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JULY POSTAGE UPDATE

We need \$20,000 again this year to cover the expenses of postage, labels, and returned Newsletters. For the past 28 years, we have been able to raise this money through generous donations from our subscribers and advertisers. We hope we can continue to do this in 2007. At the end of April, we had received **\$17,132**--we have **\$2,868 to go**. A \$4 donation pays for each subscriber's postage; a \$5 or more donation puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$20 donation will put your name in the Newsletter plus you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City keychain. And, remember, since we are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.

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REMEMBER



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**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING
THERE ARE NO BOARD MEETINGS IN
JULY OR AUGUST**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND BE SAFE!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 7 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm



On Tuesday, August 7th, Huntington Beach residents are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 24th Annual National Night Out.

A crime/drug prevention event, National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by police departments all over the nation.

On August 7th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm, Huntington Beach residents are asked to turn on their porch lights and go outside to spend some time with their neighbors. Talk about starting a Neighborhood Watch Program or scheduling another meeting to meet new neighbors. At your meeting, we will inform you about home security, auto theft/burglary, and identity theft.

Even though crime is down, we need to be alert and aware so that we won't become victims. Another thing to discuss with your neighbors is drug houses--if you suspect a drug house on your street, call the Narcotics Unit at 536-5981 and give them the address and information. If you have a problem house with other possible criminal activity, you can contact the Team COP North area officer at 375-5095, or south of Talbert at 375-5140. Working and communicating with your neighbors and police can make a big difference in your neighborhood, but it takes getting involved.

The theme, back by popular demand, is "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party." To schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting, call 536-5993. Remember, it is everyone's job to keep crime out of their neighborhoods. Call today and do your part to keep Huntington Beach a safe place to live.

The Huntington Beach Police Department would like to thank all the Neighborhood Watch volunteers who have contributed to the program this past year. Their volunteer efforts and dedication to keep this program going has made Neighborhood Watch a valuable asset to the community. The meetings provide crime prevention information and the Newsletter provides ongoing communication that has contributed to keeping our city one of the safest in America.

GOING AWAY? GOT A MINUTE TO TALK? PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND SAFETY WHILE TRAVELING

It's a fact that almost all types of personal and household crimes are highest in the warm months when people spend more time away from home on vacations or are involved in outdoor activities. Avoid becoming part of this statistic by following these suggestions to protect your home, property, and family while you're relaxing and having fun!

BEFORE YOU LEAVE USE THIS CHECKLIST TO SECURE YOUR HOME:

- ✓ Make sure your home looks lived in, not empty.
- ✓ Stop mail and cancel all deliveries or ask a friend to make daily collections of mail, newspapers, and flyers.
- ✓ Lock all windows and doors, including your garage.
- ✓ Hide empty garbage cans.
- ✓ Leave shades and blinds in normal positions.
- ✓ Put an automatic timer on several lights and a radio.
- ✓ Store valuables in a safe deposit box.
- ✓ Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you're gone and keep your property maintained.
- ✓ Leave a key with a trusted neighbor and tell them your departure and return dates along with an itinerary with phone numbers where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

AND AWAAAY WE GO...

- ✓ Have your car serviced and tires checked before leaving.
- ✓ Carry a minimum amount of cash. Use traveler's checks and credit cards, but keep a record of their numbers in a separate and safe place.
- ✓ Keep careful tabs on your travel tickets—they're as good as cash. Carry them in an inside pocket, not protruding from a jacket or bag.
- ✓ If driving, plan your route carefully. Travel on main roads and use maps.
- ✓ Don't talk about your plans to strangers.
- ✓ Always lock your car when it's parked, even if the stop is brief. Keep valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. Don't leave wallets, checkbooks, or purses in the car.
- ✓ Never pick up hitchhikers.
- ✓ If you stop overnight, remove bags and other valuables from the car and take them inside.
- ✓ If your car breaks down, turn on your flashers and raise the hood or tie a white cloth to the antenna. If you must abandon your car, keep all passengers together.



- ✓ Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, a fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit.
- ✓ Avoid traveling during the night hours if you can.
- ✓ If you are in a foreign country, learn the words for police officer and doctor. Know the location of the nearest U.S. consulate.

MOTELS AND HOTELS

Use all auxiliary locking devices when occupying or leaving your room.

- ✓ Know who's knocking before you open the door.
- ✓ Keep extra cash and valuables locked in the hotel safe deposit box, not in the room. Always take cash, credit cards, and keys with you.
- ✓ Locate fire exits, elevators, and nearest phone. Plan the best way to get out of the building in an emergency.
- ✓ Inventory your belongings daily.
- ✓ Be observant. Report any suspicious movements in the corridors or rooms to the management.

