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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 **\$11,871.99 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$12,428.01 to go by June 30, 2014.** 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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**Distractions in
Everyday Driving**



*From: AAA Foundation for
Traffic Safety*

Different distraction, same results.

Quick Quiz: What do eating a hamburger, getting into a discussion, and reading a GPS screen have in common? Well, if you're doing any of these things while driving, you become distracted in ways that increase your risk of crashing. In fact, distractions come in three forms: visual, manual, and cognitive.

- **VISUAL** distractions cause you to take your eyes off the road. When traveling at 65 mph, if you look at your GPS for two seconds to check where you are on the map, you'll have driven two thirds the length of a football field before you see the road again. That gives you plenty of the time and distance to get in a serious crash.
- **MANUAL** distractions take your hands off the wheel. When you use one – or even both – of your hands to get that hamburger under control, you risk losing control over something much more important – your vehicle. You also are greatly slowing your ability to respond to changing or unexpected conditions that can occur without warning.
- **COGNITIVE** distractions take your mind off the task at hand. When you get into a discussion - whether it's with a passenger

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Social Host Ordinance

A New Law to Prevent Underage Drinking in Huntington Beach

*Underage drinking costs 4,700 lives a year. (CDC, 2012)
Allowing it in your home could cost you a \$750 fine.*

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.

"It is unlawful and a public nuisance for a responsible person or host to cause or allow a party, gathering or event to occur at any residence or other private property at which any underage person is being served, is in possession of, or is consuming an alcoholic beverage..." Huntington Beach Municipal Code



Penalties and Enforcement

Violators will be cited and may face a \$750 fine. If police are called out a second time within 12 months, violators face an additional \$1,500 fine. The third violation in 12 months carries a fine of up to \$3,000. The Huntington Beach Police Department is employing party-focused patrols to monitor home parties and respond to community concerns regarding underage drinking.

Why Not Host Parties for Minors?

Some parents believe that providing alcohol for teens will keep the situation under control and teach their children to drink responsibly. However, 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 to help prevent these drinking-related tragedies.

What You Can Do

If you see a loud party where persons under 21 appear to be drinking, call the police.

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.**



Distractions in Everyday Driving

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- or over the phone (hands-free or handheld) – your mind can become absorbed more with the discussion than with driving. Sometimes you don't even need another person to create a cognitive distraction. If you're upset or thinking about an important meeting, your body may be behind the wheel, but your head's not. So give yourself a break; Focus on driving and leave the other stresses behind.
- **WHAT ABOUT TEXTING?** With more and more states banning handheld phone usage and texting while driving, and new technologies being developed to lock keypads and block other functionality of mobile devices when you're behind the wheel, you may be thinking that there's a big fuss being made about texting. And you're right, because texting while driving combines all three types of these distractions. When your eyes are reading the screen, your fingers are typing on the keypad, and your mind is busy crafting a message, you're not paying attention to driving and you're more likely to crash – 23 times more likely, in fact. But remember – although texting while driving is extremely dangerous, it's by no means the only activity that combines all three potentially lethal types of distraction. Just because something may not be illegal doesn't mean it's safe.

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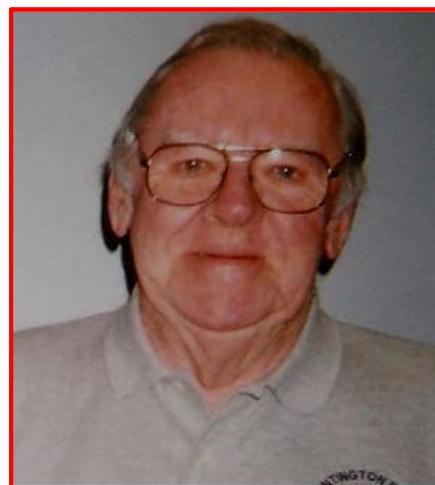
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

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

38 reported 12/16/13 – 01/15/14

52 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13

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

There were seven garage entries.

There was one storage unit entry.

There was one attempted entry.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

59 reported 12/16/13 – 01/15/14

66 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13

GRAND THEFT AUTO

30 reported 12/16/13 – 01/15/14

28 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13

BEAT 2

4 Residential Burglaries

2 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 466-1

RD 475-1 RD 485-1

Streets: Delaware St., Cornerbrook Dr., Kiowa Ln., and Capistrano Ln.

In RD 452, Delaware St., suspect described as female, 33 to 35 years old, mid shoulder length dark brown wavy hair, medium build, height 5'7" to 5'8", weight approximately 120 lbs, and fair complexion.

In RD 466, Cornerbrook Dr., it appears the point of entry was the east side garage door via a large pry tool; the same with the interior garage door into the residence.

