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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During January 2026, the Cooper City District experienced an 8% decrease in total calls for service from both the prior month (December 2025) and the same period last year (January 2025), likely influenced by the post-holiday return to normal. Calls for service were most frequent during the late afternoon and early evening hours, with the highest concentration occurring in Zone 1604, largely within the Walmart and surrounding commercial corridors.

Notable increases during the reporting period included hit and run accidents, civil matters/custody-related calls, and traffic and parking complaints. These increases are consistent with post-holiday family transitions, seasonal population fluctuations, and increased vehicle density commonly observed during the month of January. Despite the increase in hit and run incidents, overall traffic accidents declined, including decreases in minor accidents, accidents with injuries, and severe crashes, indicating the increase was isolated and not reflective of a broader traffic safety trend. Notable decreases were observed in police service calls and disturbance complaints, consistent with reduced holiday-related activity and normalization of residential behavior.

The Cooper City District generated 131 total incident reports in January 2026, representing a 5% increase compared to January 2025. Of these reports, 33% were criminal in nature, while 67% were classified as non-criminal. Property crimes accounted for the majority of reported offenses, with fraud and theft remaining the most common crime categories. The district continued to experience low levels of auto thefts and burglaries, underscoring the effectiveness of ongoing crime prevention messaging, community awareness, and proactive enforcement efforts.

Traffic safety remained a priority throughout the month. Deputies investigated 51 traffic crashes, issued 604 traffic citations and warnings, and made one DUI arrest. Traffic crashes decreased when compared to both December 2025 and January 2025, supported by a combination of targeted enforcement, education, and community outreach. Additional emphasis was placed on school zone enforcement following the winter break to ensure student and pedestrian safety.

Community engagement and crime prevention efforts remained robust. Deputies participated in multiple outreach and educational events, including Crafting with Cops, school-based engagements, a Low-Speed Vehicle education and registration event, and traffic safety presentations. Social media initiatives addressed traffic safety, distracted driving, fraud prevention, and community wellness, reinforcing public safety messaging and prevention strategies.

The Code Enforcement Unit continued proactive operations throughout January, addressing common violations related to parking, bulk trash, and commercial vehicles, while advancing system enhancements and operational improvements.

Overall, the Cooper City District maintained effective operational performance during January 2026 through proactive enforcement, education, and strong community partnerships. Continued collaboration between the Broward Sheriff's Office, City leadership, and residents remains essential to maintaining Cooper City as a safe and desirable community.



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CALLS FOR SERVICE

In January 2026, Cooper City experienced a decrease in total calls for service compared to December 2025, with calls declining by eight percent (-8%), from 2,061 to 1,892. Additionally, when compared year over year (YoY), calls for service also declined by eight percent (-8%), from 2,066 in January 2025 to 1,892 in January 2026.

This decrease is primarily attributable to a reduction in self-initiated police activity, likely influenced by seasonal patterns, post-holiday normalization, and the absence of major incidents or special events that typically generate increased officer-initiated responses. Overall, the decline reflects routine operational and seasonal trends rather than a significant change in underlying community crime conditions.

Time of Day

Calls for service peaked between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm, consistent with after-school traffic and residential activity.

Geographic Location

The highest concentration of calls for service occurred in the 1604 Zone, primarily centered around the Walmart and adjacent commercial corridors. Activity in this area included a higher frequency of traffic crashes, retail thefts, and deputies conducting proactive patrols and area checks to deter criminal activity and enhance visibility.

Day of Week

In January 2026, overall activity was highest on Sundays, with Tuesdays and Fridays also showing elevated demand. Increased Sunday activity is consistent with weekend travel and seasonal population movement common during the winter months. Tuesdays maintained steady service demand associated with normal weekday traffic and routine calls for service, while higher activity on Fridays corresponded with increased end-of-week travel and enforcement activity ahead of the weekend.

Type of Call

Police service calls continued to represent the highest call volume in January 2026, totaling 775 incidents and accounting for 41% of all calls for service. This was followed by traffic and parking complaints, which totaled 203 calls and comprised approximately 11% of overall call volume; a significant portion of these incidents resulted from self-initiated enforcement activity rather than citizen-generated calls.



