

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

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting May 24, 2022

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

- **Fiesta Hermosa.** We will be working and visible during the day and evening, including our Public Safety booth on Pier Avenue. Please stop by for custom fortune cookies, dog treats and Pink Patch products to help support breast cancer research. Officers will be focusing on enforcement of traffic and bicycle violations as well as alcohol related offenses.
- **Crime.** We experienced numerous alcohol related crimes this past weekend in the downtown area. Officers issued 9 citations for open containers, 5 arrests for public intoxication, 4 citations for urinating in public and we arrested two people for DUI, one of which nearly crashed into a police car after ignoring a stop sign.



Daily Traffic Enforcement. It is not possible for us to be on every corner and every intersection of the city at the same time. Our enforcement strategy includes high visibility in key areas, messaging through social media, and working with the school district. Between January 1st and May 23rd our officers made over 1500 traffic stops. They issued 565 citations, made 158 arrests based on traffic stops, and responded to 168 calls for collisions. Included in those statistics are 34 arrests for DUI and 122 arrests for driving unlicensed. We also issued 149 citations for possession of alcohol in public and 47 citations for animals off leash or on the beach. I ask that all community members be responsible for their driving, alcohol consumption and pet management. The police are working hard but we ask for community cooperation in complying with the law whether we are present at an intersection or not.



- **Investigation.** We have an investigation currently in the preliminary phases but we want our community to know about it. Last week officers were notified of an indecent exposure where a suspect targeted a juvenile. Our investigation is continuing, but we want to remind our community to be vigilant when walking, and to talk to your kids about the dangers associated with talking to strangers. I also want to ask that anyone who has experienced a similar event and has not reported it, to please call the police department and report what happened. Many times people are embarrassed or don't want to call the police, but any information will help us with our current investigation.

