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JULY 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 (and not use all of our reserve) which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, dots, etc. For our 2012/2013 fiscal year we were \$8,642.08 below our goal. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your continuous support and generous donations during these difficult times. To help cut down on some of our expenses, we ask that if you are considering receiving the newsletter electronically, please send an e-mail to nberndt@hbpd.org with your name and address as it appears on your mailing label and request you be deleted from the U.S. mail list and added to our electronic mailing list. You will continue to receive the newsletter around the 2nd Thursday of each month. If this will cause a hardship, or you just prefer a hard copy, by all means we will continue to mail it to you. The newsletter contains lots of valuable information in addition to the monthly crime statistics and announcements about Police/Community events as well as ways to deter crime.

From the start of our fiscal year until now, we have received **\$1,306.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$22,994.00 to go by June 30, 2014.** 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.**

We would enjoy hearing any ideas or suggestions you may have; please call 714-536-5933.

Improving Communities

Through Shared Information

The Top 10 Tenant Screening Warning Signs

Use these signs to help stay proactive in your community; starting with who you let in

Provided by: The Rent Rite Directory

- **A person who needs to move in right away**
This may be an indication that they are being evicted (especially if it is not the end of the month)
- **A person who's living with a friend or relative, or is coming from an SFR with no landlord information**
Ask for copy of utility bill to prove the address; if none are provided, chances are pretty good that they're not living there or you're not getting the full story
- **If someone leaves blanks on the application** There should be no blanks left on the application. This may indicate that they're unwilling to provide certain information. Allowing blanks for one tenant and not another is a Fair Housing violation.
- **An applicant who agrees with everything the landlord says**
Do they seem too eager?
- **An applicant who tries to impress you with expensive personal items, or talks about how much money they have**
They don't need to impress you with personal items, just a clean criminal and credit background check
- **Are they living above their means?**
If they are driving a \$60,000 car, but looking to rent an \$1,000 per month apartment, this should be a red flag
- **Social security number or other identifying information does not match the application**
When items come up on the credit reports that don't match, this should be a red flag

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What does Landscaping have to do with Home Safety?

[From TurfMutt.com](http://TurfMutt.com)

Did you know that proper landscaping can actually help keep intruders away? Plants, trees, rocks, fences and other elements work together to make a property more or less attractive to would-be criminals.

Proper landscaping can improve home safety.

Chuck Sczuroski, a senior trainer at the National Crime Prevention Council in Arlington, Va., is also a retired police officer. Now he travels the country teaching “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.” The idea is that landscaping and site design can help with several areas of safety.

- **Natural surveillance:** keeping shrubs and bushes trimmed back so intruders don't have anywhere to hide, for example. To ensure you can see clearly what's happening outside your home, keep shrubs 2-3 feet high and low-hanging tree canopies no closer than 6-7 feet above the ground.
- **Natural access control:** this principle is all about discouraging criminals from coming onto the property and directing them away if they do. For instance, trees and shrubs that are planted too close to a house can offer easy access to upper-story windows, balconies and decks that are often left unlocked.
- **Territorial reinforcement:** establishing clear boundaries with a fence and landscape lighting sends a message that this particular area belongs to someone, so intruders should stay away.
- **Image/maintenance:** well-maintained landscape is an outward symbol of pride and concern, indicating to potential criminals that this property isn't a good target.



Improving Communities Through Shared Information

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- **An applicant who is willing to take anything you have available/not asking typical questions about a unit that most prospects would want to know**
Before showing the unit, ask questions. What are you looking for in a unit? What did you like about your previous place of residence? What didn't you like?
- **An applicant who is not able to succinctly answer simple questions about their job, why they are moving, current living situation, or can't remember their current landlord's contact information**
If they stumble over their words, or give short one word answers, this may be a red flag.
- **They offer you a higher security deposit or higher rent before you even run an application**
This may be a scam (they can offer more, ask for a refund, and then their check bounces)

Take a look at all of the pieces of information and if something doesn't "add up," review the materials and trust your instincts.

