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Huntington Beach CA 92648**

**NO BOARD MEETING
In June, July, or September**

HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!!!



PREPARING MAKES SENSE—GET READY NOW Part III: Specific Terrorist Threats

*It is important to remember, there are significant differences among potential terrorist threats that will influence the decisions you make and the actions you take. By beginning a process of learning about these specific threats, you are **preparing yourself to react** in an emergency.*

Biological Threat

A biological attack is the deliberate release of germs or other biological substances that can make you sick. Many agents must be inhaled, enter through a cut in the skin or be eaten to make you sick. Some biological agents,

such as anthrax, do not cause contagious diseases. Others, like the smallpox virus, can result in diseases you can catch from people.

Unlike an explosion, a biological attack may or may not be immediately obvious. While it is possible that you will see signs of a biological attack, as was sometimes the case with the anthrax mailings, it is perhaps more likely that local

health care workers will report a pattern or unusual illness or



BIOLOGICAL THREAT

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biological attack, health officials will information on should do as

they can. However, it can take time for them to determine exactly what the illness is, how it should be treated and who is in danger.

What you can do is watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet for official news including the following: Are you in the group or area authorities consider in danger? What are the signs and symptoms of the disease? Are medications or vaccines being distributed? Where? Who should get them? Where should you seek emergency medical care if you become sick?

At the time of a declared biological emergency, if a family member becomes sick, it is important to be suspicious. However, do not automatically assume you should go to a hospital emergency room or that any illness is the result of the biological attack. Symptoms of many common illnesses may overlap. Use common sense, practice good hygiene and cleanliness to avoid spreading germs, and seek medical advice.

Chemical Threat

A chemical attack is the deliberate release of a toxic gas, liquid or solid that can poison people and the environment. Watch for signs of a chemical attack such as many people suffering from watery eyes, twitching, choking, having trouble breathing or losing coordination.

there will be a wave of sick people seeking emergency medical attention. You will probably learn of the danger through an emergency radio or TV broadcast or some other signal used in your community. Perhaps you will get a phone call or emergency response workers may come door-to-door. If you become aware of an unusual or suspicious release of an unknown substance nearby, it doesn't hurt to protect yourself. Quickly get away. Cover your mouth and nose with layers of fabric that can filter the air but still allow breathing. Examples include two to three layers of cotton such as a T-shirt, handkerchief, or towel. Otherwise, several layers of tissue or paper towels may help. Wash with soap and water and contact authorities. See BIOLOGICAL THREAT on Page 2 →

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In the event of a public provide what you should do as quickly as

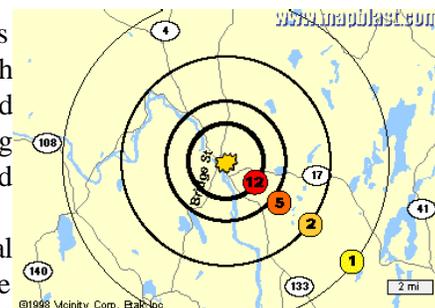
Many sick or dead birds, fish or small animals are also cause for suspicion. If you see signs of a chemical attack, quickly try to define the impacted area or where the chemical is coming from, if possible. Take immediate action to get away from the affected area.

If the chemical is inside a building where you are, try to get out of the building without passing through the contaminated area. Otherwise, it may be better to move as far away from where you suspect the chemical release is and “shelter-in-place.” If you are outside when you see signs of a chemical attack, you must quickly decide what is the fastest way to get away from the chemical threat. Consider if you can get away from the area or if it would be better to go inside a building and follow your plan to “shelter-in-place.”

If your eyes are watering, your skin is stinging, you are having trouble breathing or you simply think you may have been exposed to a chemical, immediately strip and wash. Look for a hose, fountain or any source of water. Wash with soap, if possible, but do not scrub the chemical into your skin. Seek emergency medical attention.

Nuclear Blast

A nuclear blast is an explosion with intense light and heat, a damaging pressure wave and widespread radioactive material that can contaminate the air, water and



ground surfaces for miles around. While experts may predict at this time that a nuclear attack is less likely than others, terrorism by its nature is unpredictable. If there is

a flash or fireball, take cover immediately, below ground if possible, though any shield or shelter will help protect you from the immediate effects of the blast and the pressure wave. In order to limit the amount of radiation you are exposed to, think about *shielding, distance and time*. If you have a thick shield between yourself and the radioactive materials, it will absorb more of the radiation and you will be exposed to less. Similarly, the farther away you are from the blast and the fallout, the lower your exposure. Finally, minimizing time spent exposed will also reduce your risk.

