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**OCTOBER POSTAGE UPDATE**

We need \$20,000 again this year to cover the expenses of newsletter postage, labels and return newsletters. For the past 27 years, we have been able to raise this money through generous donations from our subscribers and the newsletter advertisers. We hope we can continue to do this in 2006. At the end of September, we received \$15,591. We have \$4,409 to go! A \$4 donation pays for each subscriber's postage. A \$5 or more donation puts your name in the newsletter as a contributor. A \$ 20 will put your name in the newsletter and you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City key chain. Make your check out to:

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**To all the Neighborhood Watch Members:  
From Suzie Wajda**

As you know, I have been the Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and the Community Support Services Liaison for the past 28 years. Throughout these years, my responsibilities were to educate and inform citizens how they can prevent residential burglary, vehicle burglary, auto theft and identity theft. The volunteers and I held numerous Neighborhood Watch meetings to discuss these issues. We also sent the monthly newsletter to keep you informed about public safety, crime prevention methods and provide you with citywide statistics. I met a lot of wonderful people during this time and enjoyed assisting the community. Now the time has come for me to say goodbye and to turn my position over to an individual who will carry on these activities.

After much consideration and thought, I will be retiring from the Police Department effective December 26, 2006. I wanted to thank all of you for your support of the Neighborhood Watch Program and my position. Through your participation and efforts the program has grown and improved over the years. I thank you again for your support and want to assure you that the program and position will remain after I am retired.

As soon as an individual is selected, you will be informed in the newsletter and will have the opportunity to meet the new coordinator. I hope you will continue to support the Neighborhood Watch Program by having future meetings and will call the Police Department when you have issues or concerns.

Thank you again for your support. We all need to continue to work with the police to help keep our city a safe place to live and enjoy with our families.

## Wildlife Information on Coyotes

Animal Care Services



Many residents of Huntington Beach are expressing concern about coyote sightings and the consequences of predator animals within the urban environment. Several residents have lost their pets to these skilled hunters because many are not aware of recent coyote activity in the area.

Coyotes are found in ALL areas of Orange County. Contrary to popular belief, these animals do not require open space or "wild areas" to survive. In fact, most coyotes within the urban setting are the offspring of generations of coyotes who lived and flourished in the urban areas of Orange County.

Though these animals are far from domesticated, they are very comfortable living in close proximity to human beings. They have little fear of man and are frequently seen trotting along within a few feet of joggers, bikers and horseback riders. While not normally a danger to human beings, coyotes will display defensive behaviors if threatened or cornered, therefore, it is important to leave a comfortable distance between you and a coyote.

Small pets can easily become coyote prey. Cats and small dogs should not be allowed outside alone, even in a fenced yard. It is highly recommended that small pets always be accompanied by their owner. Though coyotes generally hunt between sunset and sunrise, they can be observed at all hours of the day and will not pass up the opportunity for an easy meal. A dog or cat left in a backyard can be taken in a matter of moments.

Many steps can be taken to protect you and your property from nuisance animals like coyotes and other wildlife.

- ❖ Fence off animal enclosures (fully enclose if possible).
- ❖ Keep cats and small dogs indoors or in the close presence of an adult (especially at night and early morning)
- ❖ Feed pets indoors.
- ❖ Store trash in covered heavy-duty containers.
- ❖ Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush and weeds.
- ❖ Enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- ❖ Eliminate potential food and water sources, such as fallen fruit and standing water.
- ❖ Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes. The result may be deadly conflicts with pets or serious injuries to small children.
- ❖ Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- ❖ Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- ❖ Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- ❖ Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring, when feeding and protecting their young.
- ❖ If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.
- ❖ If a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the nearest Department of Fish and Game or law enforcement office.

If you do encounter a coyote that behaves aggressively, you have probably gotten too close to its prey or its family. Increase the "comfort zone" between you and the coyote. A coyote behaves in a similar way as domestic dogs that are defending their territory and family. Even a fully fenced yard will not keep out a hungry, athletic coyote. These animals are extremely agile and can easily scale any residential fence. All children should be taught from a very early age that they should avoid strange animals, whether domestic or non-domestic. They should never attempt to feed a wild animal. When older children are hiking or are in parks, they should be instructed on coyote safety.

Eradication and/or relocation of the urban coyote is not effective. These programs actually provide a vacuum in nature causing these animals to have even larger litters, ultimately increasing the coyote population.

Practicing these defensive measures will minimize the nuisances and losses caused by urban coyotes.