SIGHTSEEING

- ✓ Learn about your surroundings. Ask local residents about problem areas and avoid them.
- ✓ Select sightseeing companies and guides carefully.
- ✓ Make sure your children know the name, address, and telephone number of your hotel or motel.
- ✓ Avoid advertising you are a tourist by the way you dress.
- ✓ If older children go off separately, be sure they have watches and check in with you at prearranged times.

TAKE ACTION—TODAY!

- ✓ Call the H.B. Police Crime Prevention Unit at 536-5933 to have a home security booklet sent to your home. Install all locks recommended to make it more difficult for an average burglar to break in.
- ✓ List all credit card numbers, their expiration dates, and numbers to call if lost.
- ✓ Have your car checked.
- ✓ Offer your help to neighbors when they go away!

Summer Vacation

FREE VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

provided by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Please call at least 3 days prior to departure at 374-1507



SUMMER



SAFETY

BARBECUE SAFETY



BEWARE WHEN YOU BARBECUE. In 1999 alone, gas and charcoal grills caused 1,500 structure fires and 4,200 outdoor fires in or on home properties in the U. S.

- ✓ When using barbecue grills on decks or patios, be sure to leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.
- ✓ Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- ✓ Keep children and pets far away from grills.
- ✓ With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.
- ✓ With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.
- ✓ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.



FIREWORKS

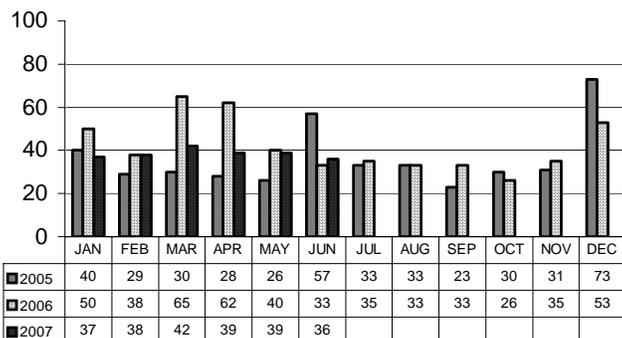
ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN HUNTINGTON BEACH

Fireworks lead to thousands of injuries requiring emergency room treatment. These dazzling, but dangerous, devices can burn up to 1200 F and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness.

Stay safe by always leaving fireworks to professionals.



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



WATER SAFETY



EXTRA CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN AROUND WATER, FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

- ✓ Only swim in approved areas.
- ✓ Supervise children near water at all times and make sure they learn to swim.
- ✓ Check the depth of the water with a lifeguard before jumping in.
- ✓ Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) when boating, jet-skiing, tubing or water-skiing. Air-filled swimming aids, like water wings or inner tubes, are not substitutes for approved PFDs. An adult should always supervise children using these devices.
- ✓ Be sure to extinguish all smoking materials and shut down motors, fans and heating devices before fueling a boat. In case of a spill, wipe up fuel immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odors. After fueling and before starting the boat's motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes.

CAMPING SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Always use a flame retardant tent and set up camp far away from the campfire.
- ✓ Only use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns inside the tent or any other closed space, not liquid-filled heaters or lanterns.
- ✓ Always build your campfire down wind away from your tent. Clear all vegetation and dig a pit surrounded by rocks before building your campfire.
- ✓ Store liquid fire starter (not gasoline) away from your tent and campfire and only use dry kindling to freshen a campfire.
- ✓ Always put out a campfire when going to sleep or leaving the campsite. To extinguish the fire, cover with dirt or pour water over it



HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

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

**36 entries in June
39 entries in May**

Seventeen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 47% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 5 garage entries out of 36 burglaries, or 14% of the entries reported.

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

Six entries by unknown means, one entry by a passkey (garage opener), four attempts without entry, one entry by a window smash, six entries by force or pry tool, one entry by a passkey.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**44 reported in June
56 reported in May**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**46 reported in June
53 reported in May**

BEAT 2

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 464 – 1 RD 467 – 1
RD 476 – 1 RD 486 – 1**

Streets: Shaw, Allison, two entries on Brookhurst. There were four entries by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 476 – 1 RD 486 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 486 – 1

BEAT 3

**3 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 445 – 1 RD 446 – 1
RD 456 – 1**

Streets: Bancroft, Lassen and Hunter. One entry by a passkey (garage remote). **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** One attempt without entry. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

None

BEAT 4

**5 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 2
RD 443 – 2**

Streets: **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One attempt without entry, one entry by a window smash, one entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 1
RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 2
RD 473 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 3
RD 443 – 1 RD 452 – 1
RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 1
RD 473 – 1**