Radiation Threat or “Dirty Bomb”

A radiation threat or “Dirty Bomb” is the use of common explosives to spread radioactive materials over a targeted area. It is not a nuclear blast. The force of the explosion and radioactive contamination will be more localized. While the blast will be immediately obvious, the presence of radiation may not be clearly defined until trained personnel with specialized equipment are on the scene. As with any radiation, you want to try to limit your exposure. Think about *shielding, distance and time*.



This article was provided by READY.GOV and is the end of the 3-part article on “Preparing Makes Sense—Get Ready Now.”

HB-1—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY

April was an incredible month for the crews of HB-1, the Huntington Beach Police Department's helicopter. The month began with the pursuit and eventual arrest of three attempted murder suspects. A shooting occurred near Beach & Warner, HB-1 was called to fly over to keep the shooters' vehicle under observation. HB-1 located the vehicle with the suspects inside. Ground units arrested two suspects and a third was arrested by CHP near the freeway.



HB-1 responded to a domestic violence call and when they arrived, they observed a male attacking a female. They utilized the PA system on the helicopter to halt the assault. When the suspect tried to flee, they directed ground units to him and the suspect was arrested for spousal abuse.

In the downtown area, HB-1 responded to an armed robbery. The crew units located the suspect with the property. Ground units were directed to the scene and the suspect was arrested for armed robbery with property and a knife recovered.

The helicopter responded to 649 calls during the month, with a total amount of flying time to be 223 hours.

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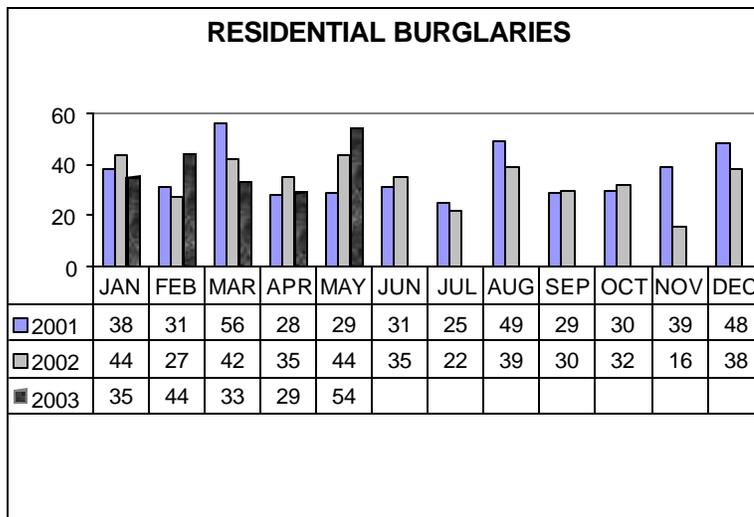
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

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.



Street: Strathmoor, Bermuda, and St. John.

THREE ENTRIES BY UNLOCKED OR OPEN DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 465 – 1 RD 466 – 2
RD 475 – 1 RD 476 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 464 – 1 RD 476 – 1
RD 485 – 1 RD 495 – 3

BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 444 – 1 RD 445 – 1

Streets: Bellshire and Magnolia.

ONE UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.

There was one attempt without entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 444 – 1 RD 445 – 1
RD 456 – 1

BEAT 4

6 Residential Burglaries
12 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 433 – 1
RD 442 – 1 RD 452 – 1
RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 1

Streets: Florida, Roma, Memphis, Atlanta, Seawall, and Newland.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by unknown means, two attempts without entry, and one entry by force. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 433 – 2
RD 442 – 1 RD 443 – 1
RD 452 – 1 RD 463 – 6

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 1
RD 443 – 1 RD 463 – 1

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 425 – 1 RD 437 – 1

Street: Magnolia and Ranger.

ONE ENTRY BY UNLOCKED OR OPEN DOOR OR WINDOW.

