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We needed \$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 are pleased to report that at the end of

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HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD MEETING

**DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS,
THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN THE MONTHS OF
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

pennies for Prevention

OCTOBER 1 THRU 26

GOT PENNIES? The *Pennies for Prevention* campaign needs you! By collecting pennies during the month of October, individuals, businesses, and organizations can support substance abuse prevention programs, i.e., *Every 15 Minutes* and *Red Ribbon Week*, right here in Huntington Beach. Start collecting pennies now!!

Drop Off Sites During October:

**HBPD and All Substations
All HB Fire Stations**

Collection Site on October 26:

**HBPD, Civic Center
2000 Main St.
11:30 am to 3:30 pm**



If you have any questions, please call 536-5933

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

From October 7-13, fire safety advocates across the country will be spreading the word that when it comes to escape plans, practice is the key.

Sound the alarm for the Great American Fire Drill! The NFPA is asking kids and families across North America to practice their home fire escape plans. With your help, we're hoping to have the world's biggest fire drill!

REMEMBER: CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!

McGruff's Back to School Safety Tips to Safeguard Your Kids

TO HELP ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY AT ALL TIMES, REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT TIPS

Teach your kids never to talk to or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your kids do not know well or do not trust.

Define for your kids what a "stranger" is. Advise them to avoid talking to strangers. Create a code word to help your kids know who they can trust.

Communicate clearly with your kids. Rehearse possible "stranger" scenarios so your kids will know how to say "NO" should a problem situation ever occur. Teach your kids to yell "FIRE" and run away when approached or touched by a stranger.

Encourage the use of the buddy system. It's always safer for kids to walk to school, the park, store, etc., with a buddy. Kids who travel in pairs are safer than those who walk alone.

Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards. Test the route with your kids. Tell them to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around.

Be sure your kids know their home phone number (including area code) address, and also a telephone number for at least one other trusted adult.

If your kids bike or skateboard to school, tell them to wear a helmet. Remind them to lock their bike with a good lock whenever they leave it alone, including the garage. Be sure to write down the model and serial number of the bike and keep it in a safe place. In case it is stolen, you will have the information to provide to the police.

Kids should let parents and friends know if they stay late after school, making sure to get permission first if planning to play with a friend instead of going home.



BACK TO SCHOOL— A CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

- ✓ Be sure your kids know how to use 911 for emergencies. Let them know they can call 911 for help free at pay phones if they don't have a cell phone.
- ✓ Teach kids, whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school, to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers, and safety patrols. Remind them to be extra careful in rainy or foggy weather.
- ✓ When car pooling, drop off and pick up kids as close to school as possible. Don't leave until they have entered the schoolyard or building.

If your kids are home alone for a few hours after school:

- ✓ Set up rules for locking doors and windows, and answering the door or telephone.
- ✓ Talk about what activities your kids can and cannot do while home alone.
- ✓ Make sure they check in with you or a neighbor immediately after school.
- ✓ Agree on rules for inviting friends over or going to a friend's house when no adult is home.
- ✓ Take time to listen carefully to your kids' fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take complaints about bullies and other concerns seriously.



Trees Keep Our City Green and Beautiful



The City of Huntington Beach has an inventory of approximately 65,000 trees on public property throughout our community which includes trees located in city parks, medians, landscape areas, and parkways (the area between sidewalk and curb).

The City's trees are important assets that beautify our community and provide significant environmental benefits. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, purifying the air.

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining City-owned trees. The regular maintenance program includes pruning, planting, pest control, and removal. In addition, tree maintenance crews respond to requests for service from the public, investigating and resolving special service issues such as limbs down, dead or dying trees, and unauthorized removals.



Preservation of City trees is important for the beauty of our community and for the health of our environment. City ordinance prohibits the planting, trimming, spraying, and removal of trees from any public right-of-way, including residential parkways, without prior, written authorization from the Tree Maintenance supervisor. Per Huntington Beach Municipal Code Ch. 9.52, damaging or performing an unauthorized removal of a City tree is a misdemeanor.



To request service or inquire about City trees and the tree maintenance program, please call the Public Works Maintenance Division at (714) 536-5480.

