



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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DISTRICT 8: NEWS UPDATE

VEHICLE BURGLARY TASKFORCE

Dear Neighbors,

Vehicle burglaries are a serious concern for the City of San Antonio. Due to the outbreak of vandalism to vehicles in District 8 and throughout the city, I have been working closely with Chief McManus on this issue. This year, over 29,000 vehicles have been broken into around the City. The Prue Rd. substation, which serves District 8, had the highest number of vehicle burglaries in the city, as well as the highest percent increase from 2007 to 2008. In response to this criminal activity, the San Antonio Police Department has created a **Vehicle Burglary Taskforce** in an effort to apprehend the vandals.



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SAPD will have both highly visible uniformed officers patrolling, as well as undercover detectives targeting areas with high burglary rates. District Attorney Susan Reed will also assist by creating more stringent charges for the criminals. In addition, citizen volunteers have been informed of this effort and will be on surveillance. According to SAPD, the most effective method of preventing this crime is to avoid leaving valuables in plain sight. Car burglars typically target shopping centers and malls, theaters, hotels, and restaurants, so I would like to advise all neighbors to be especially cautious this holiday season. I would like to thank District Attorney Reed, Chief McManus, and SAPD for their support.



**Yours in public service,
Diane G. Cibrian**

Upcoming Events:

December 6: Voelcker Park Open House: 3:00 - 5:00 pm- Native American Storytelling

December 9: Convoy for Hope - holiday program to feed seniors

December 29: 2008 Valero Alamo Bowl; 7:00 pm at the Alamodome - for details visit www.alamobowl.com

Convoy for Hope

Project Hope helps feed thousands of senior citizens annually throughout the City of San Antonio. So far, over 7,600 senior citizens have registered this year for assistance. Convoy for Hope marks the beginning of Project Hope and last year, I helped deliver hundreds of boxes filled with food to the Bob Ross Senior Center for this event. Healthy Options Program for the Elderly, or HOPE, is a collaborative effort between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Food Bank. This project was developed in response to evidenced malnutrition among participants in senior nutrition programs. Each resident will receive 25 lbs. of food, distributed through 89 locations. According to the USDA, over one million Texans experience hunger on a regular basis. One quarter of this population consists of senior citizens. This holiday season, join me in spreading joy and helping end hunger by volunteering or through a donation to the San Antonio Food Bank. For details, please visit their website at <http://safoodbank.org/>.

