

*In case you missed it*

# CHIEF'S UPDATE

**City Council Meeting October 25, 2022**

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

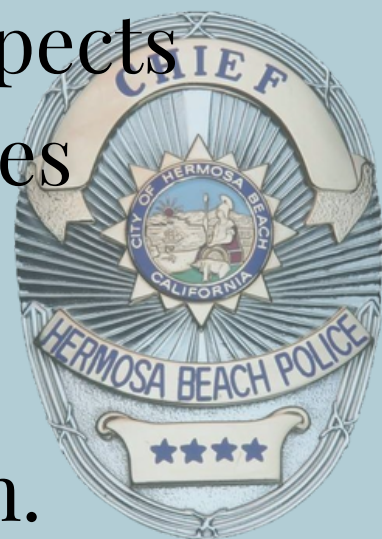
**Investigation.** We can confirm we had a significant crime in our city, however this is a sensitive investigation and we do not plan to release any detailed information on this crime. There is no threat to the community at this time.

**Crime Trends.** Same as our last report—crime of theft from a vehicle is on the rise. In these cases the cars are unlocked. We are seeing organized theft crews coming into our city, working together to steal items, checking car door handles as they walk down the street. This week our officers were patrolling an area identified by our crime analyst as a hot spot for thefts and conducted a traffic stop which resulted in them locating numerous stolen packages from a nearby apartment building. They arrested the suspect and were able to contact the victims, who didn't yet know they had been victimized.



**Crime Trends (cont'd).** The message from our investigators is **secure your doors, remove your belongings, and shut your garages.** Please, while we are being proactive, we ask the public's help to prevent crime from happening in the first place.

**Violent Crime.** Our city is safe and violent crime is not a common occurrence. However, there is a different culture we see after midnight and when the late night businesses close. The significant events are happening after 2am, when alcohol consumption is at its peak, and the people involved show little regard for law and order. In September an intoxicated victim was violently assaulted by numerous suspects in an attack caught on video. The victim was struck in the head and knocked unconscious. While he was on the ground convulsing, the suspects kicked him in the head and torso numerous times and proceeded to punch additional victims who were nearby, leaving the initial victim to twitch on the ground with no offer of medical attention.



**Violent Crime (cont'd).** 2 suspects have been identified and are facing assault charges. One suspect has not been identified and is wanted on felony assault charges. On October 7th at 2:49am numerous patrons were involved in an altercation in the parking structure. One person attempted to break up the fight and was then assaulted. The assault was so violent that the victim has facial injuries and broken teeth. The case is still under investigation. On October 14th at 1:56am, another fight broke out involving multiple subjects in the parking structure. The victim was punched and knocked to the ground and kicked in the head by the suspects. The victim was rendered unconscious as a result of the attack. A suspect has been identified and the case is under investigation. City-wide DUI arrests for 2022 are currently at 91, more significant is that 66, or 72%, were made between midnight and 6am. The majority of suspects arrested live in other cities,



**Violent Crime (cont'd).** and the most common blood alcohol level is .15 and higher, which is more than twice the legal limit. We will continue to work with our community to create less opportunities for alcohol related crimes and eliminate any more violent assaults that take place in the 2am hour.

**Folds of Honor Charity.** We are working with this charity which is dedicated to providing support to wounded service members and their families, as well as police officers and firefighters. Thanks to HB resident, Retired Air Force Colonel Rick Poplin, the HBPD was able to host the Folds of Honor film crew for their new video which is being released world-wide to promote their efforts. The link for the video is below, and at the 2:33 mark HBPD Officers Rushton, Pineda, DeAndrade and Dadigan are featured. (Copy and paste to your browser.)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3O\\_Syn9pN8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3O_Syn9pN8)

