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This year we have estimated we will need \$25,000 to cover various Neighborhood Watch expenses which include, but are not limited to, postage, returned newsletters, labels, and many other miscellaneous supplies. We also have a crew of from 35 to 90 volunteers that meet each month to help assemble the newsletters for distribution. At the end of July we had received **\$7,851--we have \$17,149 to go.** For the past 29 years, we have been able to raise this money through generous donations from you and our advertisers. We know rising costs have affected everyone, however, we hope that with your support, we can continue to provide this service in 2008. A \$6 donation pays for each subscriber's postage; a \$10 donation helps with postage and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 donation accomplishes the above, puts your name in the newsletter, plus you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a small token of appreciation. Remember, since we are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.

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Back to School Child Safety



Information provided by: California Attorney General's Office

Please take the time to explain to your child all the safety rules you feel are important including the tips provided below:

- Always walk with a friend – there is safety in numbers. Strangers usually target kids that are by themselves.
- If you think that you are in danger, or if you are being followed, yell and run into the nearest store, house or back to school. Tell a trusted adult what happened.
- Have your mom or dad or both of them walk your school route with you and make sure that it is completely safe. Be sure they point out safe places (a friend's house, store etc.) you can go to along the way for assistance if needed.
- Have your parents point out the location of public telephones that could be used to dial 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.
- Always stick to the same, safe route going to and from school. Don't take shortcuts and never hitchhike.

WHO IS A STRANGER?

A stranger is someone that your child does not know. Children often conjure up the image of a "scary monster" when parents mention the word "stranger." Explain that a stranger may look, act and dress nicely, or even wear a uniform.

A child may be in a situation that requires interaction with a stranger, and this may be confusing. For example, if a child gets lost in a grocery store, the child should immediately go to the checkout counter or security office even though that may mean talking to a stranger. Instruct your child not to wander around looking for you. The child should seek help from someone who works in the store.



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TELL YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW THESE RULES ABOUT STRANGERS

- Stay away from a stranger who asks for assistance. Strangers should never ask children for directions or for help with something they can do themselves, such as finding a lost puppy or kitten.
- Never take anything like candy, ice cream or money from a stranger.
- Never take a ride from a stranger, even if the stranger says your mother or father needs you or uses some other excuse.
- If a stranger asks for directions, stay away. Strangers shouldn't ask kids for help.
- Never give your name or address to a stranger.
- If a stranger in a car bothers you, turn and run in the opposite direction.
- If a stranger tries to follow you on foot or tries to grab you **RUN AWAY, SCREAM and TELL** your parents or a trusted adult friend. A dangerous stranger doesn't want to be the center of attention.
- Check with parents or a trusted adult before accepting a ride even from someone you know.

This information has been provided by the California Attorney General's Office.

For more information or to arrange a program please call the Huntington Beach Police Department Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933

SAFETY AT HOME

Instruct your child on how to safely answer the door:

- Never open the door to a stranger.
- If a stranger knocks on the door or rings the doorbell, tell your child to look out the peep hole or call out "who's there?" If it's for you, your child should tell the visitor to wait, and leave the door locked until you are available. If you are not home, your child should tell the visitor that you are busy and to please come back later. Your child can take a message, but he or she should NEVER open the door.

- If the visitor won't go away, and your child is scared, tell him/her to call 9-1-1.
- Never leave the yard or a play area without permission from a parent or the adult in charge.

Hate Crimes in California

Information provided by the California Attorney General's Office.

In California, you can be a victim of a hate crime if you have been targeted because of your race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or your association with a person or group with one or more of these "real" or "perceived" characteristics.

It is important to be able to differentiate between hate incidents and hate crimes.

A *hate incident* is an action or behavior that is motivated by hate, but is protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of expression. Examples of hate incidents can include name calling, epithets, distribution of hate material in public places, and the display of offensive hate-motivated material on one's property. The freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, such as the freedom of speech, allow hateful rhetoric as long as it does not interfere with the civil rights of others. If this type of behavior escalates to threats being made or carried out against a person or property, then it would be classified as a *hate crime*.

A *hate crime* is a criminal act or attempted criminal act committed against a victim or his property because the victim is, or is perceived to be, a member of a protected class. (A victim can include an entity or group.)