BEAT 5

**2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 425 – 1 RD 434 – 1

Streets: Litchfield and Sacramento. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Two attempts without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425 – 1 RD 436 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 425 – 3 RD 426 – 1
RD 427 – 1 RD 436 – 1**

BEAT 6

**4 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 348 – 1 RD 441 – 2
RD 351 – 1**

Streets: Setting Sun, 16th St., 15th St. and Lake. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by unknown means and one entry by force. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 349 – 1 RD 359 – 1
RD 441 – 1 RD 451 – 1
RD 461 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 348 – 1 RD 359 – 1
RD 451 – 2 RD 461 – 1**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 7 Vehicle Burglaries
- 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 423 – 1

Streets: Newland. **ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.** There were no garage entries. Suspect responsible for the Springhurst and Huntington Viewpoint burglaries in custody.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 319 - 1 RD 412 – 1
RD 413 – 3 RD 422 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 292 – 1 RD 319 – 1

BEAT 8

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 177 – 1 RD 178 – 1
RD 189 – 2

Streets: Apel, Evergreen, Quintana and Calpe. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by unknown means and one attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 281 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 179 – 2 RD 189 – 2

BEAT 9

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 5 Vehicle Burglaries
- 7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 272 – 1 RD 282 – 1

Streets: Keelson and Slater. One entry by force and one attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263 – 3 RD 273 – 1
RD 283 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 264 – 1 RD 271 – 1
RD 272 – 1 RD 283 – 1
RD 283 – 3

BEAT 10

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 6 Grand Theft Autos

RD 164 – 1 RD 175 – 1

Streets: Algonquin and Bolsa Chica. One entry by a passkey and one entry by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 165 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 153 – 1 RD 155 – 2

BEAT 11

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 0 Vehicle Burglary
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 167 – 1

Streets: Greenview. **ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.**

There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

RD 157 – 1

BEAT 12

- 7 Residential Burglaries
- 4 Vehicle Burglaries
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 117 – 1 RD 128 – 1
RD 136 – 1 RD 139 – 2
RD 146 – 1 RD 148 – 1

Streets: Frontier, Zane, Tasman, Capri, Nottingham, Hummingbird and Priscilla. **SIX ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS.** One entry by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry. Male Hispanic suspect described in previous newsletter and responsible for RD 139 entries and Beat 7, RD 293 entries is in custody. This suspect may be responsible for at least 20 burglaries in HB in the past 3 months.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 139 – 2 RD 148 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 137 – 1

BEAT 13

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 10 Vehicle Burglaries
- 7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 242 – 2 RD 252 – 1
RD 253 - 2 RD 262 – 4

Streets: Huntington Village. Entry by prying front door. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242 – 2 RD 252 – 1
RD 253 – 2 RD 261 – 1
RD 262 – 4

Grand Theft Autos

RD 242 – 5 RD 252 – 1
RD 262 – 1

DISTRACTION BURGLARIES TARGETING SENIORS

Just to keep you informed, it's that time of year again, where we are seeing suspects targeting seniors with clever ruses. These suspects tend to travel in groups of three, often with small children. Here is a list of possible scams:



1. They say their child has lost their ball in the backyard.
2. They claim they can do contract work on your house for a very low price.
3. They will state they are working on your neighbor's house and need to see your yard for comparison.

These suspects target seniors befriending them with conversation and compliments by either contacting them in the front yard or actually knocking on the victim's door. The suspects know that the victims are home alone.

Once a bond is formed, the suspects may ask to use the bathroom or in some way distract victims within their residences. Suspects look for cash and jewelry and then leave the residence.



When approached by any of these suspects looking to do work on your house, please ask to see some form of identification. All City employees carry an ID or badge. Also if you feel that it is suspicious, call your utilities company to see if any work was scheduled. If not,

then contact the police immediately.

This is for information only in order to warn potential victims of these tactics. If you have experienced a similar crime and have not reported it, please contact the police department at **(714) 960-8843**.