In RD 485, Capistrano Ln., it appears the point of entry was the rear single Dutch door which had an approximately one-and-a-half inch pry mark on it.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 457-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 476-1

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries

18 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 447-1 RD 455-1

Streets: Birchwood Dr. and Colbreggan Dr.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 433-3 RD 434-2

RD 435-1 RD 437-3

RD 442-4 RD 443-3

RD 445-1 RD 446-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 423-1 RD 446-1

BEAT 4

5 Residential Burglaries

1 Vehicle Burglary

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 349-1 RD 451-4

Streets: 20th St., Townsquare Ln., 9th St., and 13th St.

In RD 451, 13th St., it appears an unknown suspect(s) forced upward on the upstairs window and broke the lock to gain entry to the residence.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 348-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 349-2

BEAT 5

10 Residential Burglaries

4 Vehicle Burglaries

5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 411-1 RD 412-2

RD 413-4 RD 421-1

RD 422-1 RD 432-1

Streets: Calera Ln., Florida St., Chapel Ln., Constantine Dr., Applewood Cir., Allegra Ln., Delaware St., and Utica Ave.

In RD 411, Calera Ln, victims left the back door open for their dog to go in and out.

In RD 412, Florida St., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 413, Chapel Ln., suspect is in custody.

In RD 413, Constantine Dr., suspect is in custody. There were several burglaries in the area with similar circumstances.

In RD 413 Applewood Cir., suspect is in custody.

In RD 421, Allegra Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered via an unlocked living room window.

In RD 422 Delaware St., unknown suspect(s) cut the lock off the garage door to gain entry.

There were two garage entries.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 413-1 RD 422-2

RD 435-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 293-2 RD 412-1

RD 422-1 RD 432-1

BEAT 6

2 Residential Burglaries

13 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 272-1 RD 273-1

Streets: Keelson Ln. and Stanley Ln.

In RD 273, Stanley Ln., unknown suspect(s) cut the garage padlock with some type of hand cutting tool. Suspect(s) then entered the garage and opened the unlocked vehicle parked inside. Suspect(s) ransacked the interior of the vehicle, including the trunk, stealing various items found inside. The suspect(s) then cut the padlock off the overhead wood cabinets taking several items from inside the cabinets. Suspect(s) flee in an unknown direction.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 252-1 RD 263-1

RD 271-1 RD 272-9

RD 282-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**Grand Theft Auto****RD 263-1 RD 272-1****BEAT 7****5 Residential Burglaries****9 Vehicle Burglaries****4 Grand Theft Auto****Residential Burglaries****RD 159-2 RD 179-1****RD 198-1 RD 251-1**

Streets: Walton Dr., Craig Ln., Taurus Ln., Leaf Cir., and Magellan Ln.

In RD 159, Walton Dr., there was a similar crime on the same night in this area.

In RD 159, Craig Ln., it appears the suspect(s) point of entry was an unlocked open living room window.

In RD 179, Taurus Ln., it appears the point of entry and exit was the side door.

In RD 198, Leaf Cir., it appears the suspect entered via the rear sliding door.

In RD 251, Magellan Ln., it appears the suspect(s) forced entry into the home from the north bathroom door window. Once inside the suspect(s) ransacked the residence, stole items and left through the same bathroom exit door.

Vehicle Burglaries**RD 168-1 RD 178-1****RD 179-2 RD 251-1****RD 253-3 RD 262-1****Grand Theft Auto****RD 168-1 RD 169-1****RD 179-1 RD 252-1****BEAT 8****6 Residential Burglaries****7 Vehicle Burglaries****8 Grand Theft Auto****Residential Burglaries****RD 162-1 RD 163-1****RD 171-2 RD 174-1****RD 177-1**

Streets: Intrepid Ln., Bolero Ln., 7th St., Pacific Ave., Courtney Ln., and Ghent Dr.

In RD 162, Intrepid Ln., suspect is in custody.

In RD 171, Pacific Ave., suspect is in custody.

There was one storage unit entry.

Vehicle Burglaries**RD 163-2 RD 173-1****RD 175-2 RD 176-1****RD 197-1****Grand Theft Auto****RD 155-2 RD 157-1****RD 163-1 RD 165-2****RD 175-2****BEAT 9****4 Residential Burglaries****5 Vehicle Burglaries****6 Grand Theft Auto****Residential Burglaries****RD 116-1 RD 128-1****RD 148-1 RD 149-1**

Streets: Tangiers Dr., Chateau Ln., Plymouth Ln., and Starshine Dr.

In RD 128, Chateau Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered the backyard by climbing over the west cinderblock wall. The suspect(s) attempted to force entry through the north garage door but were unsuccessful. Suspect(s) ultimately entered the residence through the unlocked rear glass sliding door. At some time during the burglary the suspect(s) pepper sprayed the dog. They exited through the front entry door and turned off all lights as they left.