Hate crimes should be reported to the proper authorities, such as your local police or sheriff's department. If these hate crimes are not reported to law enforcement, the perpetrators will continue to act on their beliefs and continue to be a threat to society.

Basic Clues:

The following list indicates signs that a hate crime may have been committed:

- Perception of the victim or witness that he/she was selected by the perpetrator because of his or her membership in a protected class.
- Written or oral comments of the perpetrator that may indicate a bias.
- Date of incident coincides with a day that is of significance to the victim's protected class.
- Differences between the race or religion of the victim and the perpetrator.
- Organized hate group activity in the area.



CRIME PREVENTION
TIPS FOR PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES

People with disabilities face many challenges. This could make them vulnerable to would-be assailants who assume that people with disabilities are incapable of protecting themselves.

If you have a disability or know someone who does, the following information may be helpful. Take time to read and remember these tips, and you may be able to prevent yourself or a friend from becoming a victim of a crime.

GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Know and avoid situations and locations that could invite crime, i.e., dark alleys, unlit parking lots, etc.
- Decide what you plan to do in the event you are confronted, i.e., show confidence, scream, etc.
- Consider your options in these situations and practice your responses often so that you can recall them in a real situation.

HOME SECURITY TIPS

- Consider having a peephole installed in your doors. Make sure you have the proper locks on doors and windows and use them while you are at home as well as when you are out.
- Never open the door to a stranger. Always demand verification of the stranger’s identity and the purpose of the visit.
- Never tell a stranger calling by phone that you are alone or that you have a disability.
- Plan an avenue of escape from each room in your residence to use in case of emergency, such as a break-in or a disaster.



IF YOU BECOME A
VICTIM OF A CRIME....

- Call 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement agency immediately to report the crime.
- Alert them to any current medical conditions and let them know if you need immediate medical assistance.
- Call a friend or relative to assist you.
- Try to remember as many details about the assailant as possible, such as clothing, hair color, identifiable marks, etc.
- Be certain not to destroy any possible evidence.

LINKS TO RESOURCES
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

- <http://www.dor.ca.gov>
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**CHAT ROOM AND PHONE
 TEXTING ABBREVIATIONS**

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|--------|-------------|
| 1) NM | 6) ROTFL |
| 2) OLL | 7) RU |
| 3) OTP | 8) C-P |
| 4) QT | 9) CYT/ SYT |
| 5) RN | 10) 2NITE |

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

**33 entries in August
37 entries in July**

Fifteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Thirteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; nine were committed at night and eleven at an unknown time.

Of the thirty-three residential burglaries in August, nine of these were garage entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**60 reported in August
68 reported in July**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**29 reported in August
30 reported in July**

BEAT 2

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

**Residential Burglaries
None reported**

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 464-1 RD 475-1
RD 476-1 RD 486-1
RD 495-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 495-1**

BEAT 3

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

**Residential Burglaries
None Reported**

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 457-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 447-1**

BEAT 4

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 442-1 RD 432-1
RD 433-1 RD 452-1**

Streets: California St., Huntington St., Clarkdale Dr., and Florida St.

There were two garage entries, one was unlocked.

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 432-1 RD 433-1
RD 462-1 RD 463-1
RD 464-1 RD 472-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
RD 442-2**

BEAT 5

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 426-1 RD 427-1
RD 436-2**

Street: Catfish, Cambridge Ln. and Pitcairn Ln.

RD 436 suspect was known in one burglary.

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 425-1 RD 426-1
RD 427-1 RD 437-1**

**Grand Theft Auto
None Reported**

BEAT 6

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 328-1 RD 348-1
RD 349-1 RD 441-1
RD 451-3**

Streets: Royal Grove Dr., 20th St., Park St., Beachview Dr., 7th St. 8th St. and Lake St.

RD 328- Suspect described as male, white, 35-40 yrs, light color hair, 6'3" tall, thin to medium build, wearing black shirt and black pants. Subject possibly gained entry to the gated community by hiding by the gate and waiting for it to open.

RD 348- Suspect(s) possibly entered through the 2nd story unlocked window.

There was one garage entry.