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CALLS FOR SERVICE CONTINUED

Notable Increases

Hit and Run incidents	
<p>Hit and run incidents increased from 6 in December 2025 to 11 in January 2026, an increase of 5 incidents (+80%).</p> <p>Despite this increase, overall traffic accidents declined during the same period, indicating that the rise in hit-and-run incidents appears to be isolated rather than indicative of a broader increase in traffic collisions.</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasonal traffic patterns, including increased winter population and post-holiday travel typical for January, resulting in higher roadway volume.• Reduced daylight hours, which may contribute to visibility-related collisions and an increased likelihood of drivers leaving the scene following minor crashes.• Increased weekday commuter activity, particularly during peak morning and evening hours, elevating the potential for low-speed collisions in residential and arterial areas.• Driver behavior factors, including inattentive driving and attempts to avoid enforcement or insurance consequences.
Civil Matter/Custody Issue	
<p>Civil matter and custody-related incidents increased from 10 in December 2025 to 22 in January 2026 an increase of 12 incidents (+120%).</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-holiday family transitions, including custody exchanges and changes in household arrangements that commonly occur at the start of the calendar year.• Resumption of school and work schedules, which can heighten disputes related to custody, visitation, and parental responsibilities.• Increased use of law enforcement for documentation and mediation, particularly in civil disputes where parties seek official involvement despite the absence of criminal activity• Seasonal stressors, including financial and domestic pressures following the holiday period.



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Notable Increases Continued

Traffic/Parking Complaints	
<p>Traffic and parking complaints increased from 181 in December 2025 to 203 in January 2026, an increase of 22 incidents (+12%).</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasonal population increases, including winter residents and visitors, resulting in higher vehicle density in residential areas.• Post-holiday normalization of enforcement activity, with increased attention to parking compliance and traffic-related violations in January.• Neighborhood-specific parking concerns, particularly in residential communities impacted by overflow parking and repeat violations.• Self-initiated enforcement activity, accounting for a significant portion of parking-related incidents rather than citizen-generated complaints.



CALLS FOR SERVICE CONTINUED

Notable Decreases

Accidents	
<p>Minor accidents decreased from 67 in December 2025 to 39 in January 2026, a decrease of 28 incidents (-42%).</p> <p>Accidents involving rollovers or extrications declined from 3 to 1, a decrease of 2 incidents (-67%), indicating fewer severe collision events.</p> <p>Accidents with injuries decreased from 16 in December to 10 in January, a reduction of 6 incidents (-38%), suggesting fewer injury-related crashes during the reporting period.</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased traffic safety education through social media platforms, reinforcing safe driving practices and awareness of common violations. • Community outreach and engagement events, where deputies provided education on traffic safety, parking compliance, and accident prevention. • Proactive traffic enforcement combined with education, including warnings and on-scene guidance provided by deputies during traffic contacts. • Reduced post-holiday traffic volume, resulting in fewer high-congestion periods associated with increased crash risk.

Disturbance/Nuisance	
<p>Disturbance and nuisance-related calls decreased from 21 in December 2025 to 12 in January 2026, a decrease of 9 incidents (-43%)</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced holiday-related social gatherings and events, resulting in fewer noise and disturbance complaints compared to December. • Seasonal normalization of residential activity, with fewer late-night or large-group gatherings following the holiday period. • Proactive deputy presence and early intervention, helping to resolve minor disturbances before escalation or repeat calls for service.

Police Service Calls	
<p>Police service calls decreased from 890 in December 2025 to 775 in January 2026, a decrease of 115 incidents (-13%).</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-holiday normalization of activity, with fewer calls related to seasonal events and year-end activity. • Reduced self-initiated enforcement activity compared to December, contributing to lower overall call volume. • Absence of major incidents or special events that typically generate elevated police service calls.



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REPORTED INCIDENTS

During January 2026, the Cooper City District generated 131 total incident reports, representing a 5% increase from January 2025.

Criminal

Of these 131 written incidents in January 2026, 44 (33%) were criminal in nature, compared to 43 total crime reports in January 2025.

Property Crimes	Persons Crimes
<p>Property crimes accounted for 80% (35) of crimes reported. The majority of crimes reported were frauds (13), thefts (5), residential burglaries (4), criminal mischief (3), vehicle burglaries (3), structure burglaries (2), and an auto theft (1).</p>	<p>Persons Crimes accounted for 20% (9) of the crimes reported: battery (6), aggravated battery (1), robbery by sudden snatching (1), and lewd/lascivious molestation (1). Most persons crimes reported were domestic in nature.</p>

Non-Criminal

Of these 131 written incidents in January 2026, 87 (67%) were non-criminal, primarily consisting of a mix of information reports, property damage, suspicious incidents, verbal domestic disturbances, and non-criminal police service calls. In January 2025, a total of 81 (65%) written reports were non-criminal in nature.

