

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting September 12, 2023

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

Bail Schedule: Detective Sergeant Cahalan provided the City Council a brief presentation on the new bail schedule. The new schedule will be effective October 1, 2023.

[Please see Official Press Release](#)

Technology: With the recent purchase of additional automated license plate readers, Hermosa Beach Police Department would like to remind everyone that the Department is very careful to use this information appropriately and keep inline with current laws and policies.



Technology continued: This new technology helps the Department continue to meet the City's goal of making Hermosa Beach "the safest little beach city." It helps in investigations and maintaining better awareness of what is happening throughout the City at all times of day and night.

ALPR cameras have already proven to be helpful to our officers. On August 30th, they were notified about a kidnapping that occurred in a nearby South Bay city, where a 4-year-old was taken from her mother. It resulted in a major kidnapping investigation and information was shared with neighboring agencies. Early that morning, officers received a notification that the suspect's license plate was captured by one of the ALPR cameras. Patrol officers worked with LA County lifeguards since it was believed the suspect may be near a beach.



Technology continued: At approximately 7:00 am, officers located the car and an undercover surveillance was initiated along with the drone team for additional coverage. The suspect and the 4-year-old girl were located at the restrooms near the beach an hour later.

A second example happened this past Monday morning around 2:15 am, when patrol officers were working hard looking for late-night criminal activity. While on a traffic stop, an officer was notified by an ALPR camera that a stolen car had passed through the intersection of 9th and Hermosa Avenue. Once the traffic stop was completed, the officer headed towards the intersection where it was alerted to and the vehicle was located. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver of the vehicle was eventually arrested and booked for being in possession of a stolen vehicle. Without the information provided by the ALPRs, crimes like this would go unnoticed.



Quality of Life: Hermosa Beach PD continues to enforce all bicycle and pedestrian related violations when officers are not working on other priority calls. There have been many complaints being received by the Department about dogs on the beach and dogs being off leash in the parks. This is a public safety and public health issue that continues to be enforced on a daily basis. Attention to specific location and times has been dedicated based on the complaints being received. Over the past month, Community Service Officers (CSO), who oversee animal control violations, conducted several directed enforcement operations focused on beaches in the early morning hours, and parks at peak times. These efforts included partnering with the Redondo Beach Police Department. A total of 11 citations and 3 warnings were issued for various animal-related offenses. More directed operations are being planned and daily patrols continue to include the presence of our CSOs in the area where they are most effective.

