

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 November 3, 2022

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

Training/Preparation: Last week, our Detective Bureau participated in a National Election Threat briefing from the FBI to prepare for Election Day. It will help us better understand election related violence and threats to pollsters and voters. In addition, the leadership team from the City of Hermosa Beach, HBPD Command Staff, LA County Fire Department Management, the Executive Team from the HB School District, the HB School District Board President, and Emergency Managers from the City of Hermosa Beach and LA County all participated in a day long tabletop exercise that consisted of a simulated active shooter scenario at a local school. This exercise was a critical step in being prepared to respond and protect our students and school staff.



Bicycle Safety and Enforcement: An area that remains a top priority is bicycle safety. This past weekend, four officers dedicated themselves to the Strand, focusing on speed limit violations, and unsafe operations of bicycles. Over the course of a four-hour period, 30 citations were issued for various infractions related to speed and unsafe operation of an e-bike.

Crimes: So far this year, our detectives have brought 148 cases to the District Attorney (DA) for felony filings, where 71 one of those were held in our custody. This means that people being arrested by HBPD were not cited out or released with charges dropped. The DA has filed felony cases on 167 people based on those 148 cases - a 169% increase in felony filings from this same time last year!

This past week, there have been some great examples of how officers are proactively responding to crimes and showing criminals that Hermosa Beach is not a place where crime is tolerated.



Crimes (cont'd): One recent example is when our officers were investigating a crime where an unknown suspect entered a local hotel's front office around 2AM and had taken computer equipment along with business documents, possibly for identity theft crimes. Detectives were able to identify and track the suspect in another motel room in the City of Anaheim, and by lunch time, the suspect was in custody and all items were recovered.

In another case, back in 2021, our detectives were investigating a domestic violence case. The suspect failed to comply with court's orders and was then issued a warrant for his arrest. The suspect had fled the area and was recently located in another state. The suspect was arrested by the local state's law enforcement, where our detectives flew to and brought back to answer to the court for failing to comply with their orders.

