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**AUGUST 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 \$25,000 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 **\$2,674.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$22,326.00 to go** by June 30, 2012. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$6 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  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92615

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Attn: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
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HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

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**BACK TO  
SCHOOL**



It's that time of year again. Students are back to school and before long the holidays will be upon us. During this time automobile and foot traffic always seems to increase. We find ourselves in trying to hurry to get the children ready and drive them to school, then off to work or other engagements before it's time to pick them up again.

This is a time for us to begin planning and prepare to take a little more time to make it a peaceful and calm morning for your children and yourself. This may mean you need to do a little more preparation but if everyone does their share it will be a much **safer** and **less stressful** experience.

Here are a few safety reminders:

- 1) Obey the posted speed limits especially for school zones.
- 2) Only drop students off at the properly marked areas or curb.
- 3) Never drop your child off in the middle of the street, regardless of their age.
- 4) Obey all traffic signals, but still look both ways before you cross the street or turn.
- 5) If you are walking use the crosswalk and only cross on a fresh green
- 6) Never jaywalk.
- 7) Parents, if your child walks to and from school every day show them the safest route. Also show them where they can go for help if they think a car or person is following them.

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***Back to School (continued)***

- 8) If your child rides his/her bike be sure he/she knows all the safety rules and show them the safest bike path to take. Also be sure they have a high quality lock to lock and secure their bicycle while he/she is in school.
- 9) Tell your child to never take a short cut, and to stay away from alleys and bushes. Don't go into anyone's house or car without your permission, even if they know the person.
- 10) Talk to your child and encourage them to share what occurred during their day. Be sure to listen to your children and don't jump to judgment about what they share. (If your child feels safe talking to you they will usually share more information).
- 11) Remind your child to follow all your safety rules and review them frequently.
- 12) Have a good breakfast.
- 13) Remember parents, you are your child's role model. "Be a Good One".


**FTC (Federal Trade Commission)**  
**FACTS for Consumers**
***The Ill Effects of Medical Identity Theft***

How would you know if you're personal, health, or health insurance information has been compromised? According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, you may be a victim of medical identity theft if:

- You get a bill for medical services you didn't receive;
- A debt collector contacts you about medical debt you don't owe;
- You order a copy of your credit report and see medical collection notices you don't recognize;
- You try to make a legitimate insurance claim and your health plan says you've reached your limit on benefits; or
- You are denied insurance because your medical records show a condition you don't have.

Medical identity theft may change your medical and health insurance records: Every time a thief uses your identity to get care, a record is created with the imposter's medical information that could be mistaken for your medical information - - say a different blood

type, an inaccurate history or drug or alcohol abuse, test results that aren't yours, or a diagnosis of an illness, allergy or condition you don't have. Any of these could lead to improper treatment which in turn, could lead to injury, illness or worse.

***An Ounce of Prevention***

While there's no fool-proof way to avoid medical identity theft, the FTC says you can take a few steps to minimize your risk.

**Verify a source before sharing information.** Don't give out personal or medical information on the phone or through the mail unless you've initiated the contact and you're sure you know who you're dealing with. Be wary of offers of "free" health services or products from providers who require you to give them your health plan ID number. Medical identity thieves may pose as employees of insurance companies, doctors' offices, clinics, pharmacies, and even government agencies to get people to reveal their personal information. Then they use it to commit fraud, like submitting false claims for Medicare reimbursement.

**Safeguard your medical and health insurance information.** If you keep copies of your medical or health insurance records, make sure they're secure, whether they're on paper in a desk drawer or electronic in a file online. Be on guard when you use the Internet, especially to access accounts or records related to your medical care or insurance. If you are asked to share sensitive personal information like your Social Security number, insurance account information, or any details of your health or medical conditions on the Internet, ask why it's needed, how it will be kept safe, and whether it will be shared. Look for website privacy policies and read them: They should specify how site operators maintain the accuracy of the personal information they collect, as well as how they secure it, who has access to it, how they will use the information you provide, and whether they will share it with third parties. If you decide to share your information online, look for indicators that the site is secured, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar or a URL, that begins "https" (the "s" is for secure). Remember that email is not secure.

