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EXTERNAL MEMO

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To: Mr. Alex Rey
City Manager
City of Cooper City

From: Captain Christopher De Giovanni 
Cooper City District Chief
Department of Law Enforcement

Subject: Police Chief's Report – Commission Meeting January 28, 2025

As requested at the June 14, 2022, commission meeting, please accept this memorandum as advanced notice of my police chief's report for the upcoming commission meeting. This report will follow the same flow of my prior reports, which is aimed at highlighting information pertinent to the city's main public safety concerns: traffic / schools, code, and crime. In addition, a community involvement and vacancy update will be included.

I. Traffic / School Report

- a. **Social Media and Phone App Alert** – we would like to encourage and remind parents on the importance of monitoring their teenagers screen time, or to set safety precautions in place to deter predators from victimizing their children. There has been an influx of cases involving kids being extorted, harassed, or preyed upon via apps or social media communications. Very often, the person your child is communicating with is not who they purport themselves to be. The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force has helpful prevention material on their website to inform parents, as does the Department of Justice (DOJ). We encourage parents to have proactive conversations with their kids on social media and internet safety today. Don't wait until they are victimized.

- b. **Aggressive Driving Enforcement Campaign Continues in February** – our traffic team will be continuing to staff evening and weekend enforcement campaigns in February to proactively target aggressive driving and speeding throughout our city. Aggressive driving will not be tolerated in Cooper City.

II. Code Report

- a. The **commercial plaza initiative** continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. Recently, the Code team met with the city's newly retained arborist consultant and had preliminary discussions on moving forward with site plan / landscape review(s) for further compliance.
- b. The monthly **gate compliance checks** have continued monthly. No new or major issues to report.

III. Crime Report

- a. **Animal Abuse** – on December 28, 2024, a report was made of unknown subjects riding an off-road vehicle intentionally running over Egyptian Geese. The case is still being actively worked, and there is a \$5000 reward courtesy of Broward Crime Stoppers for any information leading to the apprehension of the subject(s). We are asking for the public's help. If you know anything about who committed this heinous crime, please contact:
 - o Special Victims Detective Charoudis Dimos at 954-321-4243
 - o Anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477)
- b. **Proactive Arrest, Rape Suspect**– on January 16, 2025, PSU observed a suspicious vehicle entering the city with no headlights. A traffic stop was initiated, and the investigation revealed the driver was wanted for several out-of-state sexual battery offenses, as well as false imprisonment. This dangerous felon was arrested and removed from our community and is pending extradition.
- c. **Real-Time Crime Center, 2024 Review** – the Cooper City RTCC had a huge impact on the public safety mission in 2024. In total, the state-of-the-art crime center led to the successful resolution of (83) cases, to include (32) subjects being arrested and (18) investigative leads to assist our criminal investigations unit.

To help illustrate the impact, of the subjects arrested, three of them were wanted for armed robbery. These cases, which occurred at various times in the year, involved persons who did not reside or have a nexus to the City of Cooper City. The RTCC's proactive alerts enabled our deputies to apprehend the violent offenders *before they committed crime in Cooper City*. This is one small example on the overall impact the RTCC is having in the city, helping us keep Cooper City safe for years to come.

- d. **2024 Crime Stats, Reduction** – 2024 was a tremendous year in public safety for the City of Cooper City. Overall, there was a 12% decrease in part one crimes throughout the city, to include a **57% reduction in vehicle burglaries**. Other notable categories included a 9% reduction in residential burglaries and a 5% reduction in auto thefts. The BSO Cooper City team continues to strive to make our community the safest, and we are thankful to have the support of our city leaders and residents in that effort.

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **CPTED Security Survey** – on Friday, January 10th, our Crime Prevention Deputy assisted the Living Word Open Bible Church, 8900 Stirling Rd., with a free security survey. These security surveys are based on proven CPTED principals and help deter potential crime through proactive steps. We'd like to remind the public that we offer these security surveys *FREE* to the residents of our city and business owners. For more information, contact us at 954-435-2000.
- b. **Crime Prevention Program** – our team hosted another *FREE catalytic convertor etching and painting* opportunity for the public on Saturday, January 18, 2025.
 - o In total, we assisted seventeen of our residents.
 - o We anticipate offering the next opportunity for this program in March. To learn more, follow us on Facebook (@CooperCityBSO)
- c. **Shred-A-Thon & Operation Medicine Cabinet** – we will be hosting another Shred-A-Thon / OMC at the Cooper City BSO station on January 25, 2025, from 10A-1P. This is a free crime prevention service for our residents. For more information, follow us on FB @CooperCityBSO.

V. Vacancy Report

- a. *As of the date of this report*, I have one sworn vacancy and no non-sworn vacancies.