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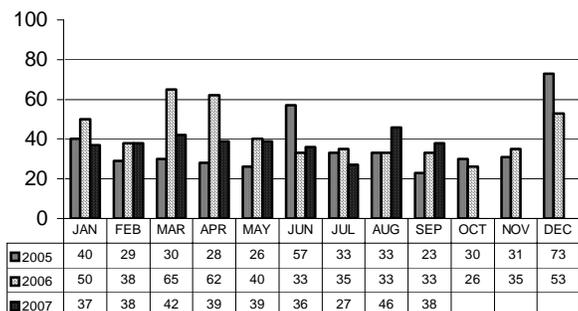
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS

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

**38 entries in September
46 entries in August**

Twenty-one of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 58% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 3 garage entries out of 38 burglaries, or 8% of the entries reported.

Twenty-three 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.).

There were six entries by force or pry tool, three entries due to window smash, two attempts without entry, five entries by unknown means, one entry by an unlocked door with the house vacant.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**69 reported in September
67 reported in August**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**38 reported in September
60 reported on August**

BEAT 2

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 467 – 1 RD 476 – 1

Streets: Two entries each on Brookhurst due to force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 465 – 1 RD 474 – 1
RD 486 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

None

BEAT 3

**1 Residential Burglary
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 444 – 1

Street: Densmore. Attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 447 – 1 RD 456 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

None

BEAT 4

**11 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432 – 6 RD 433 – 1
RD 442 – 1 RD 443 – 1
RD 452 – 2**

Streets: Alsuna, Deepview, Mainsail, Hartford, Yorktown, two entries on California and four entries on Delaware.

SEVEN ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS. Two entries by unknown means, one entry by force or pry tool and one entry by a window smash.

There were no garage entries. Suspect seen in Alsuna entry described as: Male Hispanic Juvenile, approx. 15 yrs. old, thin build, approx. 5'5" tall, 120 lbs.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 432 – 2 RD 462 – 2
RD 463 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 432 – 1 RD 452 – 1
RD 453 – 1**

BEAT 5

**1 Residential Burglary
7 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 425 – 1

Street: Litchfield, house vacant and unlocked. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 424 - 2 RD 427 – 1
RD 436 – 4**

Grand Theft Autos

None

BEAT 6

**1 Residential Burglary
12 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 338 – 1

Street: Greenbrier. Entry by and **UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.**

There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 339 – 3 RD 348 – 1
RD 349 – 2 RD 359 – 2
RD 441 – 1 RD 451 – 1
RD 461 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 327 – 1 RD 461 – 1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 413 – 1

Street: Tulipwood. **ENTRY THRU AN UNLOCKED DOOR.** Two suspicious individuals described as: Male White Adult, approx. 20 yrs., 5'7", 180 lbs shaved blond hair. #2. Male White Juvenile, 16-17 yrs., 6 ft, shaved head. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 412 – 1 RD 413 – 2
RD 421 – 1 RD 422 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
**RD 291 – 1 RD 292 – 3
RD 293 – 1 RD 413 – 1
RD 422 - 3**

BEAT 8

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

Residential Burglaries
None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 176 – 2 RD 177 – 2
RD 178 – 1 RD 179 – 1
RD 281 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 176 – 1 RD 179 – 2

BEAT 9

**11 Residential Burglary
4 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
**RD 264 – 2 RD 272 – 7
RD 273 – 2**

Streets: De Ville, Conner, Jacquelyn, Slater, Friesland, Zeider and five entries on Ash.

SEVEN ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

Three entries by unknown means, one entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries. Suspect in De Ville entry described as: Male Black Adult, "clean cut & good looking", short hair, thin build, 5'3" tall. Seen getting into a tan truck or SUV.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 264 – 2 RD 272 – 2

Grand Theft Autos
**RD 264 – 1 RD 272 – 3
RD 282 – 1 RD 283 – 1**

BEAT 10

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

RD 155 – 1 RD 165 – 1

Street: Calle Castor and Blanton. **TWO ENTRIES BY UNLOCKED OR OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 152 – 1 RD 165 – 2
RD 174 – 2 RD 175 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
**RD 151 – 1 RD 155 – 1
RD 164 – 1 RD 173 – 1**

BEAT 11

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 159 – 1

Street: Loyola. **ENTRY THRU AN OPEN SLIDER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.** There were no garage entries. Suspect in Loyola open slider entry came in around 4 AM wearing a black ski mask/gloves & shirt. Victim confronted suspect who took money and was seen leaving in a dark blue, black or green 2-door pick up truck (poss. Ford) with chrome wheels.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 158 – 1 RD 168 – 2