Analysis:

January 2026 showed a slight increase over January 2025 in regard to total amount of incident reports generated, but only by 5%. This month, Cooper City experienced an increase in residential burglaries with four total cases, three of which involved arrests of perpetrators. The highest three crime categories in Cooper City were thefts, frauds, and battery, keeping with what is typically observed.

Notable Trend – Vehicle Crimes

This month, Cooper City continued the trend of lower-than-normal amount of auto thefts (1) and vehicle burglaries (3). This statistic highlights successes of recent public safety messaging and the efforts of community members to practice vigilance and prevention efforts.



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ARRESTS

January 2026, Cooper City had a total of 34 arrests, of which 12 were misdemeanors and 22 were felonies. Thirty arrests involved adult offenders, and four arrests involved juvenile offenders. The top offense categories this month were domestic battery, burglary, and street racing offenses.

Total Arrests	Types of Arrests January 2026	Top Arrest Categories January 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2026: 34 2026 Year-to-Date: 34 January 2025: 23 2025 Year-to-Date: 23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Felony: 22 Misdemeanor: 12 Adult: 30 Juvenile: 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery/Domestic: 7 Burglary: 7 Street Racing: 4

Noteworthy Arrests

School Burglary: On January 19th, deputies responded to an in-progress burglary at Pioneer Middle School. Deputies immediately established a perimeter and apprehended two juvenile suspects. RTCC camera footage confirmed the suspects were attempting to access the school by pulling on door handles with intent to commit burglary.

Baffly Woods Burglary: On January 20th, deputies responded to a report of individuals unlawfully entering the Baffly Woods Community Room after hours. When confronted by the reporting party, one suspect pushed him, and both offenders fled in a vehicle. Damage to the community room was later discovered. Deputies located the suspect vehicle and took both juvenile offenders into custody. One offender was implicated in a separate vandalism case involving damage to a gas pump LED screen at the Orion gas station.

Residential Burglary: On January 26th, deputies responded to a report of a suspicious person and attempted residential burglary after the victim observed an unknown male unlawfully entering her side and rear yard. A perimeter was established, and information from a nearby resident led deputies to identify and detain the suspect. A second related victim across the street reported the same suspect entering his open carport and laundry room, which was captured on surveillance video.

Street Take-Over Arrest: In November 2025, deputies responded to a large-scale street takeover involving approximately 600 masked motorcyclists and multiple vehicles engaging in dangerous and disruptive activity. Following the incidents, employees conducted a two-month investigation into the organization, successfully identifying and arresting the event organizer on January 7th.



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REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER

License Plate Reader (LPR) Hit – Felony Arrest

CSA McCarthy identified a License Plate Reader (LPR) hit associated with a wanted individual and promptly relayed the information to road patrol units. CST deputies located the vehicle, confirmed the subject's active warrants, and took the individual into custody on multiple felony warrants.

Traffic Crash Investigation – Vehicle vs. Juvenile Bicyclist

Deputy Willis responded to a traffic crash at the southwest corner of South Pine Island Road and Griffin Road involving a vehicle and a 14-year-old juvenile bicyclist. Surveillance video review showed the involved vehicle was making a right-hand turn southbound onto Pine Island Road at the time of the collision. Video evidence clearly established fault, allowing the investigation to be completed accurately and efficiently.

License Plate Reader (LPR) Hit – Missing Person Located

A subject reported missing out of Coral Springs and known to suffer from dementia was successfully located following a License Plate Reader hit received by Deputy Miro. Deputies located the vehicle, safely transported the individual to the district office, and facilitated reunification with family members.



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TRAFFIC

Traffic Crashes	
Total January Crashes: 51 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury: 10 • Non-injury: 41 • Fatal: 0 • Hit and Run: 9 	Top Intersection Crashes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Griffin/SW 100th Av (5) • Sheridan/Flamingo (4) • Stirling/ Flamingo (3) • Griffin/Pine Island (2)

Traffic Citations	
Total Citations: 604 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citations: 218 (38 school zone enforcement) • Written Warnings: 401 • DUI Arrests: 1 	Top Types of Citations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding: 153 • No Proof of Insurance: 52 • DWLS: 24

Analysis:

This month, deputies investigated 51 traffic crashes, including 10 with injuries. Deputies issued 203 traffic citations, with speeding (153) and insurance violations (52) as the leading offenses. Additionally, 401 written warnings were issued, and one DUI arrest was made. Compared to December, crashes decreased by 29%, while a comparison of January 2026 to January 2025 yielded a decrease of 19%.