There was one entry by force or pry. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 436 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 435 – 2 RDF 437 – 1

BEAT 6

9 Residential Burglaries
14 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 328 – 1 RD 329 – 1
RD 348 – 1 RD 349 – 3
RD 359 – 1 RD 451 – 2

Streets: Forester, Redford, 15th Street, 16th Street, 14th Street, Main, 5th Street, and two on PCH.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

54 FOR MAY
29 FOR APRIL

Twenty-four of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 45% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 8 garage burglaries out of 54 burglaries, or 7% of the entries reported in May.

19 out of 29 entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Ten entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were eight attempts without entry, seven entries by unknown means, ten entries by force, two entries by dog door, and three entries by window smash.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

98 IN MAY
64 IN APRIL

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

64 IN MAY
37 IN APRIL

BEAT 2

3 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 466 – 1 RD 475 – 1
RD 476 – 1

ONE ENTRY BY UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.

There were two entries by unknown means, three entries by force, two attempts without entry, and one entry by dog door. There were four garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 326 – 1 RD 339 – 1
RD 349 – 3 RD 359 – 1
RD 451 – 7 RD 338 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 337 – 1 RD 348 – 1
RD 349 – 1 RD 431 – 1
RD 441 – 1 RD 451 – 2

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

4 Residential Burglaries
15 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 293 – 1 RD 422 – 2
RD 423 – 1

Streets: Springtime, Pompano, Yorktown, and Hamden.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There were two attempts without entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292 – 1 RD 412 – 7
RD 413 – 2 RD 421 – 1
RD 422 – 4

Grand Theft Autos

RD 292 – 3 RD 411 – 1
RD 422 – 1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 176 – 1 RD 179 – 1

Streets: Leslie and Warner.
There were two entries by unknown means.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 177 – 7 RD 178 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 178 – 1 RD 281 – 1

BEAT 9

7 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
11 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 262 – 1 RD 263 – 1
RD 271 – 2 RD 273 – 2
RD 283 – 1

Streets: Rhine, Arnett, Mashie, Betty, “B” Street, Rotterdam, and Blaylock.

FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There were two entries by window smash and one entry by 2nd story open window. Possible suspects seen in Mashie (RD 271) entry: #1: Male/white late teens, short brown hair, 6 ft. and very thin. #2: Male white late teens, collar length blonde hair, 6 ft and very thin. Possible suspects seen in Rhine window smash entry in (RD 262): Two male Hispanics, approx. 20 years, short hair, both 5 feet, 8 inches.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 264 – 2 RD 273 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 262 – 1 RD 263 – 1
RD 272 – 4 RD 282 – 2
RD 283 – 3

BEAT 10

3 Residential Burglaries
13 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 153 – 1 RD 154 – 1
RD 165 – 1

Streets: Bounty, Monterey, and Lynn.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There was one open entry “House Under Construction.”

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151 – 1 RD 155 – 2
RD 164 – 3 RD 165 – 3
RD 173 – 1 RD 175 – 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 153 – 1 RD 162 – 1
RD 164 – 1 RD 174 – 2
RD 175 – 2

BEAT 11

8 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 158 – 3 RD 166 – 2
RD 169 – 3

Streets: Bellinger, Springdale, Brent, Peggy, two each on Maywood and Marie.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.

There was one entry by unknown means, four entries by force, one attempt without entry, and one entry by dog door. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 168 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 158 – 1 RD 159 – 1

BEAT 12

5 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 117 – 1 RD 128 – 2
RD 138 – 1 RD 149 – 1

Streets: Croupier, Sunnycrest, Baylor, Hardwick, and Shannon.

FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by pry. Possible suspect seen in Sunnycrest open door (RD 128): Male/Adult, 25-30 yrs., brown hair, slim build, 5 feet, 9 inches, acne scars on face.

Vehicle Burglaries

- RD 117 – 1 RD 128 – 1
- RD 136 – 1 RD 139 – 1
- RD 147 – 1 RD 148 – 5

Grand Theft Auto

- RD 136 – 1 RD 137 – 1
- RD 139 – 1 RD 146 – 1
- RD 147 – 1

BEAT 13

- 3 Residential Burglaries**
- 12 Vehicle Burglaries**

12 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

- RD 251 – 1 RD 261 – 1
- RD 262 – 1

Streets: Heil, Tunstall, and Bartlett.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.

There was one entry by window smash and one entry by unknown means. Possible suspect seen in RD 251 window smash on Heil: #1: Male/white adult, 20-25 yrs., blond short straight hair, 5 feet, 8 inches, slender/thin build. #2: Male

white adult, 20-25 yrs., 5 feet, 8 inches. #3: Male white adult, 20-25 yrs., 5 feet, 8 inches. All wearing baggy jeans.