The Huntington Beach 2013 4th of July Parade

HB Neighborhood Watch Program members, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), and VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services) members, along with Officer McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog, Make-A-Wish K-9 Ambassador Doc-Barker, Sherry Buchbinder, Doc's owner/handler, other Make-A-Wish volunteers, and Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist, all participated in the 2013 Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade. Members rode or walked and carried banners along with a 1966 Ford Mustang driven by Ray Calloway, a 1965 Ford Mustang driven by Rhein Buchbinder, and a 2005 Hummer driven by Tony Bresse. Officer McGruff and his friend, Make-a-Wish Canine Ambassador Doc Barker, have worked together to solve crimes and make wishes come true and enjoy getting together whenever possible to share ideas and make plans for more projects. HB Police Volunteers contribute many hours' annually by providing services that may not be possible without their assistance, such as: Vacation House Checks, assisting at the HBPD substations and the PD front counter, conducting Neighborhood Watch meetings, assisting the PD Detective Bureau, Records Department, and Gang Units, distributing information at events throughout the City, and much more.



President's Volunteer Service Award- HBPD Recipients

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was established to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make in our communities and to encourage more people to serve.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard; this is measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. Recently, OneOC recognized and celebrated RSVP members that have earned the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for serving 4,000+ hours and/or had 10, 15 & 20+ years of service.

The following recipients serve at the Huntington Beach Police Department and were honored at a luncheon hosted by OneOC. Please join us in recognizing, acknowledging, and thanking them for their contributions!

10 years of service: Jack Benevento - Chris Maddy - Bill Small Jr.

4000+ hours: Don Bayhan - Ruth Brisky - Walter Hapke - Leon Heimkes - Stan Helfman - Ken Katz - Ralph Lanternier - Beverly Olander - Barbara Rainey - Jack Warnitz - Dee Zimmerman

Special Recognition – Top Total Hours - - Ken Katz with 21,214 volunteer hours

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

55 reported 06/16/13 – 07/15/13

41 reported 05/16/13 – 06/15/13

Nineteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Fifteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; ten were committed at night, and thirty at an unknown time.

There were thirteen garage entries.

There were six shed/cabinet entries.

There were six attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

43 reported 06/16/13 – 07/15/13

42 reported 05/16/13 – 06/15/13

GRAND THEFT AUTO

44 reported 06/16/13 – 07/15/13

25 reported 05/16/82 – 06/15/13

BEAT 2

**6 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 452-3 RD 464-1
RD 473-1 RD 475-1**

Streets: Geneva Ave., Beach Blvd., Bay Dr., Dorsett Dr., Newland St., and Kaneohe Ln.

In RD 452, Geneva Ave., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 452, Beach Blvd., suspects described as: #1 female, white, 40 – 50 years old, weight 130 lbs., height 5', with dirty blond curly hair. Suspect #2 male, white, weight 200 lbs, and height 6'. Suspect #3 was female and white.

In RD 452, Bay Dr., it appears unknown suspect(s) gained access to the balcony by either going over the roof or climbing up from one balcony to another. The suspect(s) opened the unlocked screen door and entered the residence.

In RD 464, Dorsett Dr., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 475, Kaneohe Ln., suspect is known.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 457-1 RD 465-2

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 452-1 RD 453-2
RD 462-1 RD 464-1
RD 472-1 RD 476-2
RD 485-1**

BEAT 3

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 435-1 RD 436-1
RD 442-2 RD 443-1
RD 444-2 RD 446-2**

Streets: Rockland Ln., Cornwall Dr., Oswego Ave., Nashville Ave., Tidepool Cir., Gallant Dr., Adams Ave., Morristown Cir., and Olympic Dr.

In RD 435, Rockland Ln., It appeared the suspect(s) entered the house through the open bathroom window and exited using the front door.

In RD 444, Adams Ave., it appears that the unknown suspect(s) had used an unknown object to force open the west door of the garage, and then used the unlocked door that was in the garage to gain entry into the laundry room. Once in the laundry room the suspect(s) were able to use an unknown object to force open the interior door that allowed access into the residence.

