

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting Oct. 12, 2021

At the recent City Council meeting, Chief LeBaron provided the following updates:

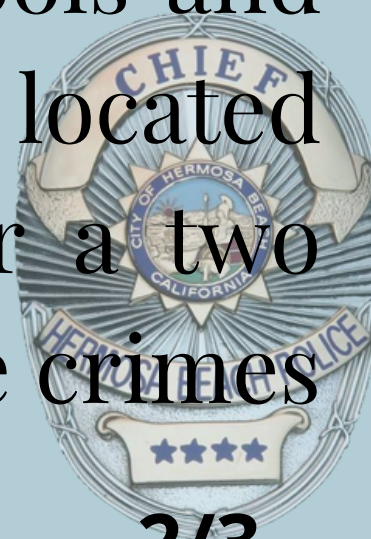
- **Proactive Enforcement.** Officers continue to proactively enforce quality of life crimes that continue in the downtown area, primarily on the weekends and nighttime. In the last two weeks, officers issued a total of 139 citations throughout the City; 78 for non-traffic violations and 61 for traffic violations. The majority of non-traffic citations were for open container of alcohol, primarily in the downtown area. Additionally, this past weekend, officers issued 25 citations for possession of alcohol in public.



- **Traffic Safety.** Since the last council meeting, officers issued a total of 61 citations for traffic violations including, equipment and registration violations, unsafe pedestrian crossing in traffic, unsafe turns, failing to yield to a stop sign, and unlicensed drivers.

Other traffic stops have led to more serious criminal charges such as driving under the influence, and possession of dangerous and concealed weapons.

- **Trends of interest.** Construction sites have been recently targeted for theft of tools and copper pipes. Additionally, a business located on PCH was broken into twice over a two week period. HBPD is looking at these crimes as trends of interest.



- **Property crimes.** Theft of unlocked and unsecured property continues to be a trend throughout the City. HBPD encourages the community to secure their property with high quality locking mechanisms to avoid being victim of a crime.
- **Holiday Safety Tips.** HBPD reminds the community that as the holiday season approaches, theft of packages becomes an increased crime of opportunity. Residents and business owners are encouraged to identify a secure delivery location for packages to eliminate porch pirates.