**Treat your trash carefully.** To thwart a medical identity thief who may pick through your trash or recycling bins to capture your personal and medical information, shred your health insurance forms, prescriptions and physical statements. It's also a good idea to destroy the labels on your prescription bottles and packages before you throw them out.



## National Night Out Celebration 2011

Of all the things that make Huntington Beach such a special place, perhaps the most enduring and endearing is the heart of the people who willingly answer the call to serve others. The members of the H B Neighborhood Watch program have answered the call. They are thoughtful, watchful, vigilant and faithful neighbors who have dedicated themselves to assist the Huntington Beach Police Department by reporting suspicious activity to help ensure the safety and security of our community. They also encourage all residents and businesses to get involved.

The Huntington Beach Police Department, HB Neighborhood Watch Program, RSVP's, VIPS, and many others joined in partnership with the Target Store located at 9882 Adams Ave., H.B, CA, on August 2, 2011. Target is the National Sponsor of "National Night Out" which is celebrated nationwide. The purpose of this celebration is to *encourage you to join your neighbors in giving neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party from our community.* We want to send the message we will not tolerate crime in our community. HBPD volunteers distributed crime prevention materials, displayed a Police vehicle, an RSVP vehicle, and much more.

Crime prevention is everyone's business and we wish to thank all the people that helped make our National Night Out event a success. We estimated that there were over 900 people that took the time to speak with people from various groups, organizations, and businesses.

We want to thank the following for their participation: Target Stores (especially Blake Thomas, Executive Team Lead- Asset Protection), Geri Reno and Tina Speyer of AAA Auto Club of Southern California, HB Fire Department, Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator, CERT & RACES members, Make-a-Wish Foundation of Orange County and the Inland Empire and Ambassador Doc-Barker, Canine Ambassador, CSP (Community Services Programs, Inc.) Human Trafficking division, Clowning Around Entertainment & Magic Freddy Balloons, Artistic Endeavors, The Delta Society Therapy Dogs, Guide Dogs for the Blind – Inc. of San Rafael, HB Police Department, and of course all the HBPD volunteers.

Crime Prevention is everyone's business – Let's show our strength and commitment to eliminating crime in Huntington Beach - join our team!

You can check out some pictures on the Police Department Facebook page; [www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice](http://www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice)



## Catalytic Converter Thefts

*Sgt. Sam Lopez, HBPD*

For the past several years, catalytic converters have been stolen in record numbers. Recently in Huntington Beach, Toyota pickups have been targeted for catalytic converter theft. Mandated since 1975, catalytic converters convert harmful pollutants such as nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide into less harmful emissions before they leave car exhaust systems. Their precious metals such as titanium, platinum, and palladium are a high target for thieves looking for a quick buck at a recycling center, often getting between \$20 and \$200.

Toyota pickups are thieves' favorite as Toyota catalytic converters yield more titanium than other vehicles. The trucks also sit higher off the ground making it easier to crawl underneath and steal the converter. Thieves can steal a converter in just a few minutes using a wrench if the converter is bolted on, or a reciprocating saw if there is a weld. Typically they are stolen in driveways, strip malls, and parking garages. Law enforcement personnel are not exempt from converter thefts. In one instance, a Huntington Beach detective had his catalytic converter stolen twice from his pickup in his driveway. Recently, a police officer showed up for court on his day off and his converter was stolen from the court parking lot.

Once the catalytic converter is stolen from the vehicle, the muffler sound is increased, some describing it as a deep roar when they start their vehicle. Once they inspect their undercarriage they realize their converter has been stolen.