Grand Theft Autos
RD 158 – 1

BEAT 12

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

Residential Burglaries
RD 139 – 1 RD 148 – 1

Streets: Capri and Royalist. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There were no garage entries. 3 suspects were seen at the RD 139 Capri open window entry: all male Asians, late 20's, seen driving a newer model black Toyota Camry 4-door.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 126 – 1 RD 139 – 1
RD 146 – 2 RD 147 – 1
RD 148 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos
RD 127 – 1 RD 139 – 1

BEAT 13

**3 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
8 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 253 – 2 RD 262 – 1

Streets: Edinger, Villa Yorba and Rhine. Two entries by force or pry tool, one entry by a window smash. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
**RD 241 – 4 RD 242 – 3
RD 251 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos
**RD 242 – 4 RD 252 – 1
RD 261 – 1 RD 262 – 2**

IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED BECAUSE OF A BURGLARY, IT MAY BE WISE TO MEET WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS TO DISCUSS HAVING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. CALL 536-5933 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Launch of New Police Department Website



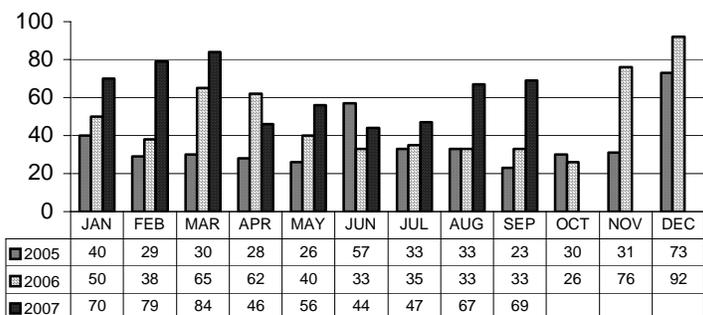
The City of Huntington Beach is excited to announce the launch of the new Huntington Beach Police Department website. The new site went live on August 23, 2007, featuring a more organized, easy-to-use interface that is also 508 compliant. This means that individuals with disabilities, either employees or residents, who are seeking information, have equal access to the website and can use the information and data easily.

The site features information every resident needs, like phone and email directories, detailed descriptions of each division, FAQ's, crime statistics, HB's Most Wanted, and domestic violence. You can also find out how to join the HBPD or its numerous volunteer programs. There is also a section devoted to eServices. These include easy to use forms and applications for residents and visitors, including RV parking permits, directed traffic enforcement requests, and even a place to pay your parking citations.

For these reasons and more, the City of Huntington Beach is proud to introduce the new Huntington Beach Police Department website, which joins other sections of the site that are already 508 compliant. Be sure to visit the website and check out all the great, user-friendly functions.

The Police Department site is accessible from the HB main webpage at www.surfcity-hb.org. The direct link to the site is www.surfcity-hb.org/government/departments/pd/.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES



DISPOSAL OF USED OIL

Are you a "do-it-yourself" mechanic who needs to dispose of used motor oil and oil filters? If you're a resident of Huntington Beach, take advantage of our Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program. You can get small amounts of used oil and filters picked up at your home by calling 1-800-449-7587, or you can drop off used oil and filters at most area auto parts stores where you buy your new oil. The service is free, funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

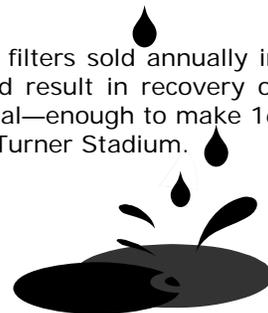
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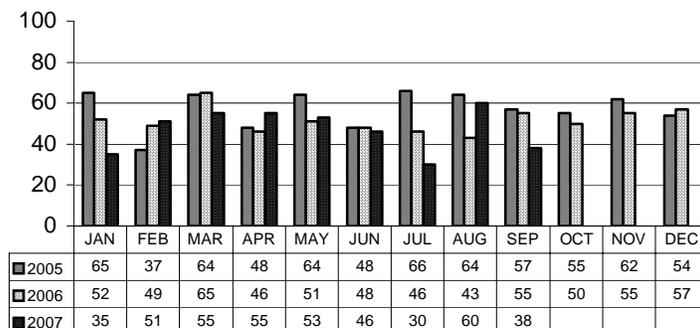
Did you know that the oil from a single oil change can ruin the taste of a million gallons of water—enough to supply 50 people for one year?

