

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting November 14, 2023

At the recent City Council meeting,

Chief LeBaron provided the following updates:

Crime Prevention: The holidays are quickly approaching and the Hermosa Beach Police Department wants to remind everyone that it is a prime opportunity for criminals to find unsuspecting victims.

There have already been several incidents of retail theft from local businesses. Hermosa Beach PD appreciates the assistance of many businesses that have installed video surveillance systems, hired private security, and are willing to press charges when a crime does happen.

On November 6th, a local retail store experienced a shoplifting incident when a suspect walked out with numerous items. A security guard attempted to intervene, but unfortunately was knocked down by the suspect.



Crime Prevention cont'd: The force used by the suspect turned this crime into a robbery, and officers responded to assist. The suspect was able to escape on foot, but thanks to a good description by witnesses, officers scoured the area immediately. A citizen alerted officers about a man matching the description nearby and the suspect was quickly located and arrested. He was booked into the Hermosa Beach jail and held on robbery charges.

As people begin their holiday shopping, Hermosa Beach PD urges everyone to keep all valuables secured in your vehicle. It is easy to break a window or open an unlocked car door without anyone noticing. In addition, everyone should make sure their incoming package deliveries are not left on porches or open areas. There is an increase of porch pirates during the holiday season, where they drive around looking for opportunities to steal packages.



Crime Prevention cont'd: Please coordinate package delivery with family or neighbors to avoid any issues.

Financial Fraud Presentation: Financial fraud is on the rise with the holidays, with growing concern around the older population. The Detective Bureau from the Hermosa Beach Police Department is hosting a community forum on Wednesday, December 13th at the Community Center. They will be discussing fraud and how to avoid being a victim. Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn more about current trends criminals are using to take advantage of unsuspecting victims.



New Team Members: Hermosa Beach PD wants to congratulate Police Service Officers J. Rodriguez and N. Perez. Both have graduated from the LASD Adult Correctional Academy. The Cities of Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach hosted the academy class for their class run on the Strand earlier this month.

Hermosa Beach PD would also like to welcome a new police officer who started with the department this week. He served with the Redondo Beach Police Department for over seven years.

On November 27th, the Rio Hondo Police Academy Recruit Class #215 will have their class run on the Strand. Hermosa Beach PD currently has five recruits from this class, where they will join the Field Training Program upon graduation. The department is now fully staffed in all positions. Hermosa Beach PD is very fortunate to work in a city where there is support from the community, city manager, and city council every day.