Since January of 2011, approximately 40 catalytic converters have been stolen in the city of Huntington Beach. Thirty percent were stolen in the area of Beach and Edinger Aves. in both commercial and residential locations. To prevent a theft, it is best to park your vehicle inside a garage or a well lit area. Owners who have vehicles that have easy access due to high clearance might want to consider seeing a mechanic to possibly weld the catalytic converter bolts or purchasing a cage-like device known as a Cat Clamp for about \$150.00. The typical replacement cost of a stolen catalytic converter is about \$1,200.

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

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**

45 entries 07/16/11 – 08/15/11

46 entries 06/16/11 – 07/15/11

Twenty of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Fifteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; eight were committed at night, and twenty-two at an unknown time.

There were thirteen garage entries.

There was one shed entry.

There were four attempted entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

54 reported 07/16/11 – 08/15/11

55 reported 06/16/11 – 07/15/11

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

14 reported 07/16/11 – 08/15/11

21 reported 06/16/11 – 07/15/11

**BEAT 2**

3 Residential Burglaries  
0 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 466-1 RD 467-1  
RD 475-1

Streets: Monte Carlo Ci, Brookhurst St., and Banning Ave.

In RD 467, Brookhurst St, A similar burglary occurred on Banning Ave.

In RD 475, Banning Ave., Suspects described as follows: Suspect #1, Black, male, dark complexion, wearing light short-sleeve T-shirt, light shorts, and possible white baseball cap. Suspect #2, black, male, dark complexion, height approximately 5'8" – 6", wearing light colored short-sleeve T-shirt, light-colored shorts, and possibly a white baseball cap. Suspect #3, black, male, dark complexion, wearing light-colored short-sleeve T-shirt and light-colored shorts.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

None reported

**Grand Theft Auto**

None reported

**BEAT 3**

4 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 445-2 RD 447-1  
RD 456-1

Streets: Shorewood Ci., Browning Dr., Lawson Ln., and Paisley Ln.

In RD 445, Browning Dr., it appears the unknown suspect(s) were able to climb on top of vehicles parked in the driveway of the residence and pulled themselves up onto the roof of the house.

In RD 456, Paisley Ln., Suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 446-1 RD 447-1  
RD 455-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

RD 456-1

**BEAT 4**

8 Residential Burglaries  
4 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 442-3 RD 443-1  
RD 452-1 RD 453-1  
RD 462-1 RD 463-1

Streets: California St., Delaware St., England St., Billingsgate Ln., Alabama St., Egret Ln., Huntington St., and Lochlea Ln.

In RD 442, California St., it appears suspect(s) entered through a closed but unlocked garage door.

In RD 443, Billingsgate Ln., Suspect(s) possibly entered through a closed but unlocked front door.

In Red 453, Egret Ln., Suspect(s) entered an open garage and stole an unsecured bicycle.

In RD 462, Huntington St., Suspect is possibly known.

There were three garage entries.

There was one shed entry.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 432-1 RD 452-1  
RD 453-1 RD 473-1

**Grand Theft Auto**

None reported

**BEAT 5**

8 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 425-1 RD 427-1  
RD 428-1 RD 434-2  
RD 435-1 RD 437-2

Streets: Waterbury Ln., Maikai Dr., Ward St., Sacramento Ln., Chesapeake Ln., Bismark Dr., and Ascot Ci.

In RD 425, Waterbury Ln., Suspect(s) enter an open garage and steal an unsecured bicycle.

In RD 428, Ward St., Suspect(s) enter a house that was being fumigated and steal a silver utensil set.

In RD 434, Sacramento Ln., Suspect(s) possibly used a key.

In RD 435, Chesapeake Ln., Suspect described as: Hispanic, male, 20 – 29 years old, height 5'8", weight 150 lbs., thin build, brown hair and brown eyes.

In RD 437, Bismark Dr., It appears the suspect(s) cut the screen off an open 2<sup>nd</sup> story bathroom window to enter.