**For more information, go to [www.ocpetinfo.com/coyoteinfo.htm](http://www.ocpetinfo.com/coyoteinfo.htm)**

**HB1—CRIME  
FIGHTER  
IN THE SKY**



September saw a return to normal staffing and a corresponding increase in call for service and arrests.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Officers Tallman and Calvert assisted Anaheim PD on a short pursuit of an armed and dangerous carjacking suspect. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Officers Catalano and Ramsey responded to a call of a DUI at Beach/MacDonald and located the suspect vehicle. Units were directed to the suspect, who was taken into custody.

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, Officers Wersching and Catalano assisted Fountain Valley PD looking for a Domestic Violence suspect on Sinclair St. in H.B. They located the suspect vehicle and units were directed for a stop. The suspect who was also DUI was taken into custody. They later observed two suspects “tagging” the walls of the flood control channel. The suspects fled, but HB-1 was able to direct a unit to the suspects who were then arrested.

On Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Officers Wersching and Ramsey spotted a “tagger” at Aldrich/Beach. Although the suspect fled, units were directed to him for the arrest. They later located a DUI and directed units for that arrest at Beach/Slater.

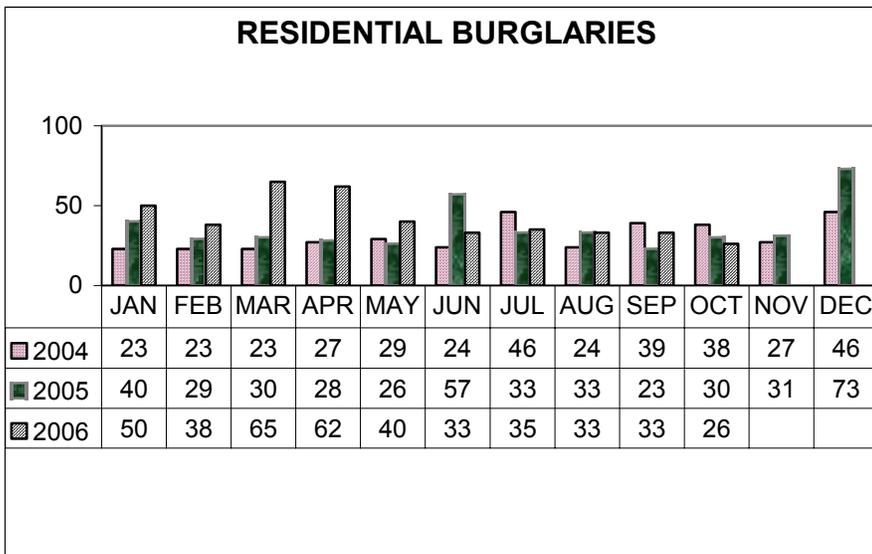
On Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Officers Paholski and Reed overheard Westminster PD broadcast an armed robbery at a bank at Goldenwest/Westminster Blvd. They responded, set up a perimeter, and two suspects were taken into custody. The gun and money were recovered.

Finally, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, Officers McNaughton and Ramsey located a DUI on Capstone. The suspect tried to flee but units were directed to the suspect who was taken into custody.

**Special thanks to members listed below for their donation**

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**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**



**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**

26 entries reported in October  
33 entries reported in September

Twelve of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 46% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 2 garage entries out of 26 burglaries, or 7% of the entries reported in October

Eighteen of the entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Eight entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

Six entries were by unknown means with no force, five entries were by force or pry tool, one entry was by force with the house up for sale, and there were two attempts without entry.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

71 REPORTED IN OCTOBER  
62 REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

50 REPORTED IN OCTOBER  
55 REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER

**BEAT 2**

2 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 475 – 1      RD 476 – 2

Streets: Hanakai, and Vacation. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by unknown means.

There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 464 – 1      RD 465 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 466 – 1      RD 476 – 1  
RD 477 – 1      RD 495 – 1

**BEAT 3**

0 Residential Burglaries  
2 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None  
Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 444 – 1      RD 455 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 445 – 1

**BEAT 4**

5 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 442 – 3      RD 452 – 1  
RD 453 – 1

Streets: Florida, Memphis, Huntington, Beach, Snowbird. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There was one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

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

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432 - 2      RD 442 – 1  
RD 463 – 2

**BEAT 5**

0 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

None  
Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 427 – 1      RD 436 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 424 – 1      RD 437 – 1

**BEAT 6**

7 Residential Burglaries  
16 Vehicle Burglaries  
9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 349 – 3      RD 359 – 2  
RD 451 – 1      RD 462 – 1

