

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Long Beach, California. The city is densely packed with buildings and streets, extending to a wide, sandy beach. A long, white pier extends from the beach into the clear blue ocean. The sky is a pale, clear blue.

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting Sept. 14, 2021

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

- **Recruitment.** Five new recruits recently graduated from the police academy and are currently working with field training officers.
- **Crime trends.** Officers have been proactive in addressing crime and community concerns in the City. Since the last meeting, officers made 108 arrests and issued 171 citations. The most common crime leading to an arrest was drunk driving and the most common crime leading to a citation was open container of alcohol. The majority of the involved suspects were coming from or in downtown Hermosa Beach.



- **Downtown Hermosa.** Officers express that Downtown Hermosa is very busy with large, but well behaved crowds during dinner hours. Officers maintain a high visibility after 10 pm, to maintain order among different crowds, and are proactively enforcing quality-of-life crimes.
- **Thefts.** Officers continue to see a trend in bicycle thefts and thefts of personal property related to unlocked garages and open vehicles. HBPD continues to encourage all residents and local businesses to register their security cameras with the police department and bicycles through Project 529. These two simple tools can be used to help identify suspects and stolen bicycles if a crime occurs.



- **Fraud/Identity Theft.** There is a rise in fraud and identify theft scams via email, internet and through other applications. HBPD advises community members to be aware of the increasingly popular "rental scam", where a suspect may advertise a property for rent and convinces the potential renter to pay upfront through a mobile application and then cuts communication once the money has been transferred.

