- ◆ Immigrants may distrust any government agency as a result of the reputation of similar agencies in their native country.
- ◆ Undocumented workers will not usually come forward because they fear contacting any law enforcement agencies due to their immigration status.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Learn to identify hate crimes.
- Report hate crimes to your local police.
- Report hate-related incidents to the OC Human Relations Commission.
- Assist and support hate crime victims.
- Work to prevent hate by building intergroup understanding and tolerance.
- Speak out against acts of hate.

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Emergency Warning Siren System



The emergency warning siren system for the city of Huntington Beach was recently upgraded. The sirens, located at all fire stations throughout

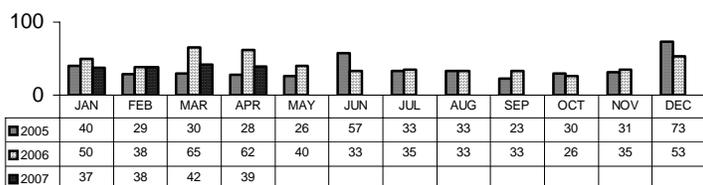
the City, will be tested at 12 noon the first Friday of each month (rather than the last Friday as has been done in the past).

The purpose of the siren system is to warn residents and visitors of an impending threat such as a tsunami, a hazardous chemical spill, or failure of the Prado Dam, for example. When the emergency warning sirens are sounded, (other than when being tested, as stated above) citizens should immediately tune into **KWVE 107.9 FM** on their radio. This is the Emergency Alerting System used by the government for disseminating emergency information to the public—often heard being tested on AM/FM radio.

It is recommended that every resident listen for the siren test at noon to become familiar with the sound.

For further information, contact Glorria Morrison, Emergency Services Coordinator, at 536-5980

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. 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

39 entries in April
42 entries in March

Ten of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 26% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 6 garage entries out of 39 burglaries, or 15% of the entries reported in April.

Twenty-five of the entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Fourteen entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were seven entries by unknown means, six entries by force or pry tool, one entry thru an open window on the 2nd floor, three passkeys using garage remote, one entry with house open with house under construction, six entries due to window smash, two entries by passkeys, one entry by a passkey with the house up for sale, one entry thru a dog door and one attempt without entry.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

46 reported in April
84 reported in March

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

55 reported in April
55 reported in March

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 465 – 1 RD 476 – 1
RD 485 – 1

Streets: Dove, Summer, Luau. One entry by unknown means, one entry by force or pry tool, one entry by a garage remote. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries None

Grand Theft Autos

RD 465 – 1 RD 466 - 1
RD 475 – 1

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 447– 1 RD 455 – 1

Streets: Meredith and Oceanwood. 3 juveniles arrested for unlocked , vacant entry on Oceanwood. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS.** One of the entries was a 2nd floor window. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 454– 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 444– 1

BEAT 4

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 433 – 1
RD 442 – 2 RD 452 – 2
RD 453 – 1 RD 463 – 1

Streets: Huntington, Drybank, Alabama, Indianapolis and Wildwood. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** Three entries by force or pry tool, one entry by a passkey (garage remote). There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 1
RD 462 – 2 RD 463 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 442 - 1 RD 462 – 2
RD 463 – 1

BEAT 5

0 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 435– 1

BEAT 6

1 Residential Burglary
5 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 339 – 1

Streets: Silver Beach. Home was open while under construction. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 451 – 4 RD 461 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 349 – 2 RD 441 – 1
RD 451 - 6

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

8 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 293 - 7 RD 319 - 1

Streets: Springhurst, Goldsport, Padrino, Sunbeam, Forelle, Jockey, two entries on Manifesto. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Three entries by window smash, one entry by a passkey, one entry by unknown means, and one entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 412 - 1 RD 413 - 1
RD 423 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 422 - 1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 177 - 1 RD 179 - 1

Streets: Apel and Wrenfield. One entry by a passkey (garage remote) and one entry by a window smash. Both were garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 - 3 RD 177 - 2
RD 186 - 1 RD 187 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 178 - 1 RD 179 - 4
RD 198 - 1

BEAT 9

4 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 263 - 1 RD 273 - 1
RD 282 - 2

Streets: Potter, Stanley Walk and two entries on Liberty. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** There was one entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

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

Grand Theft Autos

RD 264 - 1 RD 272 - 1
RD 282 - 4

BEAT 10

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 154 - 1 RD 164 - 1

Streets: Ardsley and Malta. **ONE ENTRY THRU AN UNLOCKED WINDOW.**

One entry by a passkey with the house up for sale. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 162 - 1 RD 174 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 165 - 1

BEAT 11

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 156 - 1 RD 159 - 1

Streets: Davis and Whittier. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry thru a dog door. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 156 - 1 RD 166 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 168 - 1 RD 169 - 1

BEAT 12

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 128 - 1 RD 139 - 3
RD 148 - 1