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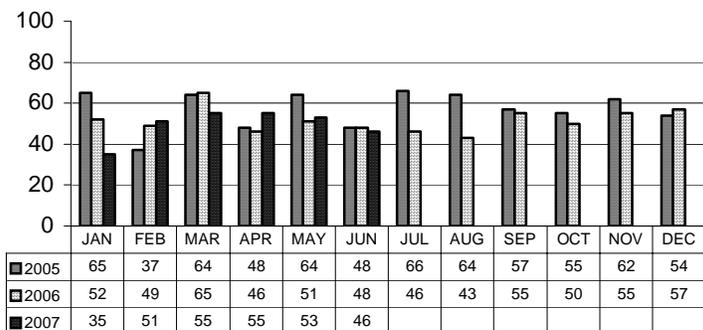
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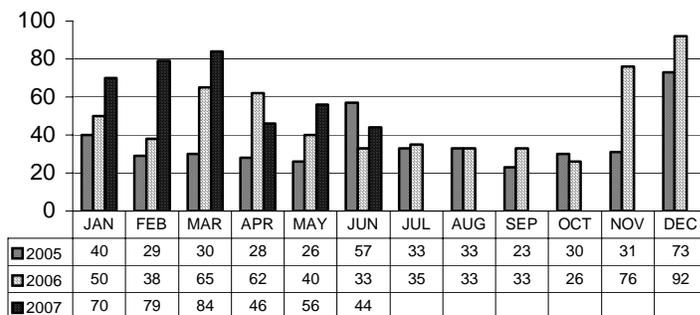
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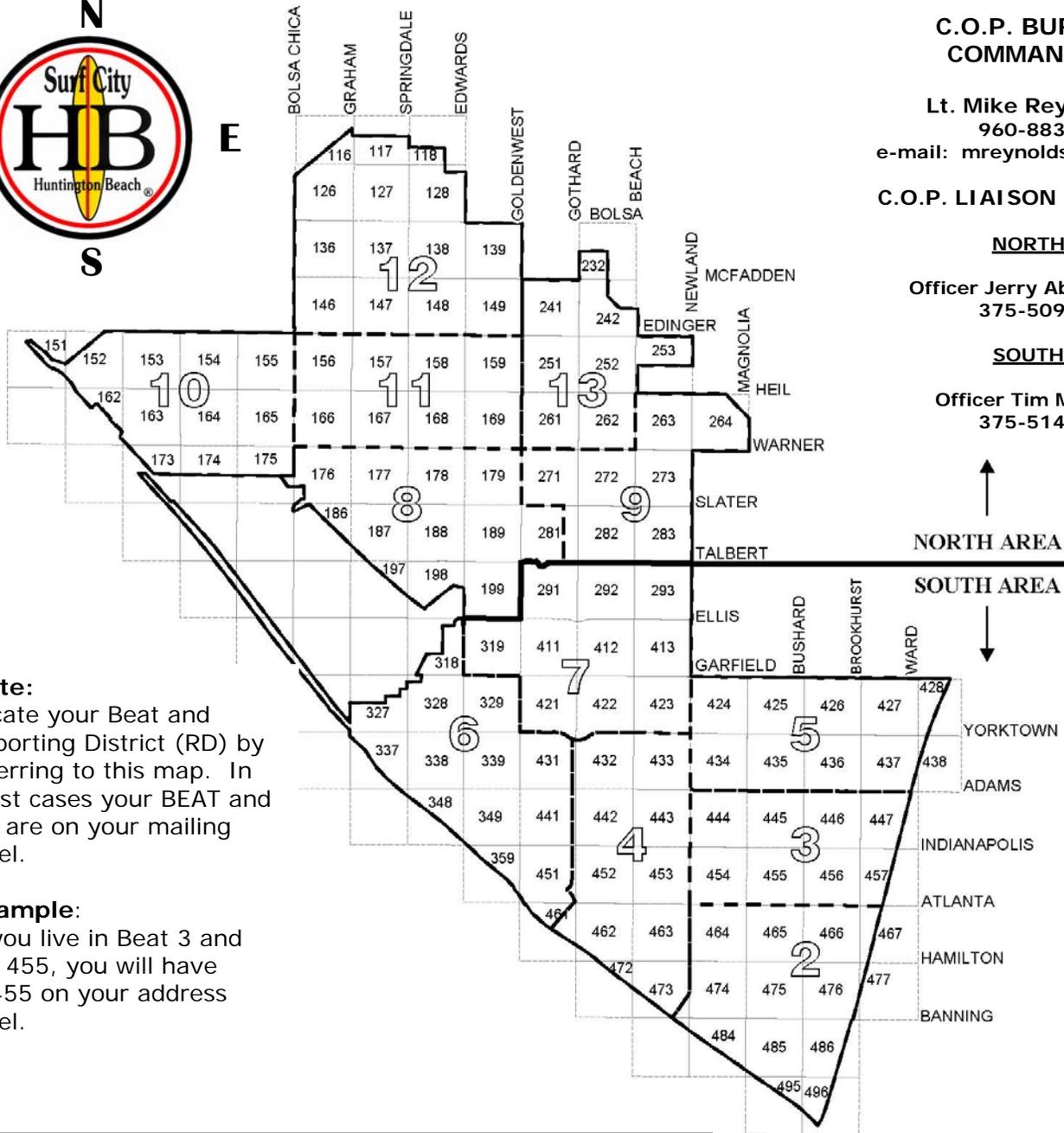
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Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

Example:

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