**Vehicle Burglaries
RD 339-1 RD 348-2
RD 349-1 RD 359-1
RD 451-2**

**Grand Theft Autos
RD 348-2 RD 451-3**

BEAT 7

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

**Residential Burglaries
RD 411-2**

Streets: Coolwater Ln. and Ernest Ave.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

RD 411- Suspects stole 2 dirt bikes and a quad at one burglary. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 291-1 RD 292-2
RD 293-1 RD 411-2
RD 413-1 RD 421-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 411-3 RD 422-1

BEAT 8

**3 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 178-2 RD 179-1

Street: Warner Ave.

RD 178- Two suspects are in custody from one burglary because of the quick action of the reporting party. This is what Neighborhood Watch is all about.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176-2 RD 177-3
RD 189-1 RD 281-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 179-2

BEAT 9

**6 Residential Burglaries
0 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 263-2 RD 271-1
RD 272-2 RD 273-1

Street: Tamaru Dr., Lambert Dr., Lucero Ln., Keelson Ln., Elm St. and Holland Dr.

RD 263- suspect might possibly have a master key.

RD 272- (first burglary) two suspects were described as male, medium build approx. 5'6" tall.

RD 272- (second burglary) suspect described as Hispanic, male, 5'5" to 5'6" tall, shaved head, white hat and tank top, and red pants.

Vehicle Burglaries

None Reported

Grand Theft Auto

RD 272-2 RD 282-2
RD 283-1

BEAT 10

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 152-1 RD 175-1

Streets: Windspun Dr., and Tiara Dr.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 153-1 RD 165-1
RD 175-2

Grand Theft Auto

RD 155-1

BEAT 11

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 158-1 RD 168-1

Streets: Jersey Ct. and Warner Ave.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 168-1

BEAT 12

**1 Residential Burglary
8 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 146-1

Street: Flamingo Ct.

RD 146- Suspects were described as male Hispanics in their 40's, wearing T-Shirts and jeans.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 118-1 RD 126-1
RD 128-1 RD 139-3
RD 148-1 RD 149-1

Grand Theft Auto

None Reported

BEAT 13

**2 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 261-2

Streets: Heil Ave. and Golden West St.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 232-1 RD 241-3
RD 242-2 RD 252-1
RD 262-2

Grand Theft Auto

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

IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (714) 536-5933.