In RD 437, Ascot Ci., Suspect(s) enter through an open rear door.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

RD 426-1 RD 436-2

**Grand Theft Auto**

None reported

**BEAT 6**

3 Residential Burglaries  
10 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**

RD 441-1 RD 451-2

Streets: 12<sup>th</sup> St., 9<sup>th</sup> St., and 7<sup>th</sup> St.

In RD 441, 12<sup>th</sup> St., Suspect(s) enter an unlocked garage and steal an un-

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secured bicycle.

In RD 451, 9<sup>th</sup> St., Suspect was described as; male, white, height 6', slender build, approximately 175 lbs., 25 – 30 years old, blue eyes, blonde hair, tan complexion, full tattoo across the top of his back in various colors and letters, and wearing black board shorts with white trim, white baseball cap with unknown logo, no shirt on but carrying a white T-shirt.

In RD 451, 7<sup>th</sup> St., Suspect(s) enter an open garage and steal an unsecured bicycle.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 348-3            RD 349-2**  
**RD 359-3            RD 451-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 348-1            RD 349-1**

**BEAT 7**

**5 Residential Burglaries**  
**5 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**2 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 412-2            RD 413-1**  
**RD 422-1            RD 423-1**

Streets: Florida St., Park Bay Dr., Lister Ln., Cleveland Dr., and Beachcrest Ln.

In RD 412, Park Bay Dr., Victim said the burglary occurred 2 months prior but is just now reporting it.

In RD 422, Cleveland Dr., This was a burglary and home invasion robbery. The suspect entered through the garage door leading into the house. Suspects described as: Suspect #1 male, white, 19 years old, height 5'10", weight 160 lbs., black buzzed hair, brown eyes, scar on left eye approximately 2" , tattoo on back and chest "805", scar on left arm and multiple scars on left wrist. Suspect #2 male, white, 20 – 25 years old, height approximately 5'9", weight approximately 180 lbs., medium complexion, stocky build, brown eyes, black buzzed hair and "HB" tattooed on his left forearm.

There were two garage burglaries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 292-1            RD 412-1**  
**RD 413-2            RD 423-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 293-1            RD 412-1**

**BEAT 8**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**5 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 179-1            RD 187-1**

Street: Spickard Dr., and Mossvale Ci.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 177-1            RD 179-1**  
**RD 198-1            RD 281-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 177-1**

**BEAT 9**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 261-1            RD 264-2**  
**RD 273-1**

Street: St. Cloud Ci., Tamaru Dr., Conner Dr., and Hague Ln.

In RD 261, St. Cloud Ci., Suspect described as: male, white, height 5'9", thin build, short light brown hair and mustache, wearing blue and white plaid shirt and khaki shorts. He was carrying a duffle bag.

In RD 264, Tamaru Dr., Suspect(s) enter a home that was being fumigated (tented) and ransack it. Suspect(s) steal various items from within it and then flee.

In RD 273, Hague Ln, Suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 263-1            RD 272-1**  
**RD 283-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 272-1            RD 282-1**  
**RD 283-1**

**BEAT 10**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**None reported**

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 151-1            RD 153-2**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 155-1**

**BEAT 11**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 156-1            RD 169-2**

Street: Audrey Dr., Corrine Ci., and Dale Vista Ln.

In RD 169, Dale Vista Ln., Suspect is known.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 156-3            RD 158-4**  
**RD 159-1            RD 167-1**  
**RD 169-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 168-1**

**BEAT 12**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**0 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 128-1            RD 138-1**

Street: Briarcliff Dr. and Atlas Dr.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**None reported**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 137-1**

**BEAT 13**

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

**Residential Burglaries**

**RD 252-1            RD 262-2**

Street: Volga Dr., Arbor Ci., and Viewpoint Ln.