In RD 446, Olympic Dr., it appears the suspect most likely gained entry via the front open window.

There were two garage entries

There was one attempted entry

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 424-1 RD 442-1
RD 447-2**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 423-1 RD 424-2
RD 435-1**

BEAT 4

**7 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 338-1 RD 349-1
RD 359-2 RD 431-1
RD 434-1 RD 451-1**

Streets: Frampton Cir, 14th St., Walnut Ave., 16th St., Pine St., Topeka Ln., and 9th St.

In RD 349, 14th St., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 434, Topeka Ln., it appears an unknown suspect(s) entered through an open slider door.

In RD 451, 9th St., it appears an unknown suspect(s) pulled the screen away from the window.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 337-1 RD 348-2
RD 359-2 RD 451-2**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 326-1 RD 328-1
RD 349-3 RD 451-1**

BEAT 5

**1 Residential Burglary
9 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries
RD 319-1

Streets: Rockinghorse Ln.

In RD 319, Rockinghorse Ln., suspect is possibly known.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 293-1 RD 411-1
RD 413-1 RD 421-3
RD 422-1 RD 432-2**

There was one attempted entry.

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 319-1 RD 412-1
RD 413-4**

BEAT 6

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 272-1 RD 273-3
RD 282-1**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

Streets: Cypress St., Stanley Ln., Amsterdam Dr., and Liberty Dr.

In RD 272, Cypress St., it appeared that an unknown suspect(s) opened the bedroom window but did not make entry into the bedroom.

In RD 273, Amsterdam Dr. it appears that the point of entry was the restroom window. The window was forced off its railing system and forced open. The front door was unlocked, so it seems the suspect(s) exited through the front door.

There was one garage entry.

There were two attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 272-2 RD 273-1
RD 282-2**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 273-2

There were two attempted entries.

BEAT 7

**13 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
11 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 158-1 RD 168-3
RD 188-1 RD 198-1
RD 252-1 RD 253-3
RD 262-3**

Streets: Springdale St., Warner Ave., Fallingwater Dr., Jasonwood Dr., Stark Dr., Edinger Ave., Malaga Ln., Viewpoint Ln., Westwood Ln., and Nichols St.

In RD 168, Warner Ave., unknown suspect(s) cut off the padlock to gain entry into a storage unit, removed property, and fled. This also occurred to another storage unit at this location.

In RD 188, Fallingwater Dr., it appears that the suspect most likely entered the residence via the unlocked back slider.

In RD 252, Stark Dr., it appears that the suspect(s) took one of the chairs from the patio and placed it under the bathroom window. The suspect then pried off the bathroom window screen and pushed open the window which was already partially open. The suspect(s) crawled through the window to gain entry to the apartment.

In RD 253, Edinger Ave., the suspected point of entry is an approximate 2 foot by 2 foot window adjacent the front door.

In RD 253, Malaga Ln., Suspect is in custody.

In RD 262, Nichols St., it appears an unknown suspect(s) opened the unlocked garage door, entered the garage, and used an unknown object to break the driver's side window of a car in the garage to remove property.

There were three garage entries.

There were two storage unit entries.

There was one carport entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 179-1 RD 189-1
RD 253-3 RD 262-3**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 169-3 RD 178-2
RD 179-1 RD 251-2
RD 252-1 RD 253-1
RD 262-1**

BEAT 8

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 153-1 RD 155-1
RD 156-2 RD 165-1
RD 166-4 RD 171-1**

Streets: Montego Cir., Melody Ln., Schryer Ln., Birdie Ln., Haskins Ln., Heil Ave., Danville Dr., and Pacific Coast Hwy.

In RD 155, Melody Ln., it appears suspect(s) entered the home through the unlocked and opened rear window by cutting the screen with an unknown sharp object.

In RD 166, Heil Ave., there were multiple victims from the original report. The storage cabinet inside the carport had been broken into.

