

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 August 9, 2022

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

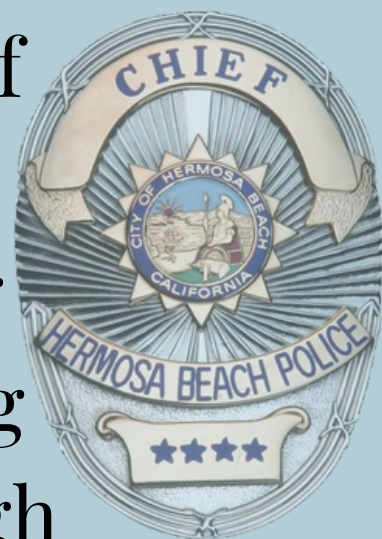
National Night Out. There were numerous events throughout the City and the spirit of NNO was felt. We look forward to being a part of future events as our community bands together to make Hermosa Beach safer.

Arrests. Over the past few months a man who has shown a propensity for stealing from homes and businesses in Hermosa finally committed a crime that rose to the level of a strong arm robbery. Thanks to the willingness of the business and many others to file private person arrest paperwork, and to have high quality surveillance equipment in place, the crime was captured on video and he is currently being held in the County Jail awaiting a court date. Another noteworthy arrest began with a suspicious fire behind a business on PCH. Because the business had



Arrests (cont'd). excellent video surveillance detectives were able to identify a suspect. Additional technology was used to locate the suspect in the City of Carlsbad and with the help of Carlsbad PD he was taken into custody. The DA's Office has since filed felony charges on the suspect who is a registered arsonist.

E-Bikes & Loud Exhaust. We are dedicating many hours to curb the unsafe operation of e-bikes as well as loud exhaust from vehicles and motorcycles. We have created strategies to help change people's behaviors on e-bikes, however what we see is that people obey bicycle laws when they see a police officer and often times they don't when we are not there. Some strategies we are implementing include general education during community meetings, my public comments to City Council, deployment of private security to warn violators, placing of barriers and signage on the Strand and working with the Hermosa Beach School District, posting our efforts on social media, enforcement through



E-Bikes & Loud Exhaust (cont'd). issuing of citations, calling parents of juveniles, impounding vehicles when legally feasible and constant communication with our community and Chamber of Commerce. We have notice boards on PCH and Aviation that loud exhaust is illegal and will be enforced. Our patrol officers are quick to enforce violations. Over the past 2 months we have issued 7 citations for loud exhaust, 1 citation for modified exhaust and 2 for modified emissions. This last category is unique and officers are able to issue a citation that orders the car owner to take the car to the State EPA and prove that a stock emission system has been installed. We have incorporated traffic enforcement of laws such as DUI, loud exhaust and bicycle safety into our new officer training program. We have hired many new officers over the past two years and we want to be sure they are all trained by our experts on these unique laws.