In RD 252 Volga Dr., Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 262, Viewpoint Ln., Suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

**RD 242-6            RD 253-1**  
**RD 261-1**

**Grand Theft Auto**

**RD 241-1            RD 253-1**

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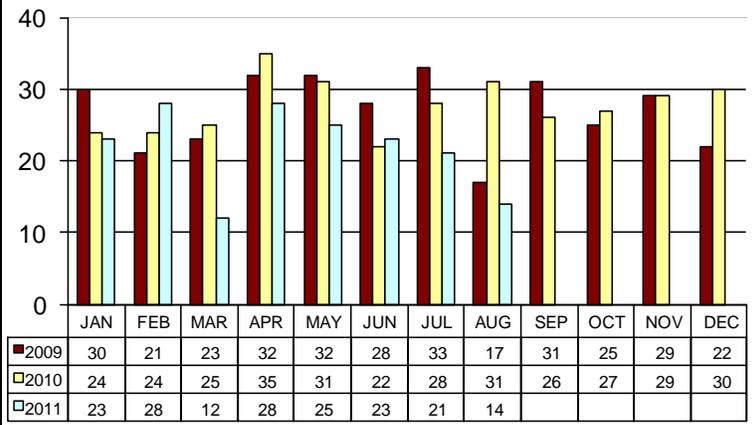
