

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.

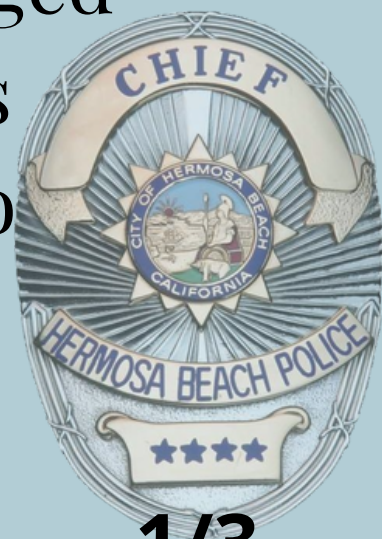
In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting July 26, 2022

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

- **Partnerships.** Thanks to our business community being responsive to our recommendations to prevent crime, we are seeing more businesses using video surveillance technology, more businesses reporting crimes to us, and most importantly more willing to prosecute the suspects who victimize them. In a recent property crime, the business provided good suspect info and were willing to prosecute. Detectives made contact with the suspects and directed them to a specific location to further the crime they had already committed. They were arrested, charged with possession of a loaded firearm, narcotics fraudulent ID and credit cards; as well as auto theft and identity theft. Felony charges have been filed by the DA's office.



Recruitment. As mentioned in previous Council Comments, we are working hard to hire new police officers, CSO's, PSO's and support staff. We have implemented our Department's mission, vision and core values into the recruitment process. Candidates are provided with a reading list that includes those items as well as Sir Robert Peel's Principles of Policing and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

Crime. Proactive efforts by our officers during the month of July have resulted in 5 people arrested for possession of firearms, 4 arrested for possession of dangerous weapons such as knives and machetes. Additional charges on stops include felon in possession of a firearm, possession of narcotics for sale, possession of high-capacity magazines, possession of a non-serialized firearm, identity theft and auto theft. Two of the guns were ghost guns and another gun had the serial number etched out.



- Excellence in Service. Recognition of our officers by community members continues as our officers respond to community concerns. Residents have asked for more presence in their neighborhoods, so we have moved our focus from the area of Pier Plaza on weekend nights to being present in the streets and neighborhoods of the community, while still maintaining a presence in the Pier Plaza area.
- **National Night Out.** A reminder that 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.

