

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 September 13, 2022

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

Crime Trends. During the month of August we saw a slight decrease in crimes against property city-wide. There was a slight increase in crimes against persons, with the category of aggravated assault increasing by one incident.

Crime Awareness. We had two separate reports of men masturbating in public. Both were arrested and charged with lewd conduct because an observant community member called 911, stayed on the line to direct officers and ultimately provided a witness statement that was critical in establishing probable cause for the arrest.

This is an unacceptable crime, but without the public's help, officers would not have been able to quickly respond and apprehend the suspect.



Property Crimes. In the past, open garages and unlocked cars were driving our crime stats. We have seen a shift in these crimes as the community has been making it harder for criminals by locking their doors and windows. We have seen a new trend of forcing entry into cars to steal items of value left inside the vehicle which are visible from the outside. We received numerous reports related to car break-ins which our detectives investigated and identified three separate suspects responsible for numerous vehicle break-ins. They were able to identify one suspect vehicle and partnered with LAPD, Las Vegas PD and Sacramento PD to locate the suspect who will be held to answer for their crimes. The fact that some suspects we investigate move from one city to another is strong evidence that Hermosa Beach is what we consider a "target community," meaning that criminals will come into our city with the sole intent of committing crimes and leaving before the crime is discovered.



E-Bike Thefts. Over the past two years our covert bike theft operation has resulted in more than 50 arrests for bike theft. Just last week, as part of this operation, we arrested the first person for bike theft who is a Hermosa Beach resident. Once again, we remind the community to remain vigilant and look for suspicious activity at all times. We count on your calls to help us locate the people who come into this city to commit crime.