In RD 166, Danville Dr., the home was being fumigated and when residents returned they found someone had broken into their home.

There were 3 garage entries.

There were 3 storage cabinet entries.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 171-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 166-1 RD 173-1

BEAT 9

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 117-1 RD 128-1
RD 148-2**

Streets: Spa Dr., Hardwick Cir., Aulnay Ln., and Willett Ln.

In RD 148, Willett Ln., The victims believe their large dog may have frightened off the suspect(s).

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 138-2 RD 139-1
RD 149-1**

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 126-1 RD 136-2
RD 242-1**

There was one attempted vehicle burglary.

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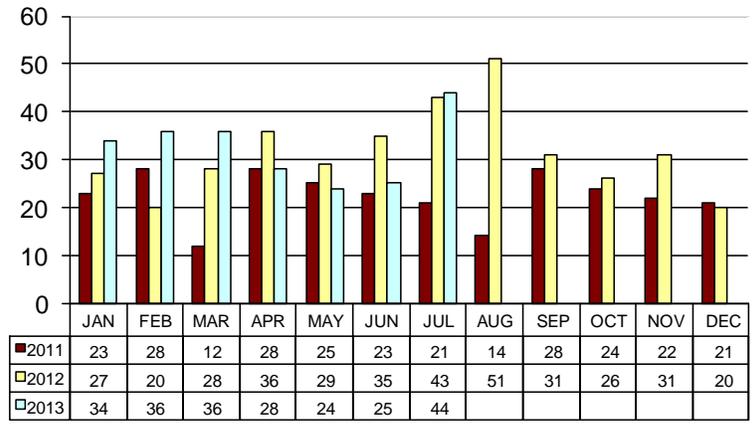
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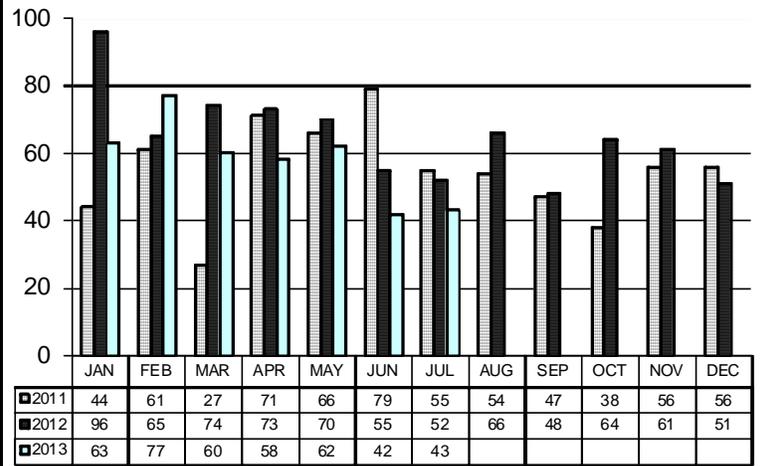
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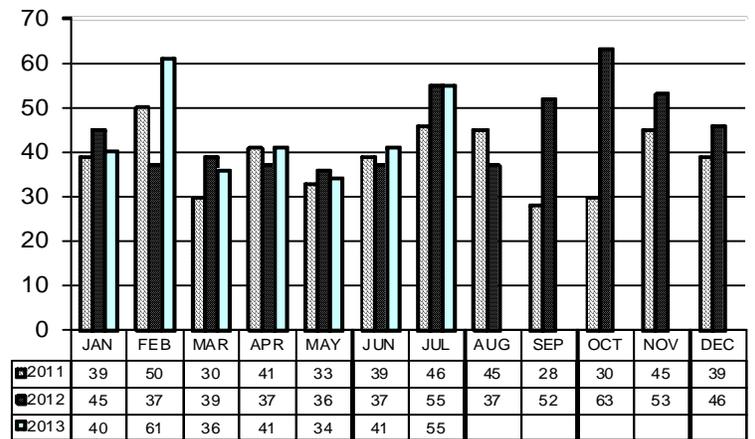
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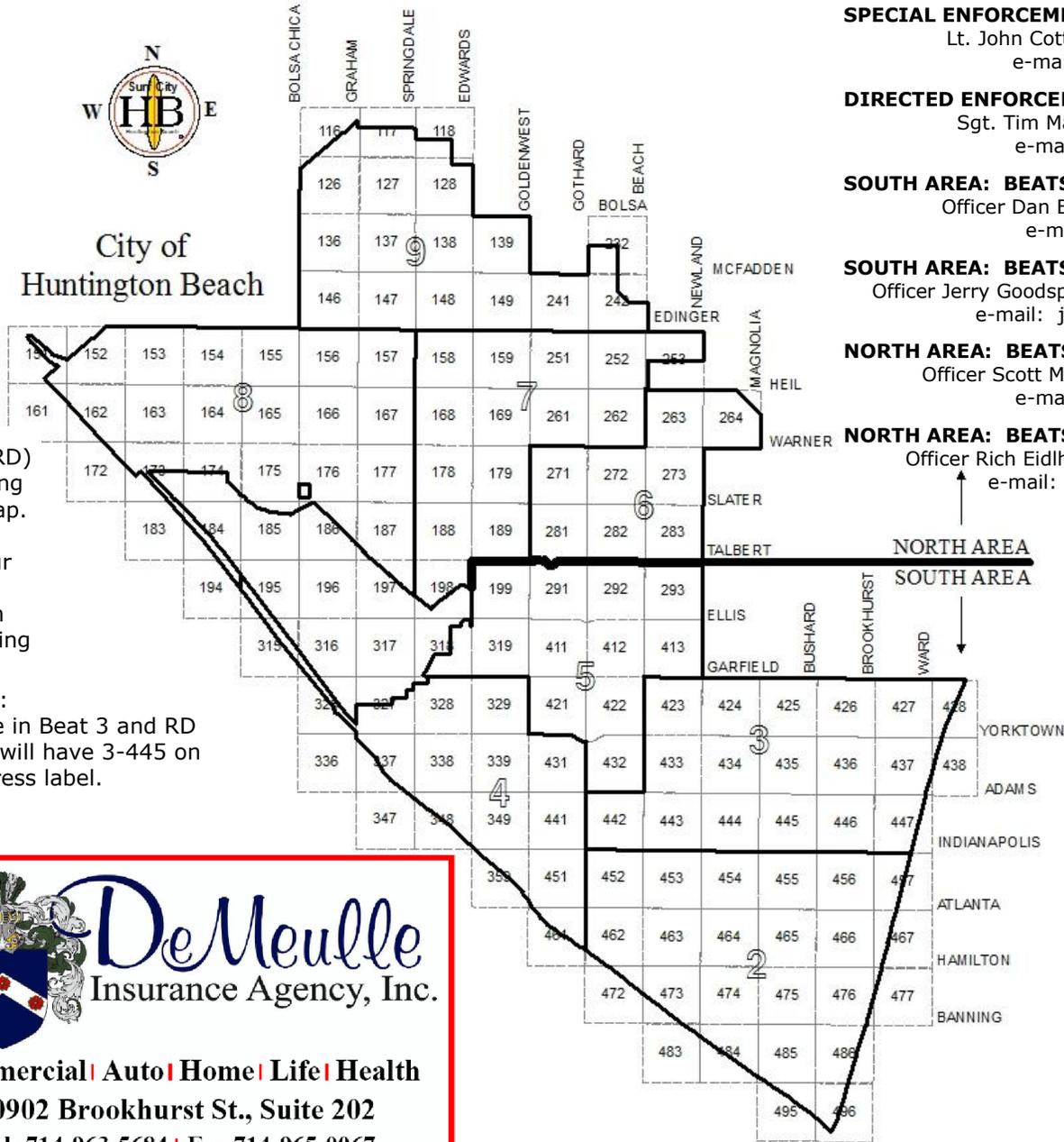
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Example:
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