In RD 148, Plymouth Ln., it appears suspect(s) forced open the gate that separates the front yard from the rear yard. The suspect(s) damaged the doggie door which gave them access to the residence.

Vehicle Burglaries**RD 139-1 RD 242-4****Grand Theft Auto****RD 117-1 RD 136-2****RD 241-3**

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January 2014 HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were not able to print our January HB Neighborhood Watch newsletter. None were mailed or distributed throughout the community.

However, it is posted on the HBPD web page at www.hbpd.org

We want to apologize to those of you that count on receiving it regularly for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

In this month's issue, some of the articles will be the same as in the January issue. Again, we apologize to those of you that receive the newsletter on the web; we felt it was important information that should be made available to everyone. Below we have included the monthly totals for the November 15 to December 16, 2013 crime statistics. The December 16, 2013 to January 15, 2014 regular crime statistics are in this month's newsletter as usual.

Recently, there has been an increase in residential burglaries with similar circumstances. Please stay alert and be aware of any suspicious activity or people in your area. This would be a great time to host a Neighborhood Watch Block Meeting or reactivate the program you have to get acquainted with your neighbors and share your concerns. Taking a stance against crime means you need to harden the target and report all suspicious activity.

Fighting crime takes a partnership. Let's join forces. Let's be proactive. For more information, please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933.

CRIME INFORMATION for November 16 to December 15, 2013

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

52 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13

28 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13

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

There were five garage entries.

There were four storage unit entries.

There were three attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

66 reported 11/16/13 – 12/15/13

44 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13

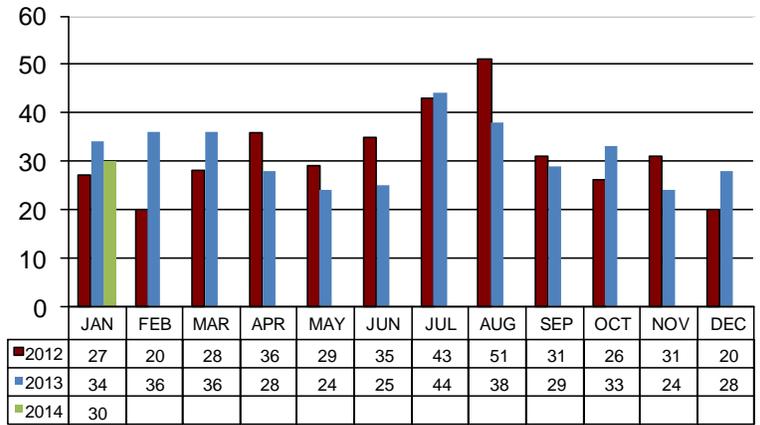
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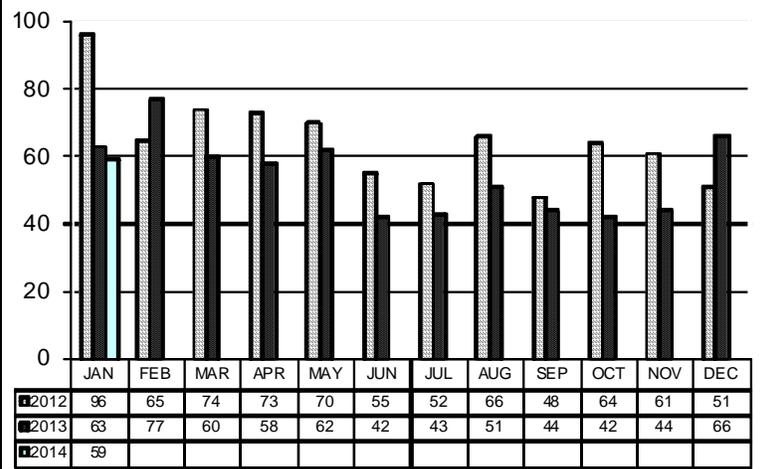
24 reported 10/16/13 – 11/15/13

To see more details for November 16 to December 15, 2013 crimes, please visit our web site at www.hbpd.org and click on Neighborhood Watch Newsletter. Click on the January Issue and see pages 4 and 5.