Vehicle Burglaries

- RD 241 – 1 RD 251 – 2
- RD 253 – 4 RD 261 – 1
- RD 262 – 4

Grand Theft Autos

- RD 241 – 3 RD 242 – 2
- RD 251 – 1 RD 252 – 1
- RD 261 – 1 RD 262 – 4

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

VIPS

Rosemarie Byer

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES PROGRAM



Rosemarie Byer graduated from the Citizen Police Academy in 2000, and joined the VIPS program shortly thereafter. She moved to Huntington Beach in 1976 from Massachusetts and was a Certified Instructional Aide for Ocean View School District for many years.

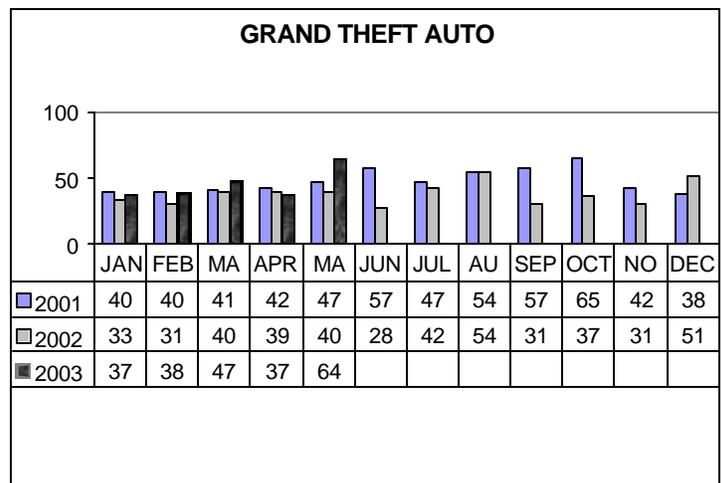
She was very active in the Ocean View Little League, Cub Scouts, P.T.A., A.T.S., Student Exchange, and the sports programs at Marina High School. She has been a Certified Medical Assistant for over 20 years and is presently working for Dr. H. Alkhouli in Westminster. Her husband, Thomas, and son, Brian, are the owners of Thom Byer Roofing Service. Her son, Trent, works for Star Real Estate. Rose's son, Kobe, is a professor at the University of West Virginia. Her daughter, Jennifer, is a first grade teacher in Azusa.

Rose became involved with the HBPD to show a sincere thank your for all the help and support the department gave her and her family following the accidental death of her son, Steven, in November 1991.

Rose is active in the Native American pow wows and is an avid antique shopper, does Tai Chi and power walking. Rose enjoys reading and cooking but, of course, her biggest joy is her five grandchildren!

Rosemarie is the Neighborhood Watch Captain for Beat 11, RD 159. She volunteers at the Oak View substation. She has worked in the past at HBPD "Open House" events. She marched in the 4th of July parade, works at the Shoreline Marathon, does the first aid kits for the police

cars, and special events for the VIPS program. HBPD appreciates all of our volunteers and salutes Rose for taking time out of her busy schedule to volunteer.



RSVP

Jan Coultas

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Congratulations Jan Coultas – June Retired Senior Volunteer of the Month! Jan is a member of RSVP class 3, which means she has been a volunteer with the police department for almost 8 years! Jan mainly works patrol but is always available to help out whenever needed, including being a trainer for new members. She has also helped with the building of the 4th of July parade float every year. Jan's upbeat, positive attitude is well known among the group and other volunteers greatly enjoy working wither. Her favorite part of being an RSVP is the

people she meets both in the program and in the community. She also enjoys giving back to the City of Huntington Beach.

Jan has lived in Huntington Beach since 1963 when she moved from Sunset Beach. Before being a RSVP volunteer, Jan owned her own travel agency. In fact, she was in the travel business for 30 years and still works in outside sales for Seagate Travel. Before that, she was a corporate secretary for an engineering firm in Placentia. She has several hobbies including sports, mostly spectator sports – especially the NFL! She has always been an avid traveler and takes off to different places around the world whenever possible. She also loves gardening and spending time with her fantastic family and her cat Maggie! Jan’s philosophy in life is to “not sweat the small stuff” and remember, “Life is Good!”

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