Streets 16<sup>th</sup> St., 15<sup>th</sup> St., PCH, 9<sup>th</sup> St., 2nd St., and two on 13<sup>th</sup> St. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** Two entries by force or pry tool, one entry by unknown mean, and one entry by force with house up for sale. There were one garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 326 – 2      RD 327 – 1  
RD 349 – 2      RD 359 – 4  
RD 441 – 2      RD 451 – 4  
RD 461 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 348 - 3      RD 359 – 1  
RD 451 - 4      RD 461 – 1

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**BEAT 7**

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

Residential Burglaries  
None

Streets : None

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 292 – 3      RD 413 – 2  
RD 422 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 293 – 1      RD 319 – 1  
RD 412 – 1      RD 422 – 3

**BEAT 8**

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

Residential Burglaries  
RD 178 – 2      RD 179 – 1

Streets: La Mesa and two entries on Warner. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** There were two attempts without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 176 – 1      RD 178 – 2  
RD 179 – 6      RD 281 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
None

**BEAT 9**

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

Residential Burglaries  
RD 263 – 1      RD 283 – 1

Streets: Newland and Cameron. One entry by a pry tool and one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 264 – 1      RD 272 – 2  
RD 282 – 1      RD 283 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 272 - 3

**BEAT 10**

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

Residential Burglaries  
RD 164 – 1      RD 175 – 2

Streets: Algonquin, Warner and Lynn. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** One entry by unknown means and one entry by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 151 – 1      RD 155 – 2  
RD 165 – 4      RD 173 – 1  
RD 175 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 155 – 1      RD 165 – 1  
RD 174 – 1

**BEAT 11**

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

Residential Burglaries  
RD 166 - 2

Streets: Heil and Moody. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** One entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 157 – 2      RD 159 - 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 157 - 1      RD 166 – 1

**BEAT 12**

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

Residential Burglaries  
RD 148 – 1

Street: Two entries on Plymouth. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 138 – 1      RD 139 – 1  
RD 147 – 1      RD 148 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 128 – 2      RD 149 – 1

**BEAT 13**

**0 Residential Burglaries  
6 Vehicle Burglaries  
12 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries  
RD 241 – 1      RD 242 – 2  
RD 253 – 1      RD 262 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
RD 242 – 4      RD 251 – 2  
RD 252 – 2      RD 253 – 1  
RD 262 – 3

**CITY ENFORCES THE LEASH LAW**

The Huntington Beach Police Department and the Orange County Animal Control want to remind residents that they must keep their dogs on a leash when in public areas.

Recently, the police have received increased complaints about dogs being allowed off-leash in the public parks. The citizens are concerned for the safety of the small children and elderly adults in the area.

The Huntington Beach Police Department and Orange County Animal Control will be increasing enforcement of the ordinances governing these activities. Please be considerate of others and avoid an enforcement contact by keeping your dog on a lease when in public.

The HB Municipal Code is 13.48.025 and the fine is \$250.



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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PRESIDENT  
DAVID R. SHOSTAK**



David has been a resident of Huntington Beach for twenty-five years. He has been married to his wife Barbara for thirty years and has raised two boys, Jared and Ben.

David is an excellent communicator and volunteers his time to speak and answer many questions

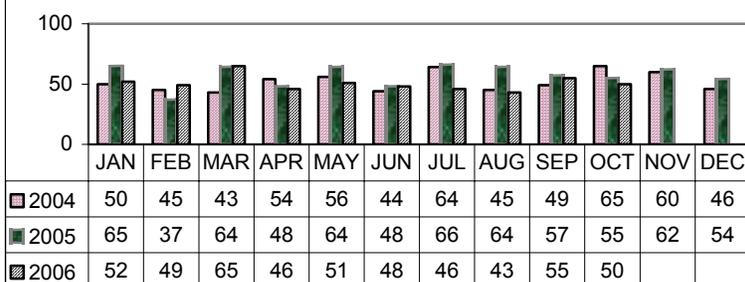
in the community regarding home and vehicle burglary, and identity theft. As an Executive Board Member of Neighborhood Watch, he has become a body of knowledge on these subjects. Dave has been a member of Toastmasters International for over twelve years.

In David's professional career he is an experienced senior program manager in advanced technology. He has given briefings to Senior Executive Managers form Generals in the Army to CEO's of corporations. He is a team organizer, team player, coach and mentor, excels in teaching and guiding human development and interaction.