Streets: Zane, Goldenwest, Hanover, Newcastle and Standish. **ONE ENTRY THRU AN UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by unknown means, one entry by a passkey, one entry by force or pry tool and one attempt without entry. There were no garage entries. Suspect seen in Newcastle forced window entry: Male Hispanic Adult, 30-32 yrs., approx. 5'8", black hair and brown eyes. Vehicle seen was a newer grey Nissan Altima.. Call police at 536-8825 if you seen this vehicle or any suspicious people in your neighborhood.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 116 - 1 RD 137 - 1
RD 146 - 2 RD 148 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 136 - 3 RD 147 - 2
RD 148 - 1

BEAT 13

5 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
15 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 242 - 2 RD 252 - 1
RD 253 - 2

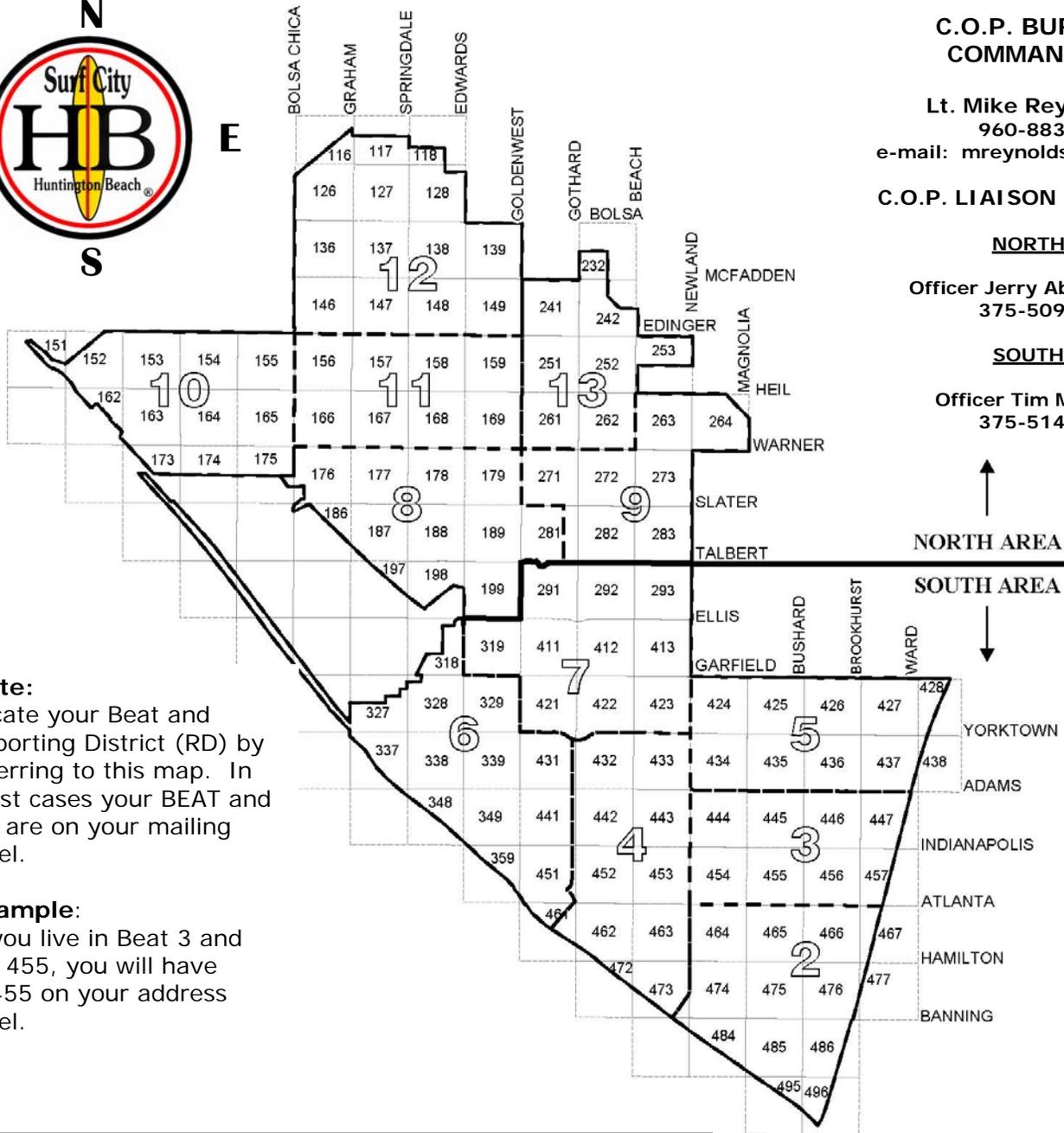
Streets: Huntington Village, Center, Aldrich and two entries on Edinger. Two entries by force or pry tool, one entry by unknown means and two entries by window smash. One garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 - 1 RD 242 - 5
RD 252 - 1 RD 261 - 2
RD 262 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 - 2 RD 242 - 1
RD 251 - 3 RD 252 - 2
RD 262 - 7



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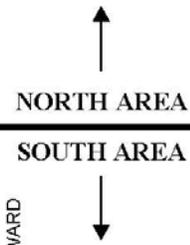
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375-5140



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:

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