

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting May 23, 2023

At the recent City Council meeting,

Chief LeBaron provided the following updates:

Safety: As summer approaches, Hermosa Beach will be a main destination for fun events and activities. Fiesta Hermosa is approaching and Hermosa Beach PD has implemented security measures to enhance security for everyone attending. There has been communication with local, state, and federal partners to ensure no known threats have been connected to Memorial Day weekend. At this time, there is no known intelligence that impacts the South Bay or Hermosa Beach. As always, the community should remain diligent and if you **See Something, Say Something.**

Officers will be out all weekend, where there will be a strong emphasis on enforcement of laws that include DUIs, violent crime, and quality of life issues like open containers of alcohol and urinating in public.



Crime: Officers continue to see an increase in arrests of suspects where a firearm or weapon was involved. A recent trend shows that people are coming to Hermosa Beach with guns and weapons, where most are consuming alcohol, and causing disturbances that lead to fights. Since the last Council meeting, three suspects have been arrested with guns: two on Mother's Day weekend and one this past weekend.

This past weekend, a detective was patrolling in an unmarked police car when he saw a group of people smoking and drinking around Hermosa Avenue and 2nd St. He called for backup and as officers arrived, a suspect threw a gun under the car and ran. The detective saw him and gave chase; the suspect was caught a couple blocks away. It was revealed that the suspect was a convicted felon who had previously shot someone.



Crime: A few weeks back, officers investigated a fight in the Downtown area during the late night hours. Video of the fight was obtained that showed a suspect go to his car, retrieve a gun, and go back to the group. He pointed the gun at several people and pistol whipped the victim. Through the use of technology, detectives located the suspect in South Gate. The suspect was arrested and the DA has filed three counts of felony assault with a deadly weapon. While arresting the suspect, another LA County agency confirmed that this same suspect was wanted by them for an armed robbery.

Special Events: Hermosa Beach PD will be supporting the Special Olympics by participating in their torch run as it is carried throughout the South Bay. This year, it will be handed to Hermosa Beach PD on Monday, June 5th, at approximately 1:00PM. The torch will be carried throughout the City and handed off to Manhattan Beach PD. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support all the participants!