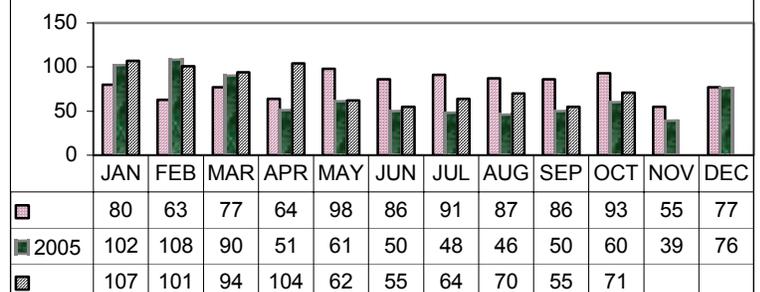
David has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Pratt Institute, New York and a Master's Degree of Business Administration from Pepperdine University. David is also a certified project manager professional (PMP).

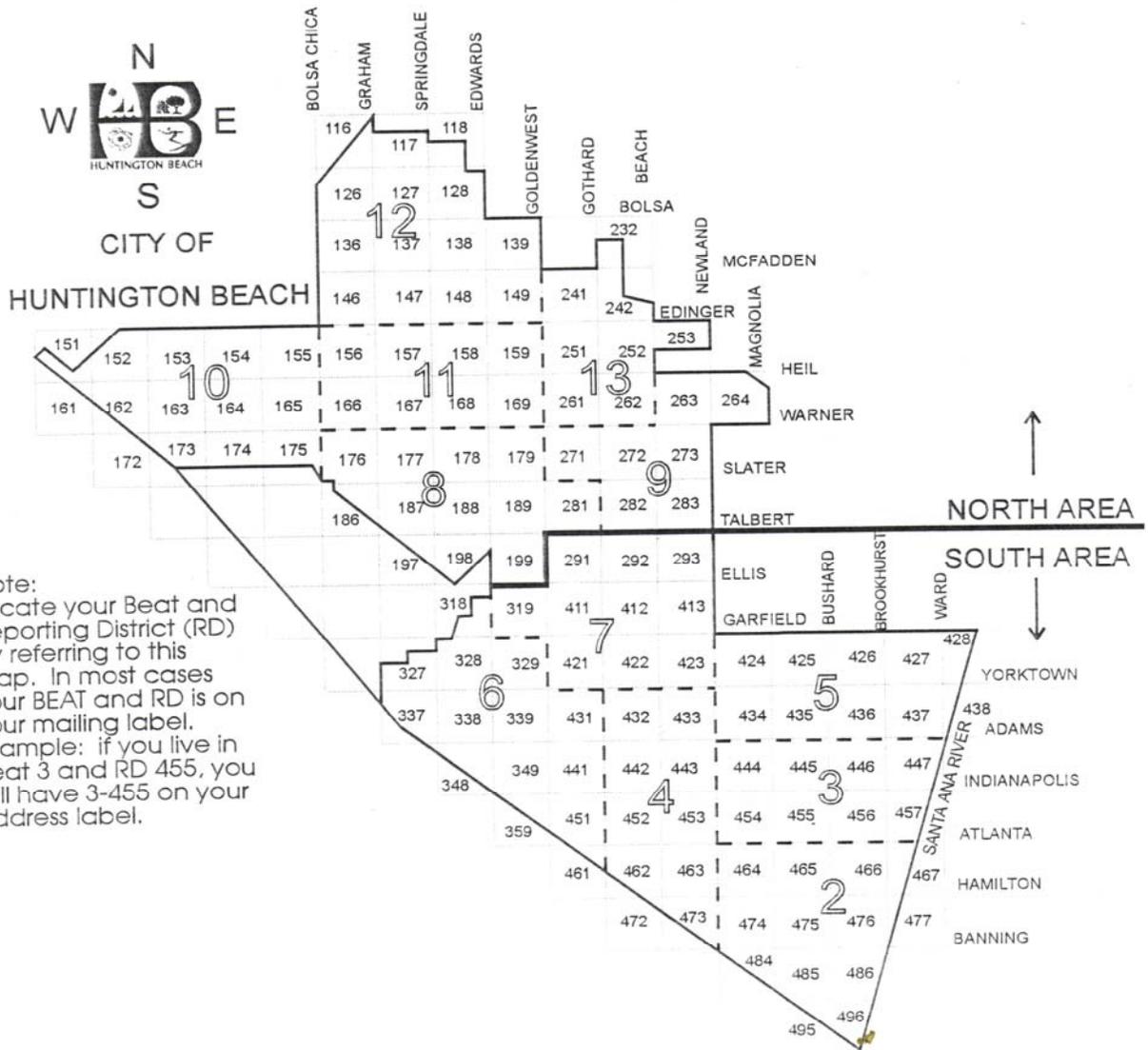
He loves to run in his spare time and is a running coach with the Cal. Coast Track Club. He has run in fourteen marathons and is now training for the Orange County Marathon.

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**



**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**





Note:  
Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD is on your mailing label.  
Example: if you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.