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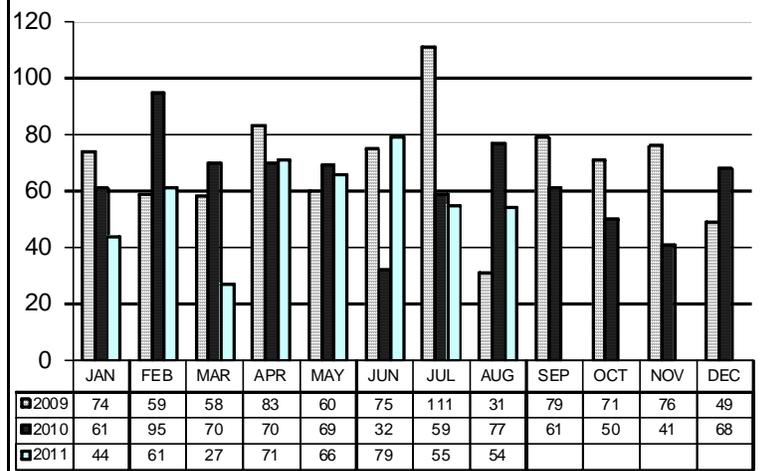
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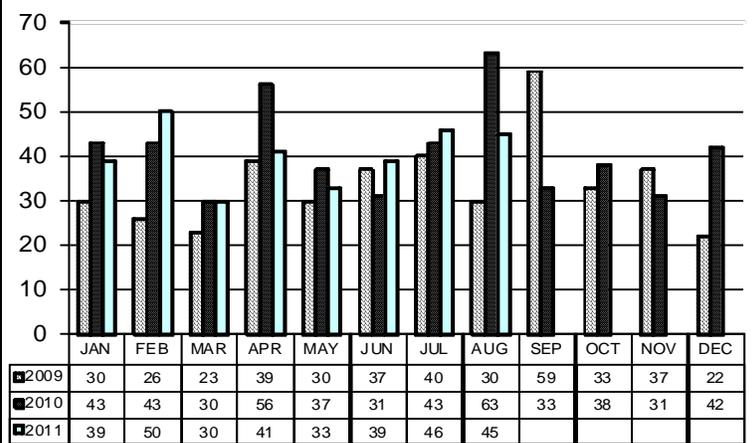
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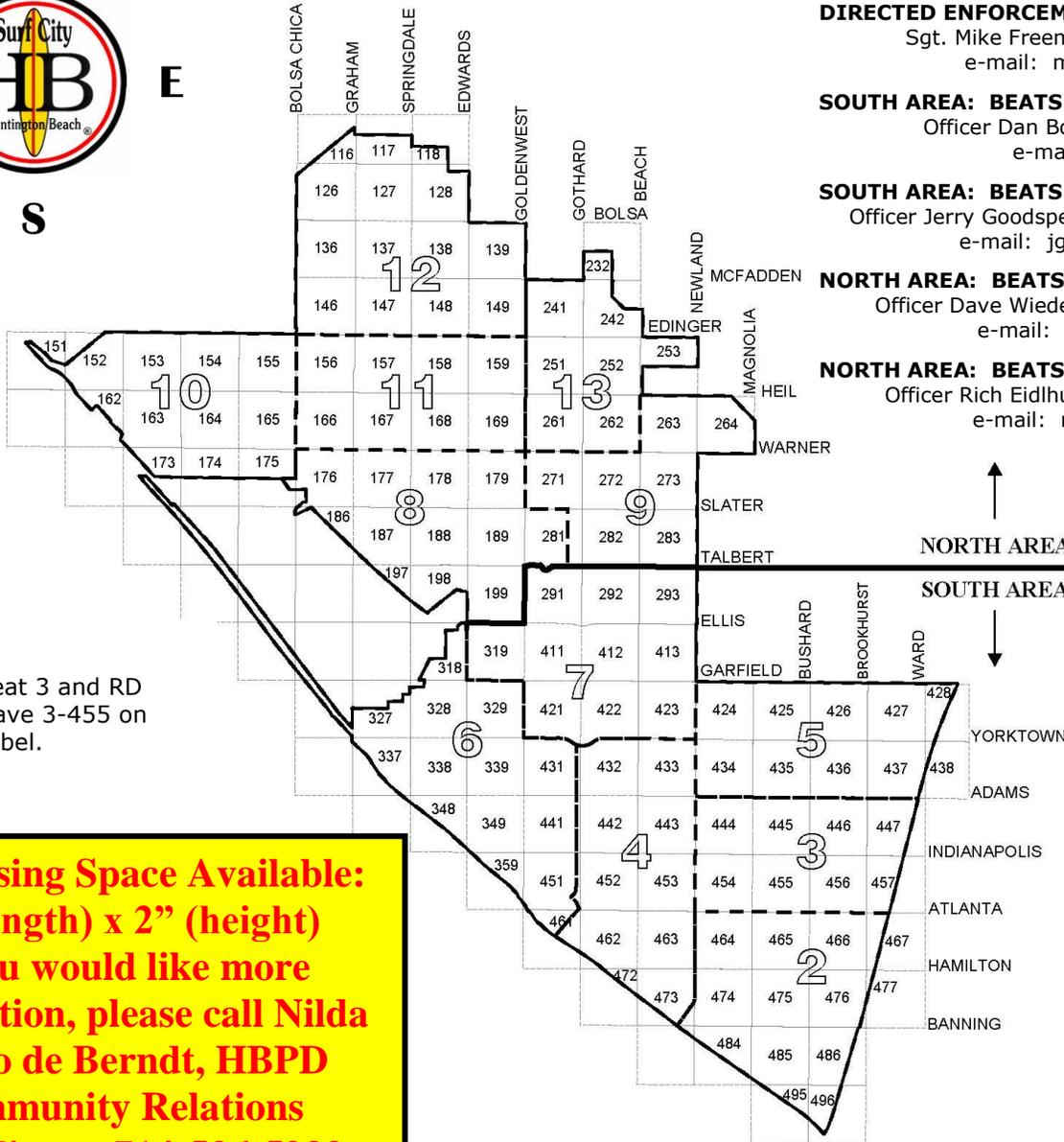
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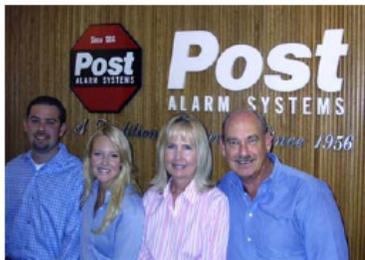
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