

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting December 12, 2023

At the recent City Council meeting,

Chief LeBaron provided the following updates:

Community Advisory: Deployment strategies and operations of Police Officers and Community Service Officers are based on complaints from the community, crime related data, calls for service when/where crimes happen, and an overall emphasis on public safety based on actions by others.

Crime: On December 2nd, officers were called to a local business on the north end of the City regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred. After a thorough investigation, the suspect's vehicle was identified. On December 8th, a patrol officer observed a car matching the vehicle's description and conducted a traffic stop. Two individuals were detained and identified as the suspects in the robbery. These suspects had also committed similar robberies in 4 cities in the South Bay.



Crime cont'd: On December 9th, there were several complex calls officers attended to. Each call required multiple officers to respond and conduct thorough investigations to ensure the guilty are prosecuted.

At 9:10pm, officers responded to Pier Plaza regarding a fight in progress. Within 35 seconds, officers were at the scene and located and arrested the suspect. Video was obtained from bystanders. The District Attorney's Office filed felony counts of aggravated assault and mayhem against the suspect. The Hermosa Beach Police Department has had 13 contacts with this suspect: 2 arrests, 2 citations, 2 mental health holds, and several calls where victims refused to press charges. Officers have been enforcing all violations against him when responding to calls for service where he is suspected of committing a crime.



Crime cont'd: At 10:30pm, officers were dispatched to a domestic dispute that had occurred inside a vehicle. The female half gave a description of the involved vehicle, prior to running away. When the vehicle was located, officers detained the male and found he was in possession of a loaded handgun. He was arrested for the weapon and domestic battery. After further investigation, it was shown that the female had also committed domestic battery and was arrested as well.

At 1:15am, officers were at Pier Plaza when a fight broke out near a bank. The victim was assaulted by two suspects who later were arrested for battery and assault charges. Video evidence was provided to officers by multiple witnesses.



Officers, administrative staff, Community Service Officers, and Police Service Officers continue to serve the community selflessly and remain dedicated to keeping Hermosa Beach safe through partnerships, integrity, and excellent service.

Events: This Friday, December 15th, Hermosa Beach PD will be escorting Santa through the City and ending at the Community Center. There will be an opportunity to take pictures at the Community Center with Santa, along with other holiday games, crafts, and concession stands to enjoy.