School Zone Speeding Enforcement
<p>Often following winter breaks, Cooper City experiences speeding complaints near school zones as drivers readjust to the reduced speed limits. This month was no exception, prompting additional enforcement efforts to ensure student and pedestrian safety in the post-winter break return.</p> <p>Drivers are reminded to slow down, remain alert, and strictly observe posted school zone speed limits.</p>



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COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES

EVENTS:

Primrose School Reading. On January 9th, in recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, deputies from the Cooper City District were invited to Primrose School for a special reading event with students. Deputies spent time in the classroom reading, answering questions, and engaging with students in a fun and relaxed setting. This visit provided an opportunity for children to meet law enforcement officers in a positive, welcoming environment while learning about kindness, safety, and community helpers. Students were excited to participate, ask questions, and share smiles with our deputies throughout the visit. The Cooper City District appreciates Primrose School for welcoming our deputies and helping foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the youngest members of our community. Events like these strengthen trust, build early connections, and highlight the importance of community partnerships.

Crafting with Cops – Flowerpot Painting. On January 22nd, the Cooper City District hosted its monthly Crafting with Cops event, featuring a flowerpot painting activity that brought deputies and community members together in a family-friendly setting. Deputies also shared a crime prevention message focused on Bitcoin ATM safety and awareness.

Low Speed Vehicle Registration & Community Education Event. On January 31st, the Cooper City District hosted a low-speed vehicle (LSV) and community education event focused on educating residents about safe and legal operation requirements. Deputies provided guidance on LSV regulations, registration, and roadway safety while engaging with community members to answer questions and address concerns. The event emphasized education and compliance, reinforcing the district's proactive approach to traffic safety and community awareness.

Aidan's Forever Impact Event. On January 25th, Sgt. Warsaw attended the 1st annual Aidan's Forever Impact Event at Tin Cup to speak on the topic of dangerous and aggressive driving.



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COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES CONTINUED

SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVES:

New Year, Safer Habits. Residents were encouraged to adopt safer daily habits in the new year, including securing vehicles and homes, remaining aware of their surroundings, and reducing preventable risks. Messaging emphasized how small, consistent actions can significantly lower opportunities for crime and improve overall neighborhood safety.

Traffic & School Zone Safety. Traffic safety reminders highlighted speed compliance, pedestrian awareness, and adherence to school zone regulations to enhance safety for students and motorists. Outreach reinforced the importance of attentive driving during peak school hours and shared responsibility in creating safer roadways.

Golf Cart / LSV Reminders. Education efforts clarified golf cart and low-speed vehicle (LSV) requirements, including registration, required safety equipment, and lawful roadway use. Residents were reminded of the distinctions between golf carts and LSVs and the steps needed to operate vehicles in compliance with Florida law.

Distracted Driving. Outreach reinforced the dangers of distracted driving, urging motorists to stay attentive and minimize distractions while behind the wheel. Messaging focused on preventing crashes caused by mobile device use, inattention, and other avoidable behaviors that endanger drivers, passengers, and pedestrians.

Online Scams & Fraud Awareness. Fraud prevention efforts addressed common online scams, emphasizing the importance of verifying communications, safeguarding personal information, and recognizing red flags associated with financial fraud. Residents were encouraged to report suspicious activity promptly to reduce victimization.

Mental Health & Wellness. Wellness initiatives promoted mental health awareness, highlighting available community resources and encouraging residents to prioritize emotional well-being. Messaging reinforced the connection between mental wellness, community resilience, and overall public safety.

Trespass Prevention Initiative

A noteworthy crime prevention initiative in January involved contacting homeowners' associations and businesses throughout the City to obtain trespass affidavits, which authorize deputies to enforce trespass laws on behalf of property owners. This proactive effort enhances deputies' ability to address unauthorized activity, reduce repeat calls for service, and deter criminal behavior through timely enforcement.



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CODE ENFORCEMENT

January statistics reflect a post-holiday decline in voluntary compliance (from 83% to 73%). This is consistent with seasonal trends due to travel-related absences, financial strain, and competing priorities.