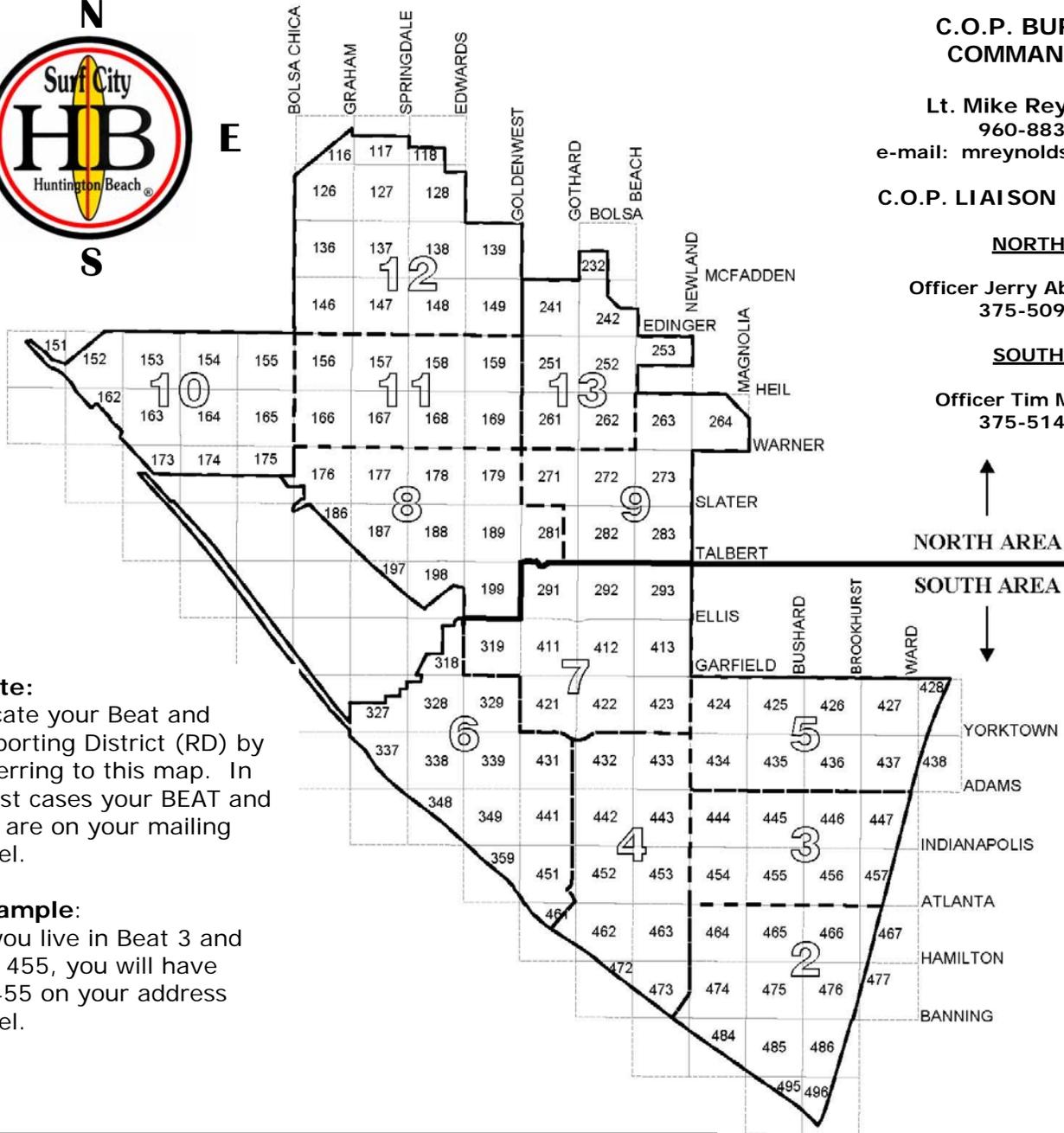
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Did you know that recycling all oil filters sold annually in the U.S. (about 425 million) would result in recovery of approximately 160,000 tons of metal—enough to make 16 new stadiums the size of Atlanta's Turner Stadium.



GRAND THEFT AUTO





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SOUTH AREA

Note:

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:

If you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.

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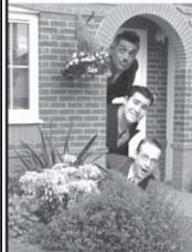
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