

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 blue ocean. The sky is clear and light blue.

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

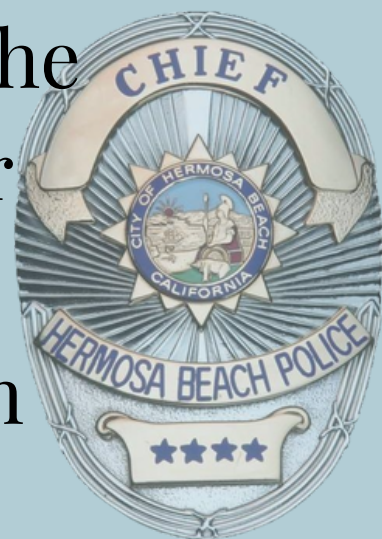
City Council Meeting July 12, 2022

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

- **4th of July.** Our approach included high visibility as well as focusing enforcement efforts on alcohol related crimes and crimes that would impact the safety of our residents and visitors. Some statistics from the weekend (Fri-Mon): 397 calls from the public, 35 crime reports, 19 arrests for criminal activity including 2 for gun possession and a stolen car, 32 citations that included fireworks and unsafe operations of a bicycle on the Strand.
- **Crime Trends.** We are seeing an uptick in thefts of catalytic converters where 'Toyota Prius' are being targeted. Electric bicycles continue to be a favorite item for thieves as well as theft of personal property from vehicles.



Investigations. Recently officers arrested a suspect who had stolen an electric bicycle while he was loading it into a car that had another bike in it. The suspect was on parole for violent crimes and after a thorough investigation officers located video of the suspect stealing another bike and he was taken to our jail and held as a result of these crimes and the case will be presented to the D.A.'s Office. Over the 4th of July Officers were called to a residence by concerned family members for a relative suffering from psychological issues who had made threats of significant violence towards a romantic partner. Officers located the described family member outside of the house and conducted a search locating a handgun in that person's possession along with two high capacity magazines. We are working with the Prosecutor's office to ensure the proper charges are filed. Although we will never know what might have happened if the family member hadn't called, we do know that no harm came to anyone involved because of that call.



- **Investigations (cont'd)** In another case officers responded to a suspect threatening people with a knife on PCH. Once detained, the suspect spit upon and tried to strike our officers with his head while fighting to avoid arrest. He was ultimately taken to a facility on a 5150 WIC hold and detectives worked with the facility to ensure we were notified when he was released. Officers were waiting for him and he was arrested and felony charges were filed.
- **National Night Out.** NNO is a national event that takes place the first Tuesday in August and allows the community to have a fun and safe evening becoming better acquainted with their neighbors and community. August 2nd is fast approaching. Please contact the Police Department if you are planning to host an event or would like to know who your block captain is so you can find out what is planned in your neighborhood.