January Statistics	Distribution of Enforcement	Enforcement Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Enforcement: 238 • Verbal Warnings: 27 • Courtesy Inspections: 120 • Re-Inspections: 109 • Civil Citation Warnings: 101 • Civil Citations: 29 • Parking Citations: • Magistrate Referrals: 4 • Vacation Rental: 2 • Case Reference: 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal Warnings: 27 • Civil Citation Warning: 101 (51 Sweep/ 50 Normal) • Code Civil Citations: 29 (17 Sweep/ 12 Normal) • Parking Citations: (11 sweep/ Normal) • Re-Inspections: 109 • Magistrate Referrals: 4 • Vacation Rental Reg.: 2 • Case Reference: 2 	<p>Majority of violations involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Vehicles boats, trailers, jet-skis, RVs, and vehicles with commercial insignia. • Off-street parking design • Bulk Trash • Junked or Abandoned Vehicles • Repair and Maintenance Required

Code Enforcement Initiatives
<p>System Enhancements: Code Enforcement and Community Development continue refining the Accela code enforcement system. Testing is currently underway, with implementation planned following successful completion.</p> <p>Operational Improvements: Code Enforcement has enhanced internal operations through the addition of new office equipment, including an office printer and postage machine. These upgrades significantly improve processing efficiency and help expedite citation delivery and response times.</p> <p>Sign Removal Efforts: Unauthorized and excessive advertising signs, commonly referred to as “snipe signs,” have become a growing concern. Their removal is now a daily enforcement effort aimed at maintaining neighborhood aesthetics and reducing visual clutter throughout the city.</p>

<p>Short-Term Rentals: Code Enforcement recently identified two additional short-term rental properties operating without proper permits. Homeowners are reminded that Cooper City requires a Vacation Rental Permit before you can legally list or rent your property short-term.</p>

<p>Know the Code: This month’s Know the Code segment highlighted the need to keep dogs on leashes and out of parks not designated for pets. The segment included clear descriptions, visuals, and examples outlining Sec. 12-44.</p>



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CITIZEN COMPLAINT

120th Avenue Traffic Volume and Speed Concerns | Speed Bump Request

The complainant reported increased traffic and speeding concerns on 120th Avenue following the installation of speed humps on nearby streets, citing a perceived rise in detour traffic throughout the day that raised safety concerns for residents, pedestrians, and children. A traffic engineering study conducted in December determined that traffic speeds and volume on 120th Avenue remain within acceptable limits, with the 85th percentile speed measured at 30 mph in a 25-mph zone and no significant increase in traffic volume attributable to detours. The Traffic Unit also deployed deputies on various days and at different times to monitor for violations, with enforcement activity revealing very minimal traffic violations overall, further supporting the study's findings. Based on this data, the area does not currently qualify for additional traffic-calming measures under existing ordinances, though occasional patrol presence will continue, and alternative, less formal traffic-calming options are being explored.



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EMPLOYEE COMMENDATIONS

Deputies De La Rosa and Diaz. Deputy De La Rosa and Deputy Diaz demonstrated outstanding initiative, investigative skill, and teamwork during two separate burglary incidents, each resulting in the arrest of two individuals. In the first incident at Pioneer Middle School, the deputies responded swiftly to a report of juveniles breaching the perimeter. Given the location's history of burglaries, they immediately established a perimeter and apprehended both juveniles. RTCC camera footage confirmed the suspects were attempting to access the school by pulling on door handles with intent to commit burglary. In the second incident, the deputies responded to a burglary in progress at the Baffly Woods Community Center. Deputy Diaz effectively broadcasted the vehicle's tag information. Utilizing LPR data, the vehicle was quickly located. Deputy De La Rosa further identified the vehicle as the same one involved in a felony criminal mischief incident the prior night at the Orion Gas Station.

CSA Guy and Deputies Miro, Zimmer, Delanuez. CSA Guy and Deputies Miro, Zimmer, and Delanuez were jointly awarded Employees of the Month for their exceptional teamwork in the investigation of a largescale street takeover affecting Cooper City and surrounding jurisdictions. On November 6, deputies responded to a street takeover involving approximately 600 masked motorcyclists and multiple vehicles. The group continued similar disruptive and dangerous activity across multiple cities throughout the night and following days. Without prompting, CSA Guy immediately leveraged the city's RTCC and other investigative methods to identify involved vehicles and potential suspects. Within minutes, he provided identifying information, social media accounts, and self-posted videos confirming participation in the takeover. Building on this foundation, Deputies Miro and Zimmer conducted a thorough investigation to positively identify the individuals involved. Using the city's RTCC systems, Deputy Delanuez identified where additional events took place and ultimately identified the organization responsible for coordinating the takeovers. These employees' seamless collaboration throughout this two-month-long investigation culminated in the arrest of the event organizer on January 7th. Their actions sent a clear message that disruptive and dangerous behavior will not be tolerated in Cooper City.