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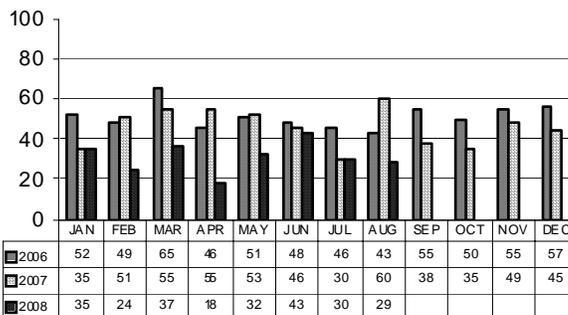
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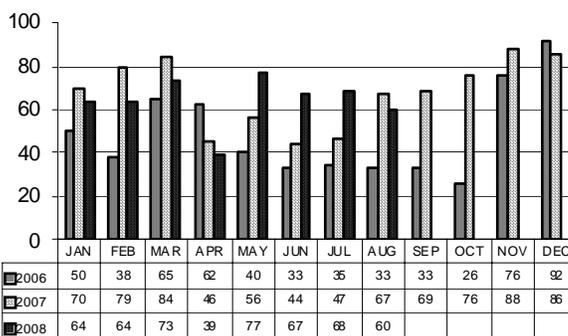
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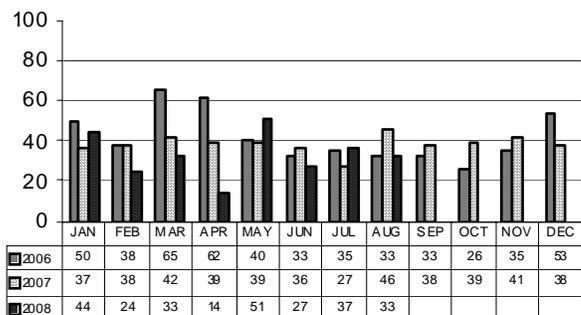
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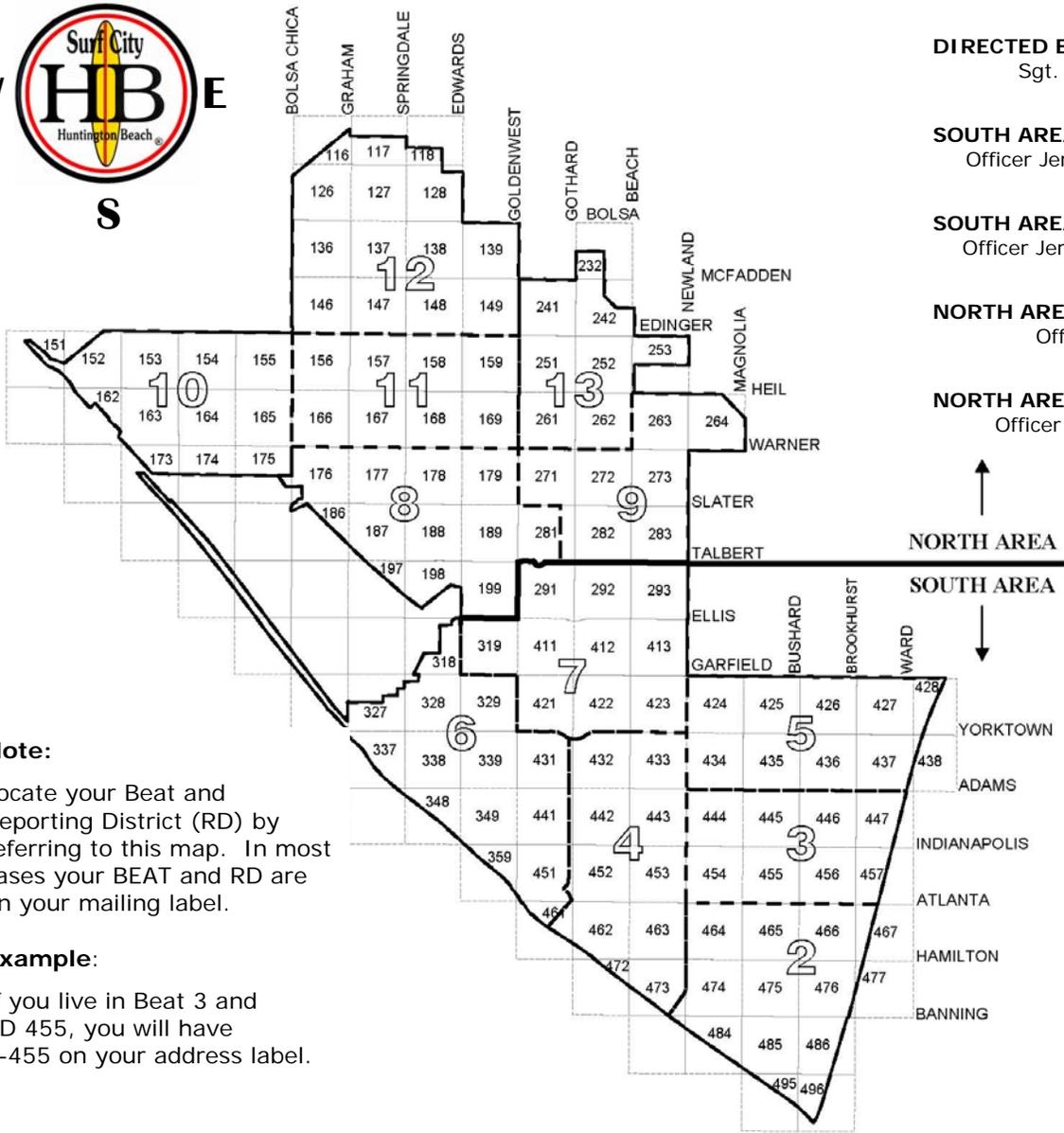


RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



**CHAT ROOM AND PHONE TEXTING
 ABBREVIATION ANSWERS (from page 3)**

- 1) NM= Never Mind or Nothing Much
- 2) OLL = On Line Love
- 3) OTP = On the Phone
- 4) QT = Cutie
- 5) RN = Right Now
- 6) ROTFL= Rolling on the Floor Laughing
- 7) RU= Are You
- 8) C-D = Sleepy
- 9) CYT/ SYT = See You Tomorrow
- 10) 2NITE = Tonight



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