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EXTERNAL MEMO

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To: Mr. Joe Napoli
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 September 27, 2022

As requested at the June 14, 2022 commission meeting, please accept this memorandum in lieu of my police chief's report at 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. On September 19th, 2022, we held a planning meeting with CCHS and the BCPS Environmental Health & Safety Department to discuss school pedestrian traffic and safer alternatives. The city manager and I were present and a follow-up meeting is being scheduled.
- b. On September 28th, 2022, the city manager, staff, and I will be meeting with the BCPS Environmental Health & Safety Department to discuss our long-term traffic recommendations, which were developed last year through numerous site visits, drone footage analysis, and infrastructure options.

II. Code Report

- a. Out of caution and courtesy to our residents, our scheduled afterhours code enforcement sweep, which was set for Saturday, September 24th – Thursday, September 29th, has been postponed. We will reschedule the sweep after assessing the potential impact of the incoming storm system.

- b. The commercial plaza initiative continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. No major concerns or developments.
- c. Code Enforcement has moved quickly to work towards gate compliance, as city ord. 25-87(r)1 went into effect this month:
 - i. All gated communities and commercial properties have been inspected.
 - ii. All notices of violation for non-compliant locations have already been mailed or are being mailed this week.
 - iii. Non-complaint locations have a ninety-day compliance window.
 - iv. Our commercial plaza inspector has been assigned this new task.
- d. We would recommend the city revise ord. 25-87(r)9 to make it consistent with the related resolution 22-15 and current practice. As the code reflects, the Fire Marshal is responsible for maintenance / enforcement of this process. However, the recently passed resolution names the Police Chief to set the manual entry code, and in practice the city has now leaned on the PD team to manage this responsibility. We recommend the code be consistent with both practice and resolution.

III. Crime Report

- a. **Technology Update:** The camera installation at Suellen Fardelmann park is scheduled to begin in October. FWP will follow directly after SFP is completed, which is expected to be a three-week project. In addition, we are scheduled to receive a new message board outfitted with a PTZ camera this week, which is the last outstanding surveillance trailer we purchased.
- b. **Think Before You Post:** We have had an increase in student arrests related to written threats / intimidation within our local schools. It is very important for parents to monitor their kids' social media and phone usage, if applicable, and to educate them that there are serious repercussions when threatening to do physical harm to another person. What you post or text may greatly impact the rest of your life:
 - i. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLAgPnJ9e2s>
- c. The newly formed **Priority Service Unit (PSU)** has continued to make an immediate impact in public safety by challenging suspicious / dangerous persons and drivers entering our city, and by arresting those who should not be driving or are committing crime in Cooper City. The team is assigned to our afternoon transitional hours and are not tied to non-priority calls or tasks, which keeps them free to respond to priority calls and concerns.

IV. Community Involvement Report

- a. On September 29, 2022, my team is hosting a "Senior Safety Seminar – Civilian Active Killer" presentation for our seniors.
- b. On October 13, 2022, my team is hosting our "Clergy Appreciation Brunch" to honor and thank our clergy for their role in public safety.
- c. My team and I would like to publicly thank our volunteer COPS who have been putting in a great number of hours patrolling our city. To date this group of partner volunteers have:

- i. Logged over 1500 hours in patrol time, driven more than 4807 miles, walked at least 55 miles, and have distributed nearly two thousand informational and crime prevention flyers this year.
- d. We will be working soon to expand our COP program to include a new bike patrol component.
- e. My team and I would like to wish our Jewish friends, neighbors, and partners a “good and sweet” Rosh Hashanah, and a safe and meaningful Yom Kippur. Our team is increasing visibility patrols in and around our local Temple and Chabad to ensure their safety during these times of celebration and reflection.

V. Vacancy Report

- a. I have one non-sworn vacancy (CSA).
- b. There are no sworn vacancies.

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