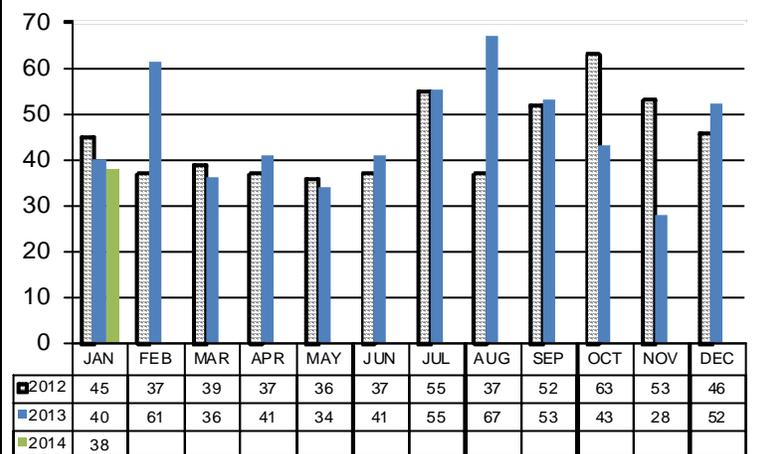
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VEHICLE BURGLARIES



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



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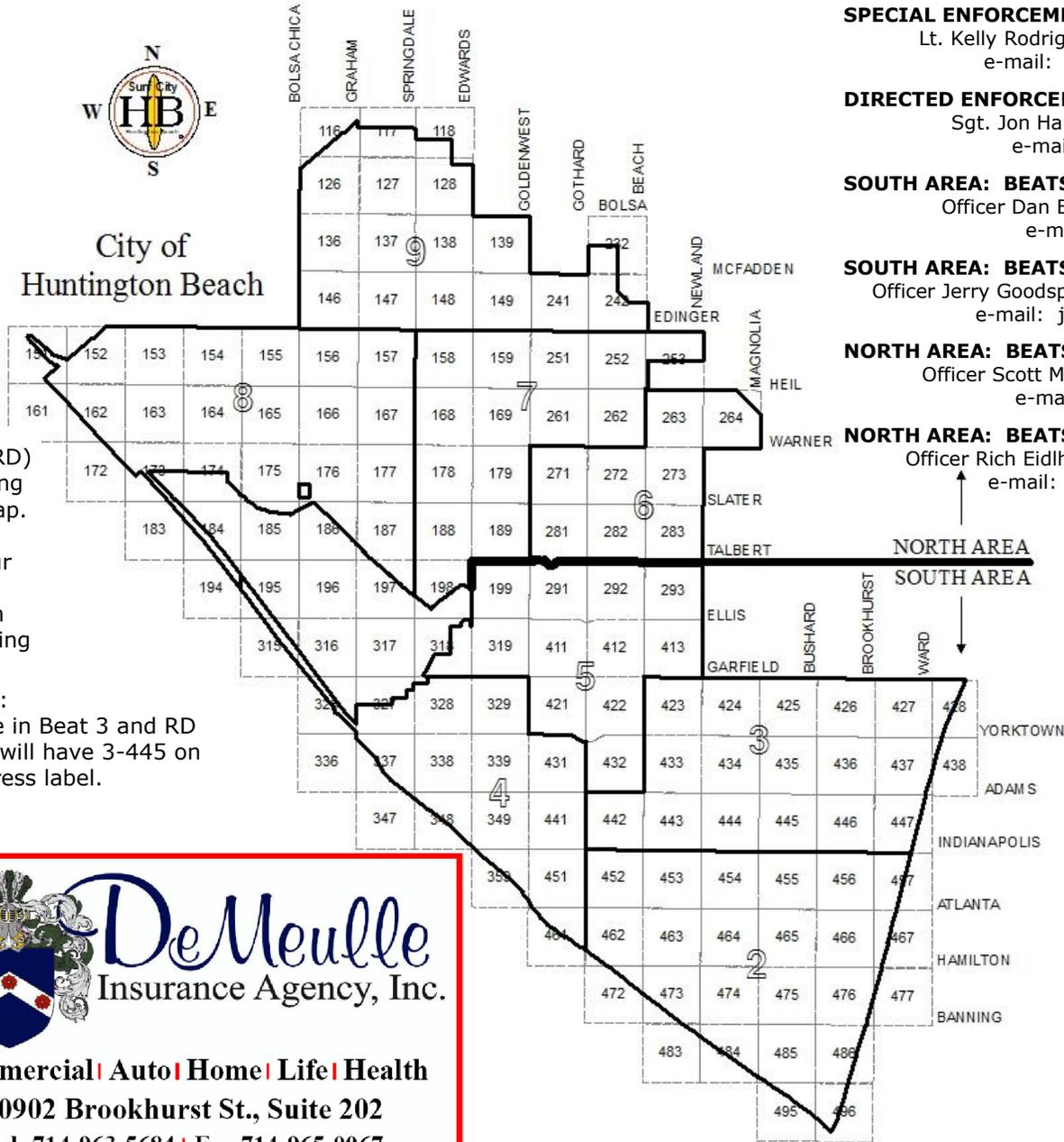
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Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

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